



# Side Event

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## The important Role of Development Finance Institutions in the international climate finance architecture

4th Dec 2011, 11:00-14:00, CCR Expo, Durban

**A workshop on the role of development finance institutions (DFIs) in the international climate finance architecture, including the Green Climate Fund (GCF).**

A growing awareness has emerged that development finance institutions have a crucial role in the international climate finance architecture. This has become very apparent during the consultations of the Transitional Committee (TC) during 2011. At a two day forum held at the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) in August 2011, in partnership with the French Development Agency (AFD) and the World Resource Institute (WRI), participants reached consensus on the importance of integrating DFIs as key GCF implementing agents. The forum culminated in a [submission](#) to the Transitional Committee (TC) containing key messages regarding the role of DFIs (referred to as the “Johannesburg GCF consultation”).

A newly established DFIs’ network, the International Development Finance Club (IDFC) brings together 19 national, regional and international development finance institutions from around the world. These institutions have extensive experience in development and climate finance, particularly the integration of national priorities with explicit environmental, social and governance considerations and leveraging private sector finance. The IDFC members have expressed their commitment to develop a ‘smart partnership’ with the GCF to facilitate a swift and efficient implementation of the GCF.

This workshop offers the opportunity for DFIs and their partners to interactively engage on how to move forward the role of DFIs within the emerging climate finance architecture.

Join us in Durban on Sunday, 4th December 2011, 11:00 – 14:00, at the Climate Change Response Expo (CCR Expo Networking Marquee, venue Umnegeni), Durban International Convention Centre.

As our venue only has capacity to seat 40, we will confirm acceptance on a first come basis.

