# Towards a Sustainable Future: The Role of Finance

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## Key challenges of the 21st century

### **Climate Change**

→ Meeting the Paris
Agreement goals for
Mitigation & Adaptation

#### **Emissions gaps** Global greenhouse gas emissions (GtCO<sub>2</sub>e) 1.5°C 2025: 12-15 Gt 2030: 17-21 GE 30 1995 2000 2005 2010 2015 2020 2025 2°C consistent median Current policy projections Historical emissions, © www.climateactiontracker.org/ (CAT assessment) Climate Analytics/Ecofys/ 1.5°C consistent median NewClimate/PIK Pledges and INDCs

(CAT assessment)

### **Sustainable Development**

→ Meeting Sustainable Development Goals



## **LANDSCAPE OF CLIMATE FINANCE IN 2015/2016**

410 BN USD ANNUAL AVERAGE



Global climate finance flows along their life cycle in 2015 and 2016. Values are average of two years' data, in USD billions.

#### SOURCES AND INTERMEDIARIES

Which type of organizations are sources or intermediaries of capital for climate finance?

#### INSTRUMENTS

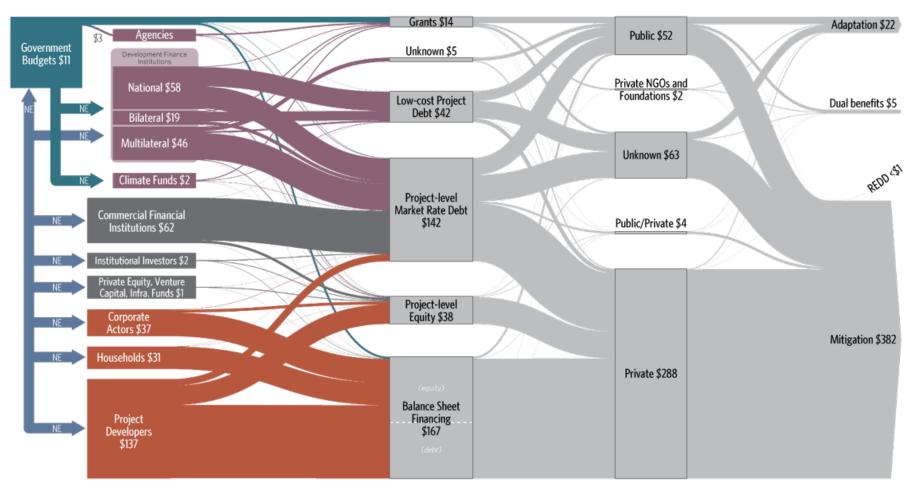
What mix of financial instruments are used?

#### RECIPIENTS

Does climate finance go through public or private channels?

#### USES

What types of activities are financed?



KEY



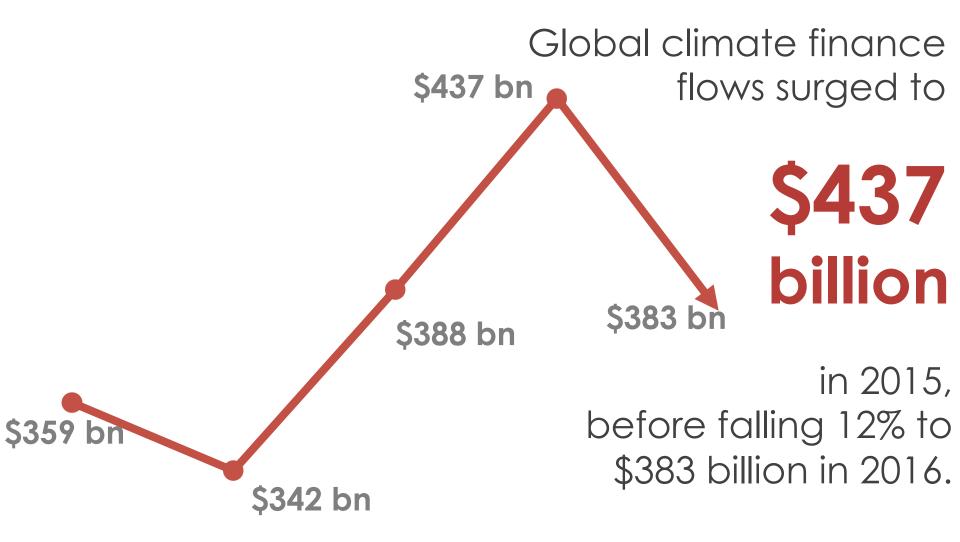




PRIVATE FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES FINANCE FOR INVESTORS & LENDERS

NE: NOT ESTIMATED

## Where do we stand?

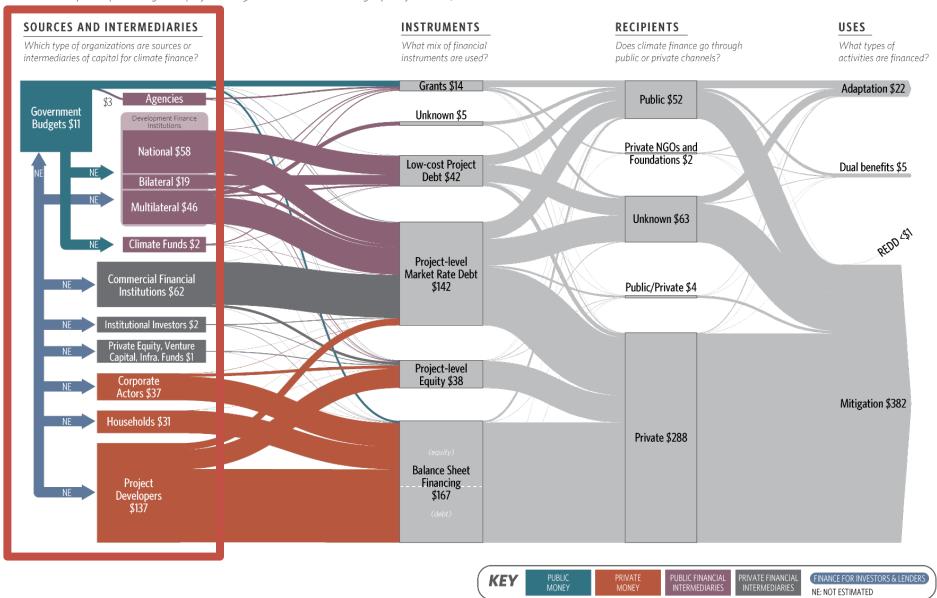


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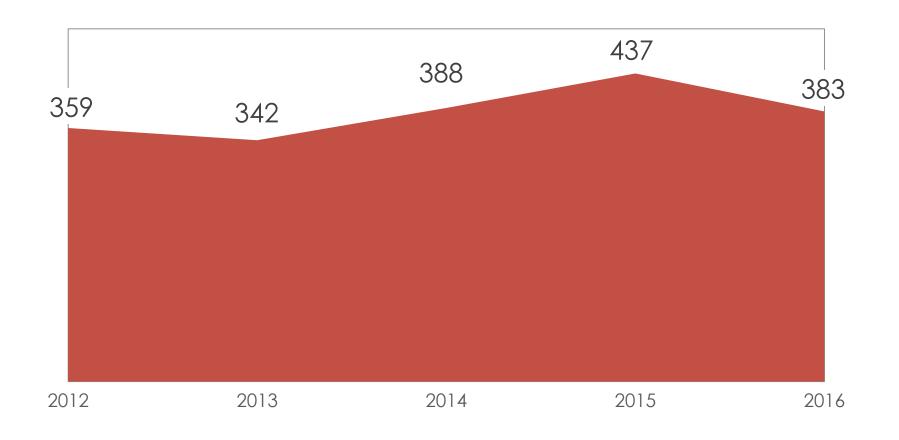
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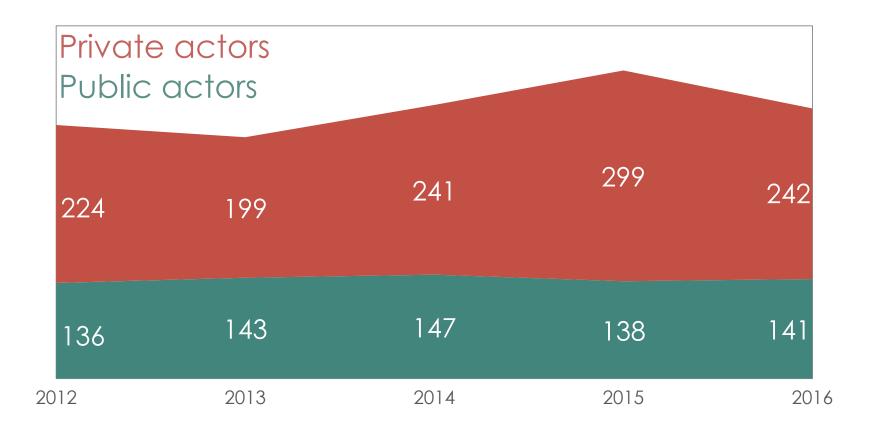
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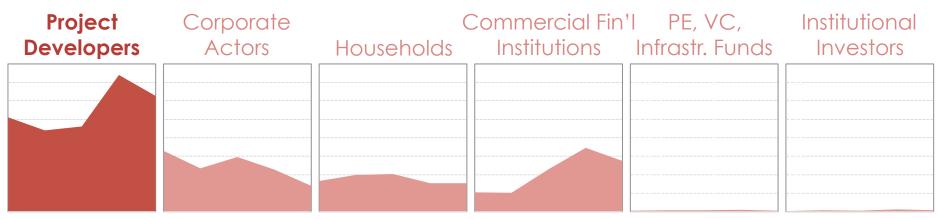


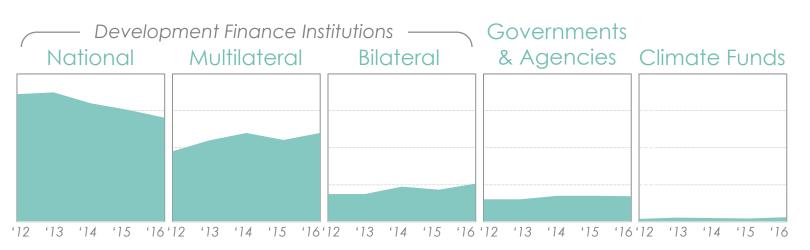
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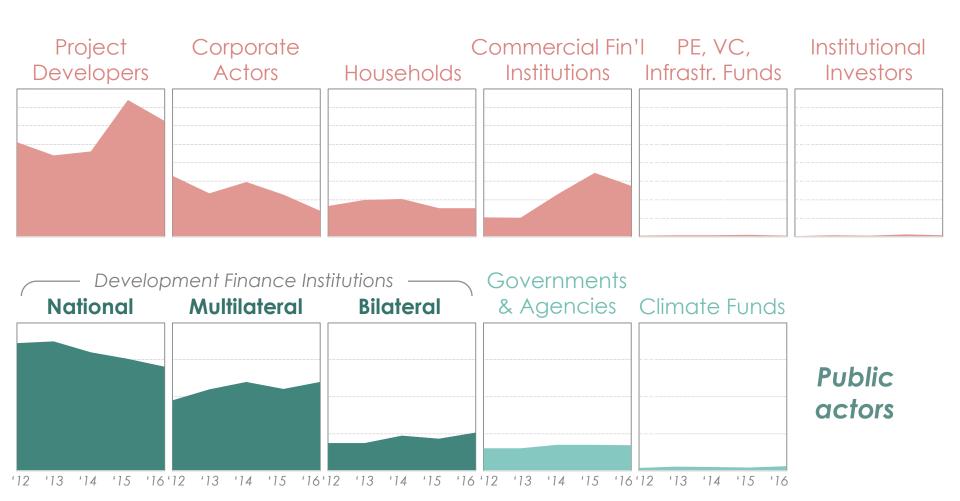
# **Project developers** consistently drive the largest volume of private finance

### **Private actors**





On the public side, **development finance institutions** made up the majority of public flows, 89% of the total public finance.

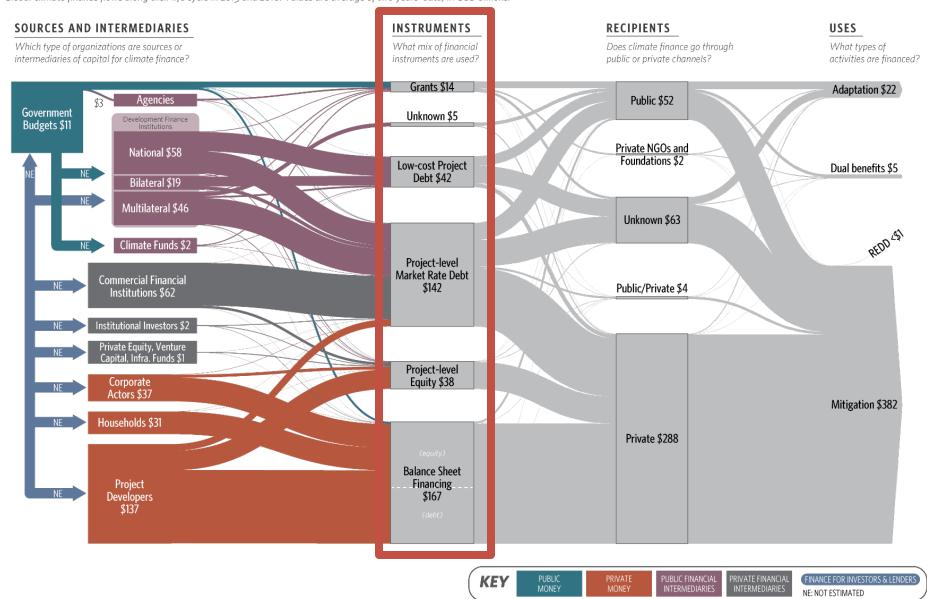


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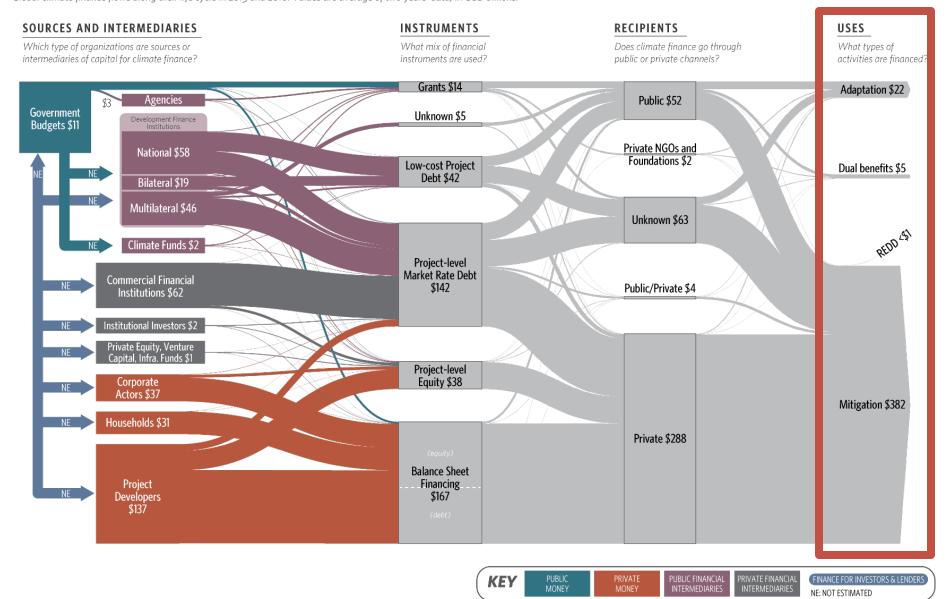


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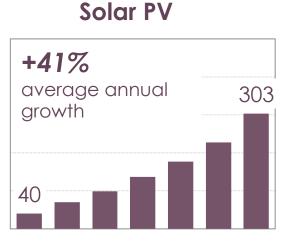


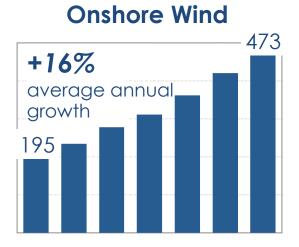
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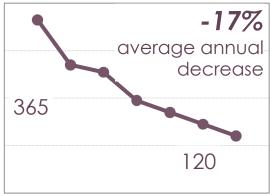
## Renewable energy is on track

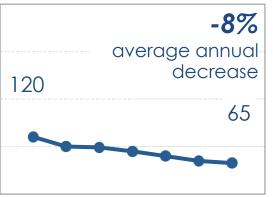
Global Cumulative Installed Generation Capacity (GW)



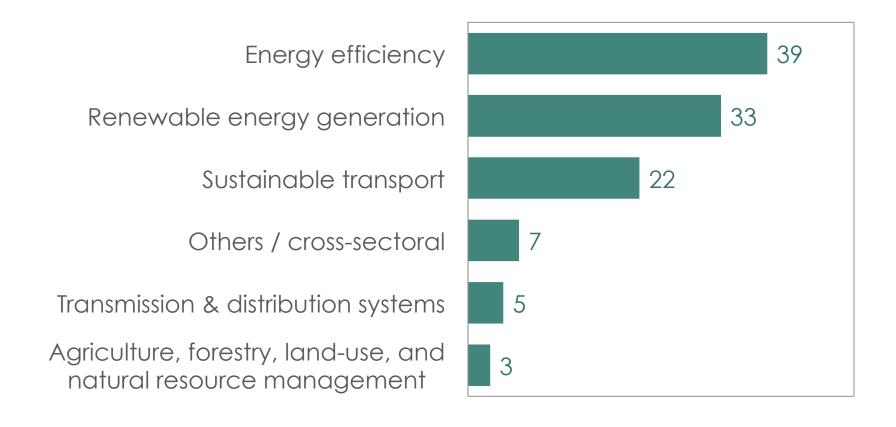


Levelized
Cost of
Electricity
(USD/MWh)





# Public finance for energy efficiency has overtaken public funding for renewable energy for the first time.



However, fossil fuel investment still dwarfs climaterelated investment.

## Fossil fuel investments

\$825 bn (2016)

# Climate projects

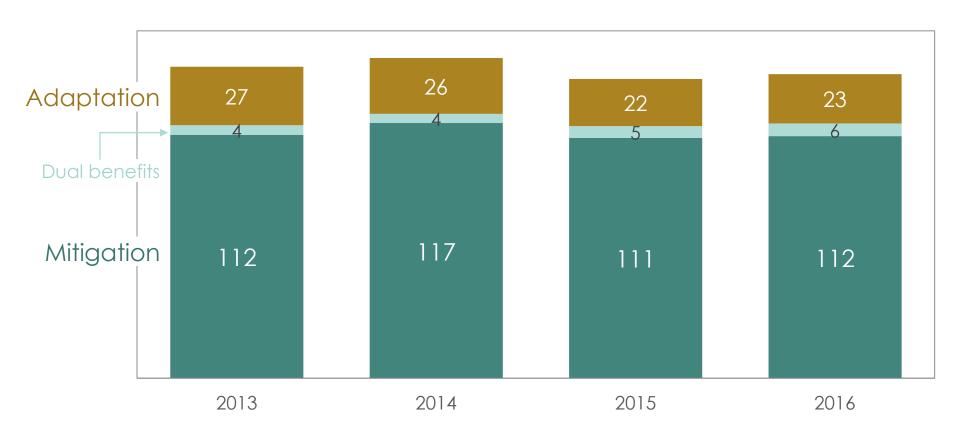
#### **Underfunded sectors:**

Industrial energy efficiency
Transport
Agriculture
Water
Buildings
Curbing deforestation
Adaptation

\$410 bn (2015/16 average)

\$1 trillion/year through 2050 needed (just for energy)

# Public funding for adaptation projects remains a challenge.



## Is this enough?

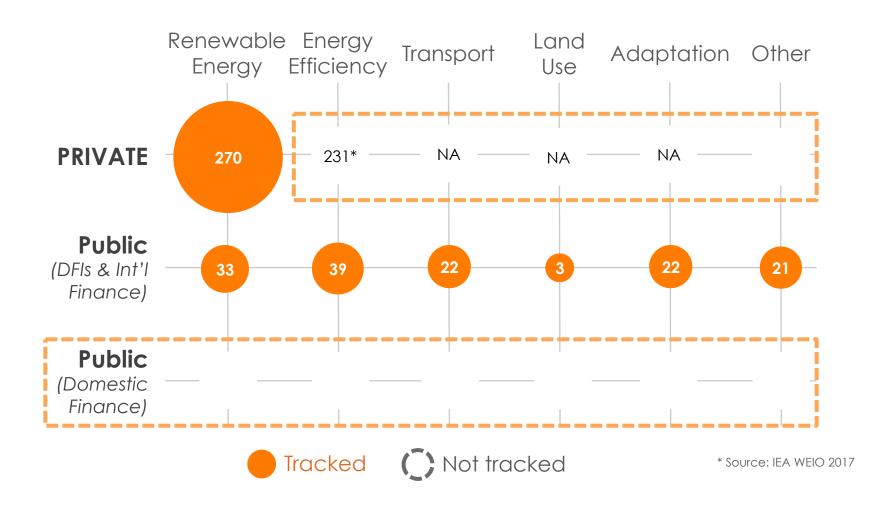
## \$300bn

hurricane damage in the US in 2017 alone

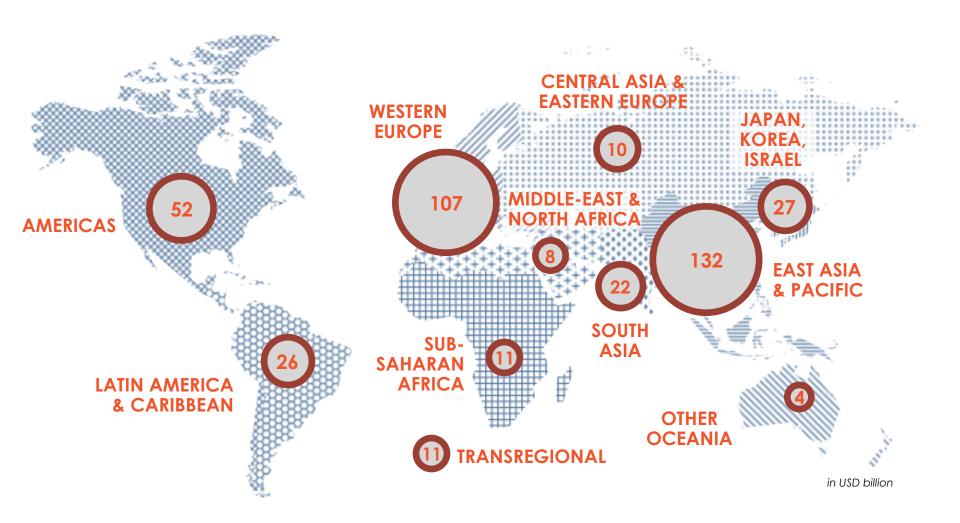


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## Adaptation tracking is a piece of the challenge

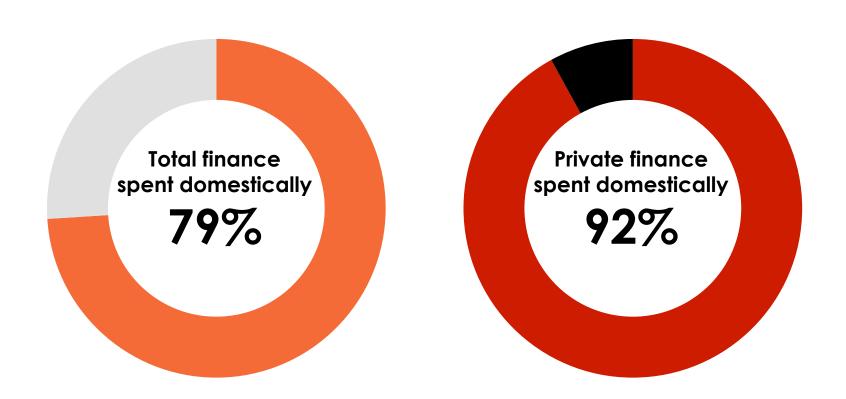


# South Asia, and East Asia and Pacific see the largest increase in climate finance



# The majority of finance was raised and spent in the same country

Because domestic investment dominates, it is vital to get national policies right



How to scale up?

## The problem is not lack of capital

Around **US\$90 trillion** is likely to be invested in infrastructure in the world's urban, land use and energy systems in the next 15 years

# Several barriers affect investors' incentives and ability to invest in climate action

Policy gaps

Knowledge gaps

Risk, viability & funding gaps

Inadequate regulatory frameworks

- Investment opportunities
- Pricing of climate risks
- Inadequate access to finance
- Return uncertainty
- Perceived risks

Barriers vary by type of private actor, region, sector, technology & level of climate exposure

## Unlocking innovation: The Lab



India Innovation Lab for Green Finance

**Brasil** Innovation Lab for Climate Finance

**Global** Innovation Lab for Climate Finance

Fire Awards for Sustainable Investment

Founded in 2014, the Lab identifies, develops, and launches sustainable finance instruments that can drive billions to a low-carbon economy.

## A public-private partnership to promote innovation



### **Funders**









### Bloomberg **Philanthropies**









### **Members**











































































































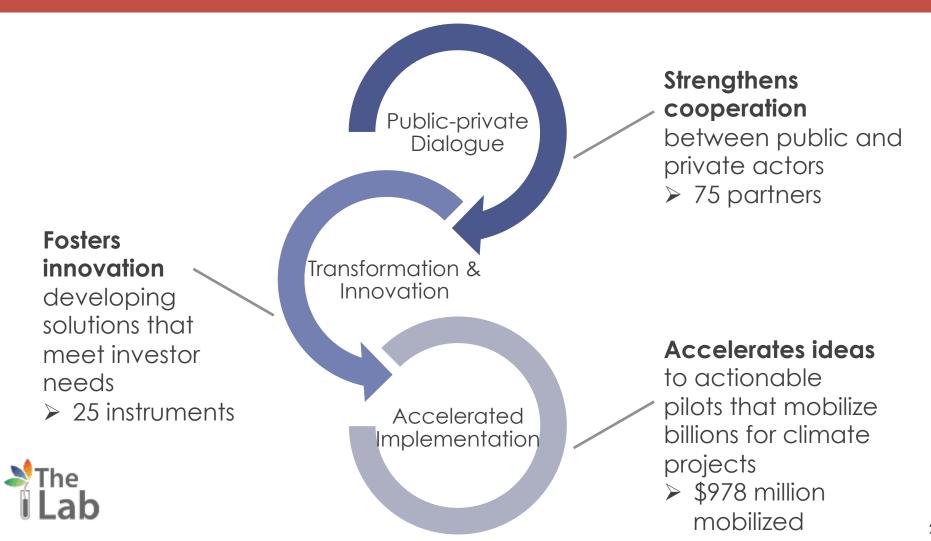






## Developing opportunities & delivering impact

Since its launch in 2014, Lab instruments have mobilized \$978 million for adaptation and mitigation projects around the world



What next?

# Four promising investment and policy trends signal a better outlook in climate finance

The Paris agreement means the majority of nations are working to **implement NDC plans**, many of which also include investment pathways.

A number of initiatives engage broader capital markets, the financial system, and large corporations to align with low-carbon and climate-resilient development.

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- Efforts to green existing public financial flows are beginning to take root (though more work remains).
  - New and innovative investment vehicles are on the rise and many of these target institutional investors that manage mostly untapped but significant portion of global capital.



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