



MEDIA ADVISORY

World Bank Group Events for Dec. 5 at COP28

All events will take place at the World Bank Group COP 28 Pavilion (B670), unless noted otherwise. Follow all events on Twitter [#LivablePlanet](https://twitter.com/LivablePlanet)

9:00-9:45 World Bank Group

Digital Transformation on a Livable Planet

Digital technologies are crucial for helping countries manage and adapt to climate change. Yet, nearly 3 billion people remain offline and cannot utilize these technologies, the vast majority concentrated in developing countries. This session will cover how to expand access to digital technologies while doing so sustainably. [WATCH](#)

10:00-10:45 World Bank Group

Scaling up Distributed Renewable Energy Access: From Commitments to Action

One year ago, the World Bank Group committed to double the pace of electrification in Sub-Saharan Africa with decentralized renewable energy. This event will showcase the concrete steps the WBG is taking to realize this ambitious goal. [WATCH](#)

11:00-11:45 World Bank Group

Carbon Action Forum: Leveraging Carbon Markets to Mobilize Capital

The event will launch the Carbon Action Forum, a group of potential buyers and sellers to identify transaction-level challenges related to participation in carbon markets and co-develop solutions that can help scale markets. The Forum will be a global initiative anchored with the World Bank serving as its virtual secretariat.

13:00-13:45 World Bank Group

Climate Challenges and Opportunities for Change – The Case of Côte d'Ivoire and Kenya

The Kenya and Côte d'Ivoire Country and Climate Development Reports explore how countries can drive inclusive development with more resilience and contribute to the global decarbonization agenda, resulting in economic growth and better quality of life. [WATCH](#)

15:00-15:45 World Bank Group

(Re)Building Momentum for a Just Transition

This Just Transition event will bring together expert panelists to discuss candidly the progress and early lessons on supporting coal-dependent regions to plan and prepare to diversify economies. The session will explore the current needs and take stock of current activities, opportunities and strategies that enhance momentum towards a just energy transition. [WATCH](#)

World Bank Group Experts at COP28

Stéphane Hallegatte, Senior Climate Change Adviser

TOPICS: Adaptation and resilience; World Bank Country Climate and Development Reports; political economy of climate change; long term strategies and country action

LANGUAGES: English, French

Jennifer Sara, Global Director for Climate Change

TOPICS: Climate finance, World Bank climate commitments

LANGUAGES: English, Spanish

Valerie Hickey, Global Director for Environment, Natural Resources, and Blue Economy

TOPICS: biodiversity, nature-based solutions, climate and nature

LANGUAGES: English

Martien van Nieuwkoop, Global Director for Agriculture and Food Security

TOPICS: food security, climate-smart agriculture

LANGUAGES: English, Dutch

Saroj Jha, Global Director for Water

TOPICS: water security, climate and water

LANGUAGES: English

David Groves, Lead Climate Change Specialist

TOPICS: climate finance; long-term strategies

LANGUAGES: English

Chandra Shekhar Sinha, Lead Climate Finance Specialist

TOPICS: climate finance; carbon markets

LANGUAGES: English, Hindi

Fiona Stewart, Lead Financial Sector Specialist

TOPICS: sustainable finance and risk management; institutional investors (pensions and insurance)

LANGUAGES: English

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