



Briefing Notice

Delay and Pay or Plan and Prosper: Practical Solutions to Adapt to the Effects of Climate Change

Friday, November 1, 2019

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Room 2318, Rayburn House Office Building

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The **Environmental and Energy Study Institute** (EESI) and the **World Resources Institute** (WRI) invite you to a briefing on the Global Commission on Adaptation's Flagship Report and Year of Action for climate adaptation. The Commission, which is chaired by Former U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, Microsoft Founder Bill Gates, and International Monetary Fund Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva, seeks to accelerate adaptation action by elevating its political visibility and focusing on concrete solutions. In September 2019, the Commission launched its flagship report, *Adapt Now: A Global Call for Leadership on Climate Resilience*, which outlines a roadmap for scaling-up climate adaptation in the United States and abroad in order to safeguard communities and economies from the impacts of climate change. In particular, the report emphasizes the investment potential of climate adaptation initiatives.

The report also kickstarts a Year of Action on climate adaptation, starting in late 2019 and going through 2020, to advance the recommendations from the flagship report which include eight major areas of focus—agriculture, cities, finance, disaster risk management, nature-based solutions, infrastructure, water, and locally-led action. This concentrated effort will help accelerate adaptation action and support, thereby improving human well-being and resulting in better, more sustainable economic development and security for all.

Briefing speakers will highlight key elements of the report and share how federal legislators can engage with the Year of Action for climate adaptation:

- **Rosina M. Bierbaum**, Professor, School for Environment and Sustainability, University of Michigan, and School of Public Policy, University of Maryland
- **Manish Bapna**, Executive Vice President & Managing Director, WRI | @ManishBapnaWRI
- **Christina Chan**, Director, Climate Resilience Practice, WRI | @WorldResources
- **Leo Martinez-Diaz**, Global Director, Sustainable Finance Center, WRI | @Leonardo_MD1

The [Global Commission on Adaptation](http://www.eesi.org/global-commission-on-adaptation) is guided by 34 leaders in government, business, and civil society as well as 20 convening countries, representing all regions of the globe. A global network of research partners and advisors supports the Commission. The Commission is co-managed by the [World Resources Institute](http://www.eesi.org/world-resources-institute) and the [Global Center on Adaptation](http://www.eesi.org/global-center-on-adaptation).

This event is free and open to the public.

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