

# Blended Finance and International Capital Flows supporting the transition to Net Zero

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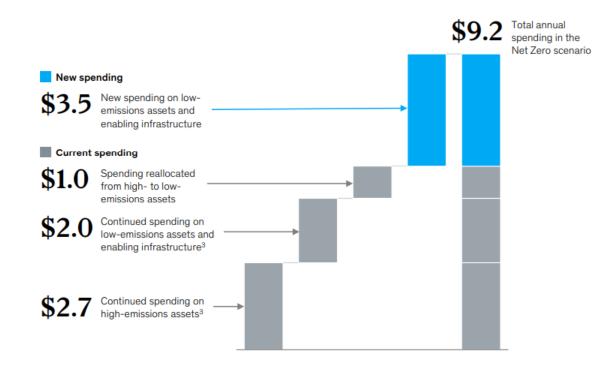


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# Investment needs for a just transition to a climate resilient and low-carbon society are enormous, especially for countries that least contributed to global warming

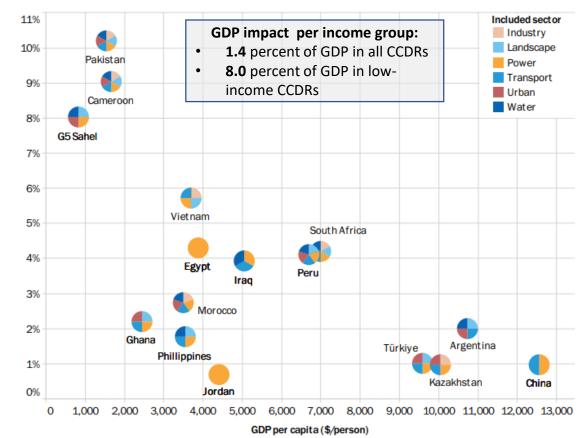
# US\$ 273 trillion needed in energy and land use system for Net Zero between 2021-2050 (NGFS)

85 % of GHG emissions are generated by Energy and Land Use



# Investments needs are larger in countries that contributed least to global warming (World Bank)

Investment needs for a resilient and low-carbon pathway, 2022-30



## Blended finance is needed, combining multiple sources of finance

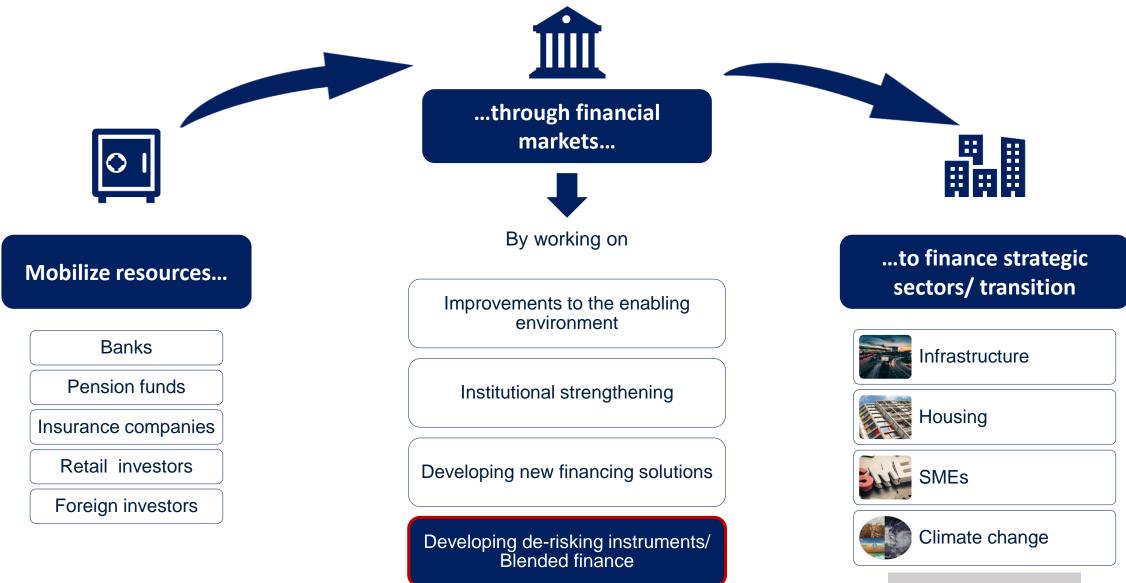
- Public resources
- Private resources
- Blended finance as bridge



What is blended finance?

Combining concessional finance from donors or third parties alongside DFIs' normal account finance and/or commercial finance from other investors, to develop private sector markets, address the SDGs, and mobilize private resources - *DFI Working Group 2017* 

# Blended Finance covers many sectors and does not occur in the void



## **Blended finance - a theory of change to meet SDGs**



## Challenge

- Enormous investment needs
- Deficient private and financial sector enabling environment
- Affordability gap
- Credit risk and credibility gap

### Action

- Private and financial sector policy and regulations
- Upstream reforms
- Project preparation facilities
- Private capital connectors

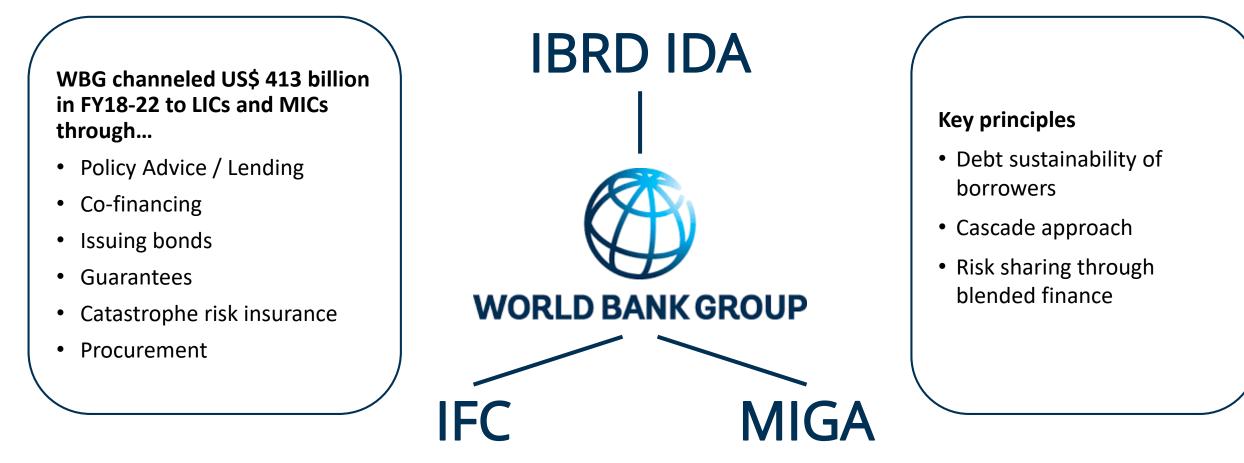
#### Outcome

- Conducive enabling environment
- Pipeline of strategic projects
- Innovative instruments/ vehicles operational

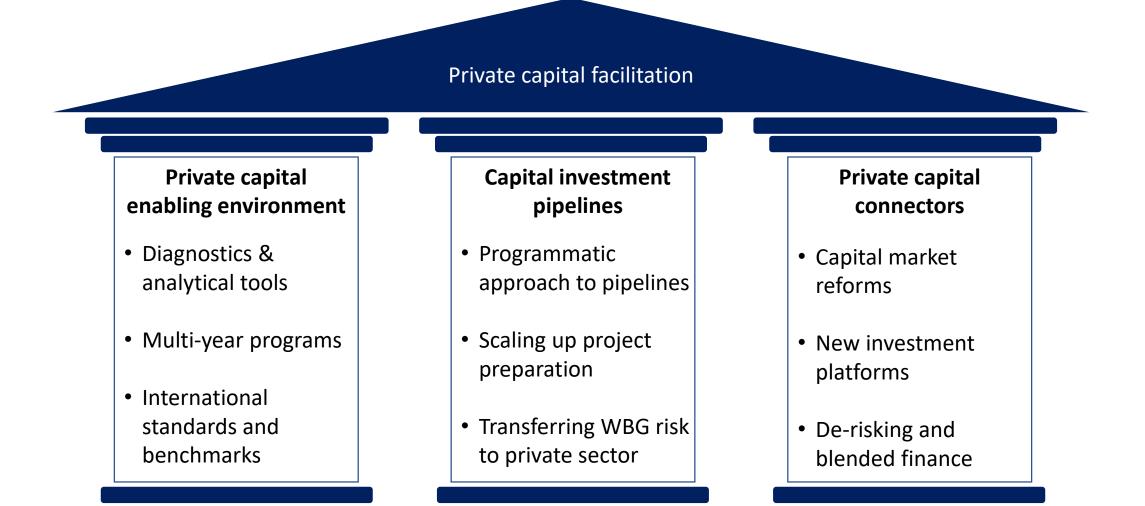
#### Impact

- Transition to net zero
- Sustainable development goals
- Economic development

# Blended finance already critical to the WBG in its efforts to facilitate private capital



# Private capital facilitation is being scaled up through the recently proposed WBG Evolution Roadmap



## WBG Evolution roadmap

## The connectors: implementing a blended finance strategy

- Domestic institutional investors
- Role of Strategic Investment Funds
- Role of Domestic DFIs

# Domestic supply of capital

#### • Wholesale approaches

- De-risking
- Results based finance and carbon markets

## Cross border supply of capital

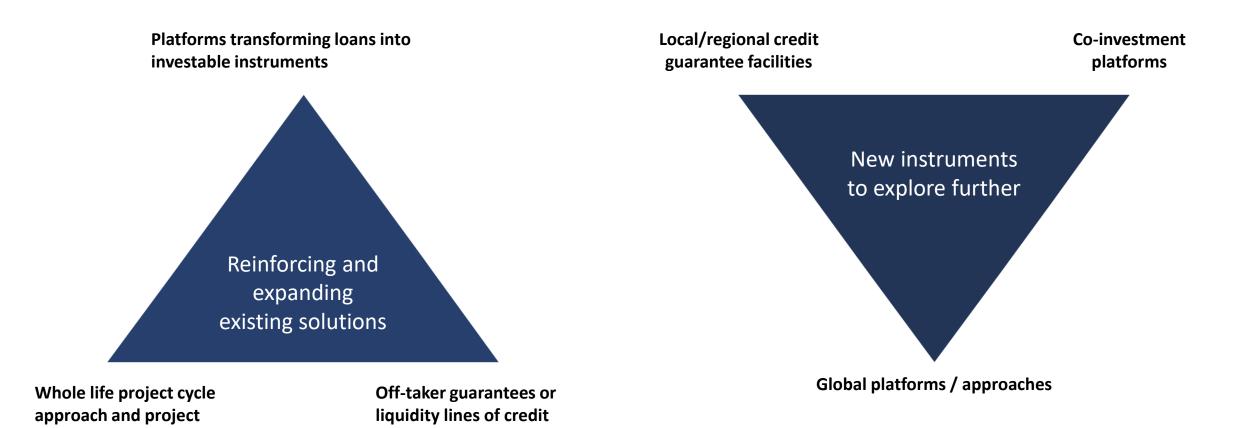
- Enhanced use of IBRD Guarantees
- Scaled up IFC and MIGA successful structures
- Global insurance/guarantee facility for standardized investment grade securities for infrastructure

Expanding instruments toolkit

# Lessons and recommendations from institutional investors and sustainable infrastructure case studies

Institutional Investors and Sustainable Infrastructure Finance, 2023 WB Report

preparation facilities



# Colombia 4G toll road program: a blended finance comprehensive intervention

## **CHALLENGES**

- Major gap in infrastructure since 2010
- Very high cost of building roads due to geography
- High inefficiencies and corruption in public works
- Fiscal constraints and limits to indebtedness due to fiscal responsibility law
- Need to mobilize long term hard and local currency in scale

## SOLUTIONS

- Blending finance to subsidize construction cost and preconstructions risks
- PPP FRAMEWORK (programmatic approach) to attract the private sector
- A new institutional framework to manage the PPP framework (ANI) and mobilize resources (FDN)
- Design of new financial instruments: Debt Funds and Project Bonds
- Second Phase: ESG methodologies in PPP Projects

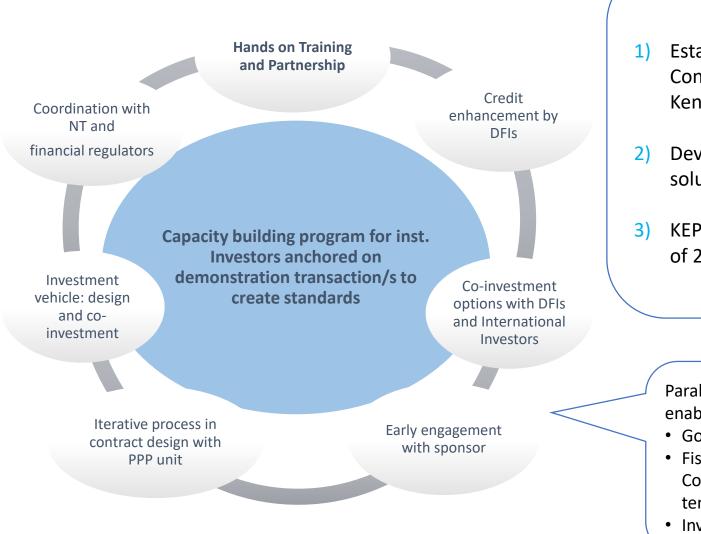
## **BLENDING WAS KEY**

- 60% of the projects blended:
  50% of government money and
  50% of toll roads
- Government capped preconstruction and traffic risks
- FDN operated as blending vehicle to credit enhance the projects

#### RESULTS

- Around 21 projects in financial close
- 86% of finance on local currency
- 25 % of debt from capital markets

## Kenya: Iterative Process with Stakeholders Anchored on a Demonstration Transaction



### RESULTS

- Establishment of the Kenya Investment Consortium (KEPFIC), first of its kind in Kenya and in the continent
- 2) Development of new capital market solutions for infrastructure finance
- 3) KEPFIC financed first investment by end of 2022 (Annity Road Program)

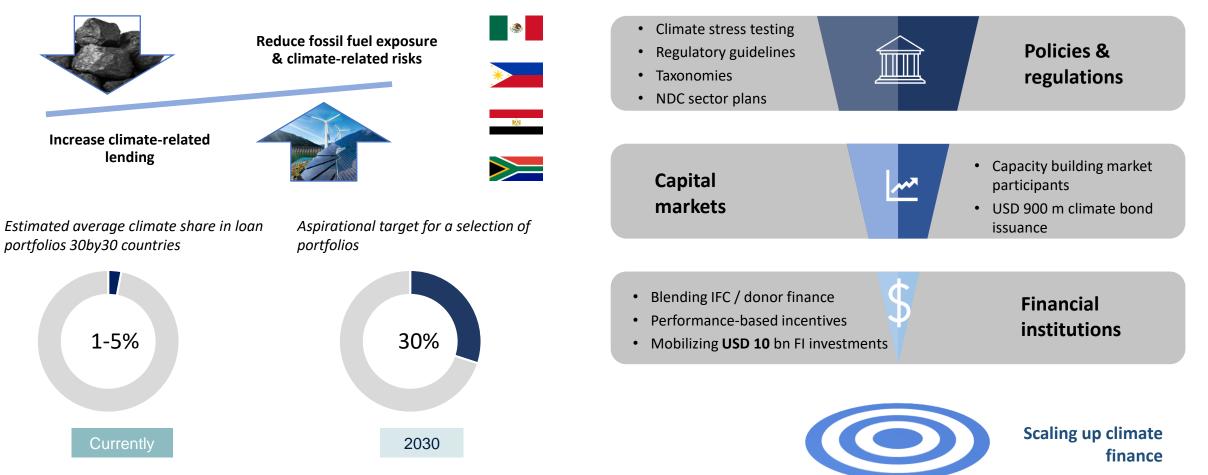
Parallel agenda in reinforcing enabling environment

- Government debt markets
- Fiscal Commitment and Contingent Liability for tendered projects
- Investment regulations

# 30by30zero – a programmatic blended approach to mobilize private sector finance

#### Aspiring a 30% green lending target in selected portfolios by 2030

30 by 30 zero – Dual Objectives



investments in banks

Mixing private capital enabling interventions with blended finance

Source – IFC. The target was based on an analysis of 21 emerging markets and countries' NDC commitments.

## **Concluding remarks**

- The effectiveness of blended finance depends on the enabling environment: financial sector policy and regulations are key
- Developing deeper local currency financial sectors in EMDEs is critical to lower FX and financing risks, and reduce blended finance needs.
- Blended finance and mandates of NGFS members: ٠
  - as supervisor
  - as regulator
  - as advisor
  - as convener