

# Adaptation: A Business Imperative

A Joint Global Commission on Adaptation -  
Global Environment Facility Event

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9:00 - 10:30

Hall 8

GCF + GEF Pavilion

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Extreme weather events are already adversely affecting business operations, supply chains and commerce all over the world. Despite the fact that several businesses have started to integrate resilience considerations into their operations, private sector involvement in adaptation is overall still low. During the Global Commission on Adaptation's *Year of Action*, it is critical that private sector contribution to the global adaptation agenda is increased through leadership and action to make businesses and economies climate resilient.

This event will be an opportunity to bridge the gap between private sector and the adaptation community and establish private sector as a co-actor with government in scaling up adaptation in critical systems identified in the Commission's Flagship Report and Action Tracks, such as Agriculture and Infrastructure. Commissioners from the Global Commission on Adaptation (GCA) as well as private sector leaders will highlight adaptation as a business imperative and share opportunities and ideas to catalyze adaptation action.

## Speakers and Panelists

<b>Andrew Steer</b>	President and CEO of World Resources Institute; GCA Commissioner
<b>Naoko Ishii</b>	CEO of the Global Environment Facility; GCA Commissioner
<b>Chris Brown</b>	Vice President of Corporate Responsibility & Sustainability at Olam International
<b>Pierre Buffet</b>	Director of Analysis and Strategy, CEO Office, ACCIONA
<b>Maria Mendiluce</b>	Managing Director, Climate & Energy, Cities & Mobility and Circular Economy, WBCSD
<b>Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum</b>	Attorney General and Minister for Economy, Public Enterprises, Civil Service & Communications for Fiji; GCA Commissioner
<b>Patricia Fuller</b>	Ambassador for Climate Change for Canada; GCA Commissioner
<b>Deon Nel (Moderator)</b>	CEO of the Global Resilience Partnership (GRP)

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