

# THE FUTURE OF CLIMATE & DISASTER RISK FINANCE:

## FROM EVIDENCE TO ACTION



### Concept Note

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Climate Disaster Risk Financing and Insurance (CDRFI) is a vital approach to managing the growing financial impacts of climate-related disasters, particularly in climate vulnerable developing and emerging economies. Efforts to make the CDRFI landscape more coherent, systematic and sustainable are gaining traction, especially through initiatives like the G7+ and V20-led Global Shield against Climate Risks. However, CDRFI implementation is still in need of greater investment, capacity strengthening and expanding evidence for maximizing impacts.

CDRFI includes prearranged financing mechanisms like contingency funds, contingent credit, and risk transfer instruments such as insurance. These solutions provide quick and reliable funding when disasters happen, and thus support faster recovery, safeguard development gains, reduce poverty impacts, enhance fiscal stability, and strengthen resilience to future climate shocks. Evidence plays a critical role in scaling up, expanding, and deepening the impact of CDRFI.

In 2021, through a cycle of consultations among decision-makers, scholars, and experts, the [Strategic Evidence Roadmap for CDRFI](#) was developed, outlining key research questions, evidence standards, and calls to action. Three years after its inception, significant changes and calls for reform of the international financial architecture addressing climate risks call for reflection.

With this expert dialogue, we aim to take stock of the latest global evidence to reaffirm existing commitments, distill actionable learnings, and examine implications for current and future initiatives aimed at closing the financial protection gap.

## Objective & overall framing

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- *Reconvene the CDRFI evidence community and practitioners* three years after the publication of the initial Evidence Roadmap to discuss developments, new findings, take stock of progress, and identify outstanding and emerging research questions. This includes fostering thematic exchange and sharing relevant lessons learned.
- *Foster a collaborative environment for knowledge sharing and synthesis of academic insights and implementation experience* related to CDRFI. This includes examining evidence of successes and challenges, discussing different methodological approaches, and exploring the broader implications of research findings for the field.
- *Determine the next steps for CDRFI policy and practice based on the discussions and reflections*, specifically by bringing together relevant decision-makers and stakeholders. This includes focused dialogue on translating evidence into action and outlining concrete actions and strategies to enhance the effectiveness and impact of CDRFI going forward.

## Preliminary Agenda

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Day 1: Wednesday, 25 June 2025	Day 2: Thursday, 26 June 2025
9:00 - 18:00 (CEST) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Arrival &amp; Registration</li><li>• Framing Panel: Taking stock of Evidence to Action</li><li>• In-person sessions at EViB in Bonn, Germany</li><li>• Parallel online sessions (for different time zones)</li></ul>	9:00 – 12:30 (CEST) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In-person sessions at EViB in Bonn, Germany</li><li>• Parallel online sessions (for different time zones)</li></ul> 14:00 – 16:00 (CEST) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• High-level panel – "The Future of CDRFI"</li></ul>

## Session Modalities

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### ***Insight Sessions***

1-hour Insight Sessions are dedicated to the presentation and in-depth discussion of research and operational findings relevant to current CDRFI evidence priorities. These sessions will feature robust evidence, primarily focusing on concrete results from peer-reviewed studies, other published research and reports. Insights will be captured and documented to demonstrate progress on the Evidence Roadmap.

### ***Flash Presentations***

Flash Presentations offer a concise format for presenting CDRFI work. These presentations, limited to 5 minutes, can focus on lessons learned, innovative methods, operational or research findings. The format is designed to spark discussion and ignite new collaborations among those working to advance CDRFI. Different flash presentations with related topics will be clustered and there will be opportunities to discuss and exchange after the presentations.

### ***Evidence Meet-ups***

In addition, we will convene strategic discussions to define and prioritize critical evidence needs in CDRFI. These Evidence Meet-ups bring together different stakeholders - including policymakers, practitioners, and researchers - to share perspectives, highlight expectations, foster strategic alignment, and inform the development of future evidence strategies and research agendas, including those included in the evidence roadmap.

The results of these meet-ups will be collected in a joint document to discuss new priorities for the Evidence Roadmap.

### ***High-level Panel***

The event will culminate in a High-Level Panel discussion on the critical role of CDRFI for climate-vulnerable developing economies, particularly the V20. This panel will convene key decision-makers, experts, and V20 representatives to address CDRFI implementation challenges, discuss evidence-based strategies, explore innovative financing and policy frameworks, and identify actions to accelerate deployment and close the protection gap.

We are looking forward to receiving your input and ideas for contribution here:

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