

# The Global Landscape of Climate Finance: What Role for Multilaterals, Bilaterals and National Development Banks?

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## Aims of this presentation

- The global landscape of climate finance
- Role of multilateral, bilateral and national development financing institutions
- The risk gap
- Implications for Asia

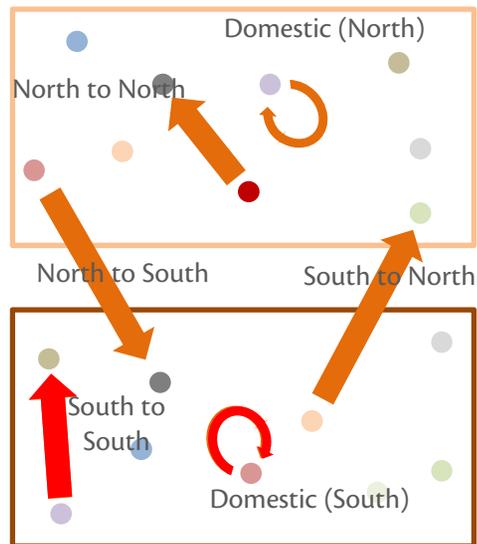
# What is climate finance?

## Definition

All financial flows covering financial support...

... for mitigation & adaptation...

... for various geographical configurations...



... for public, public-private & private flows...

... for incremental cost & investment capital...

... counted as gross and net flows

## Comments

- Including capacity building, R&D, and broader efforts towards transition

- Data difficulties for domestic and South-South flows

- Public flows for e.g.:

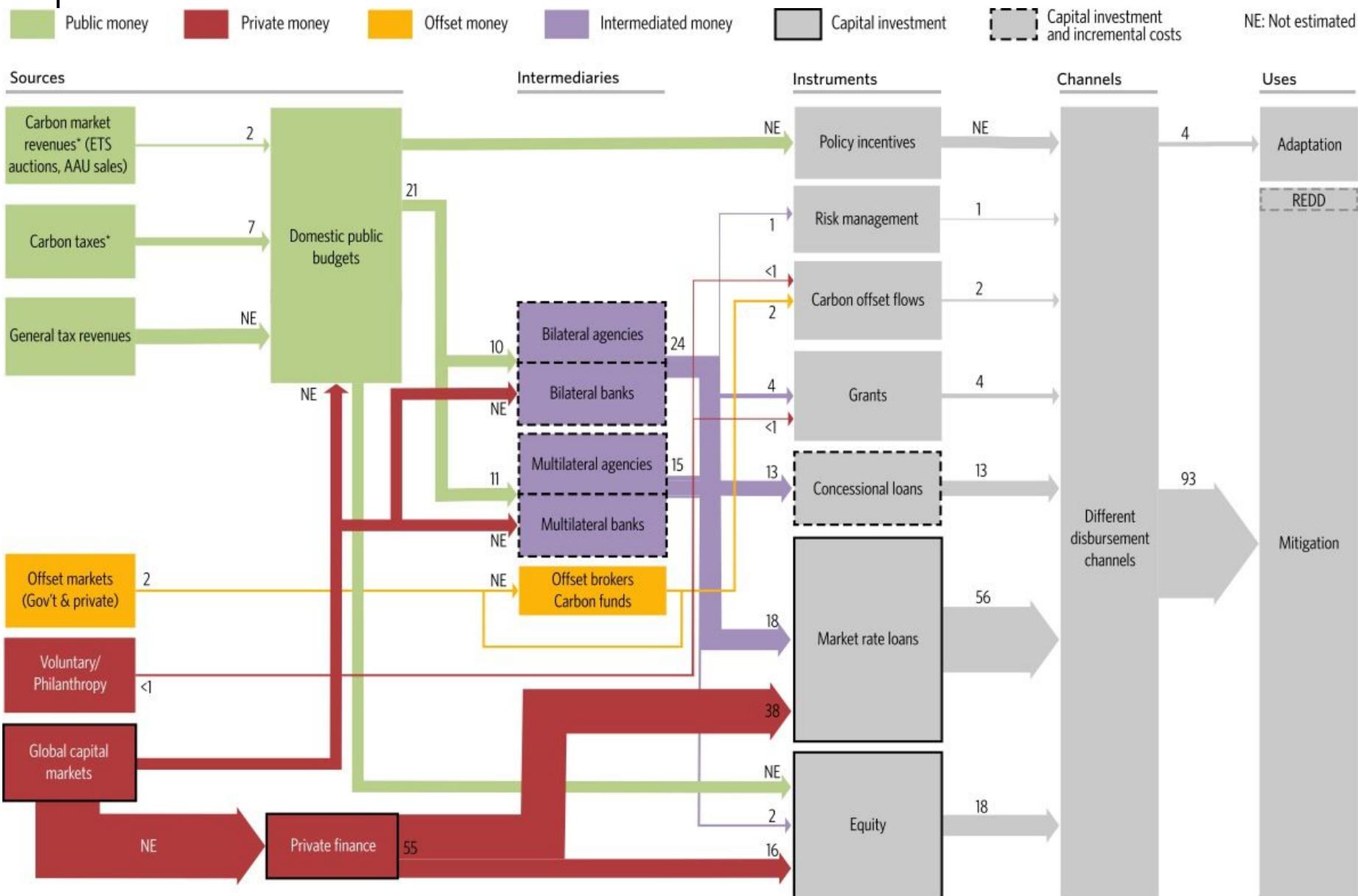
- *MDB grants*
- *Most adaptation efforts*

- Private flows for e.g.:

- *Private MDB co-financing*
- *Investments in renewables*

- Net flows, an important 'lens' on climate finance

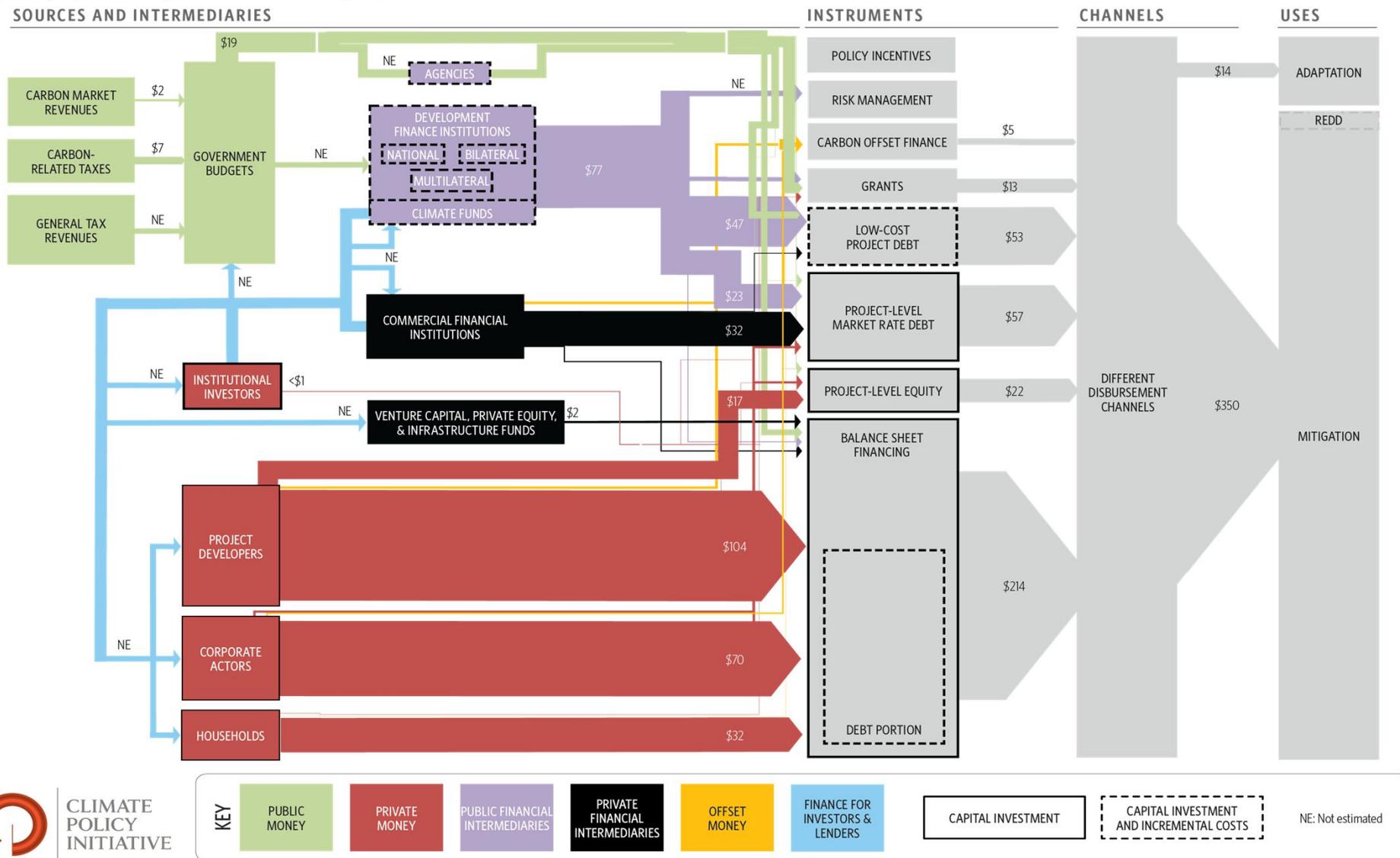
# 2009/10 climate finance flows (in USD billions)



Notes: Figures presented are indicative estimates of annual flows for the latest year available, 2009/2010 (variable according to the data source). Figures are expressed in USD billion and are rounded to produce whole numbers. Estimates spanning multiple years are adjusted to produce annual-equivalent estimates. Where ranges of estimates are available, the mid-point is presented. All flows are incremental except for those identified as full or partial 'capital investment'. Most data presented relate to commitments in a given year, due to limited availability of disbursement data. \*Estimated carbon pricing revenues indicated are not necessarily wholly hypothecated for climate finance.

# Landscape 2012 – Better Estimates, Deeper Insights

# 2010/11 climate finance flows (in USD billions)



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# Landscape 2012 – The Facts

## The global picture

In 2010/2011 annual global climate finance flows reached  
~USD 343-385 billion,  
on average USD 364 billion

- **Private finance: USD 217-243 bn**
  - Households and corporates contributed USD 83 bn toward small-scale renewable energy finance
- **Public sources: USD 16-23 bn**
  - ODA more than double compared to 2009/10
  - USD 11 bn domestic renewable projects (U.S. stimulus)
- **Significant public money standing behind private money: USD 51 bn** in governments' direct and indirect shareholdings and lending to private investment structures

## Private finance flows

The domestic private sector is a cornerstone of climate finance in both developed and developing countries.

- **Developed countries - USD 143 billion**
  - 55% of projects financed on balance sheet basis, 84% of which came from domestic actors
  - Project level debt predominantly from commercial banks (77%). Governments (17%) and corporate players (6%).
- **Developing countries - USD 85 billion**
  - 80% of projects financed on balance sheet basis,
  - 84% of private finance came from domestic actors
- **Close to two-thirds of private finance flows originated in developed countries**

## The role of financial intermediaries

Public & private financial institutions raised and channeled USD 110-120 bn. of climate finance

- **Public intermediaries channeled about two-thirds**
  - National, sub-regional and bilateral financial institutions alone delivered USD 54 bn.
- **Private commercial banks and infrastructure funds intermediated ~USD 38 bn., including project finance debt and direct investments**
  - These contribute financial instruments needed to unlock innovative green investment
- **Dedicated climate funds** contributed a small but growing portion of finance (USD 1.5 bn.), and are proving critical in enabling frameworks for investment.

## What are the main instruments?

Most climate finance can be classified as investment / ownership rather than contributions to incremental costs.

- USD 293-347 bn. can be classified as investment with an ownership interest rather than policy incentives, carbon pricing mechanisms and grants
- Public intermediaries enable investment by providing low cost debt and grants
- A variety of risk management instruments are critical to overcome real and perceived risks barriers, and deliver green investments at large scale.

## What are the uses & who are the recipients?

The large majority of climate finance (USD 350 bn), was invested in mitigation. Emerging economies were key recipients.

- Renewable energy generation projects (85%) and energy efficiency (4%) attracted the bulk of finance
- Data on REDD+ finance is poor but suggest that flows could be around USD 11.8 billion per year (predominantly domestic)
- China, Brazil, and India were the largest recipients of mitigation finance directed to developing countries, receiving close to 33% of this total
  - A significant share of this was raised domestically and disbursed by state-owned entities.

## Bottom line

Figures not only correspond to scale up,  
but reflect better data and increased coverage

- **Money is flowing – but still falls far short of what is needed to finance a low-emissions transition**
  - Private capital is essential to scale up
  - Well-targeted public capital can catalyze private capital
- **The landscape of climate finance is complex**
  - Variety of actors with distinctive roles and responsibilities
  - Climate finance archetypes differ by country and circumstance
- **Information about finance flows is growing, but...**
  - Gaps and lack of definition continue to hamper the understanding of what is effective climate finance

## A Word about Risk

## The risk gap

Risk, whether real or perceived, is the single most important factor impeding investment in renewable energy projects

- There are gaps in risk coverage in developing and developed markets, particularly for policy risk and financing risks
- New risk mitigation instruments are needed to address financing and policy risks. They need to:
  - have sufficient scope to have transformative impact
  - be investor specific
- Development financing institutions and the public sector have significant opportunities to fill these gaps.

## So what does this imply for Asia?

Asia has an important opportunity to lead the green investment revolution

- High demand = high opportunity
- New policies are emerging
- New risk mitigation instruments will be needed
- Financial intermediaries with public sector backing, and particular knowledge of local markets, private investors and political economies are critical.

## Some final questions

- Are multilaterals, bilaterals and NDBs doing enough to ensure that lessons are learned?
- What more can be done so that we push past business as usual and actually deliver the innovative mechanisms needed to unlock green investment?
- Are multilaterals and bilaterals fully harnessing the particular knowledge of national intermediaries?

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## Further Reading

- *The Landscape of Climate Finance 2012* may be found at:  
<http://climatepolicyinitiative.org/venice/publication/global-landscape-of-climate-finance-2012/>
- *The German Landscape of Climate Finance* may be found at:  
<http://climatepolicyinitiative.org/berlin/publication/german-landscape-of-climate-finance/>
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