

COP28 AIIB SWISS RE SESSION

Resilient Infrastructure for a Sustainable Future

Time: Dec. 6, 2023, 2 - 3 p.m. (GMT+4)

Venue: Blue Zone, AIIB Pavilion

Format: Hybrid

Session Context

By 2040, it is estimated that nearly USD 80 trillion will be spent on infrastructure to support the changing needs of a growing population. New transport links, housing, energy supplies, and communications connectivity are key to meeting the UN Sustainable Development Goals. We are entering a unique transformative period, which presents opportunities to address the challenge of making infrastructure resilient to climate change.

Over the next two decades, the world needs to build almost the same amount of infrastructure that exists on the planet today. By investing in projects that promote resilience and net-zero ambitions, we ensure that infrastructure is built for a more sustainable future.

Conceiving and delivering resilient infrastructure is a challenge that is too immense for any single entity to tackle in isolation. Governments, financial institutions, and the private sector all have vital roles to play. Insurance also plays a crucial role in enabling and managing the risk of these projects, helping to unlock financing for them, and supporting rapid recovery and restoration in the wake of disasters.

Session Objective

This event aims to attract a range of global public and private sector actors, active in the areas of resilient infrastructure, energy transition and nature-based solutions, to discuss the following topics:

- Strategies for development banks to facilitate Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) that support resilient infrastructure investments.
- Approaches for governments to draw more private sector investment into resilient infrastructure financing.
- The role of private banks in the financing of sustainable development.
- Insights and preparedness: Examining how insurers can contribute to the financing of more resilient infrastructure.

Speakers (*tentative*)

Panel discussion moderated by **Richard Fechner**, EGM Advisory, GHD

- **Katherine Tapley**, Head of Sustainable Finance, ANZ Bank, Australia
- **Veronica Scotti**, Chair Public Sector Solutions, Swiss Re
- Representatives from Government/country: Australia / India (TBC)