

Session 2

Session Title: Sustainable and Resilient Infrastructure Standards (SuRe®) and certification systems: Learning from practitioners

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Session overview: An overview of development and implementation of the global voluntary standard for Sustainable and Resilient Infrastructure—SuRe®. It developed through a multi-stakeholder approach incorporating inputs from developed and emerging nations to drive the integration of sustainability and resilience aspects into infrastructure development. It aims to provide guidance and serve as a globally applicable common language tool for infrastructure project developers, financiers and public sector institutions for mainstreaming Sustainable Development Goals 2030 (SDGs), the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR 2015-2030), and the Paris Climate Agreement.

Session Annotation: This session will explore the SuRe® – the Standard for Sustainable and Resilient Infrastructure and related certification system. SuRe is a standard created to (i) establish a common understanding of sustainable and resilient infrastructure between project developers, financiers, public sector institutions and end-users, (ii) improve the quality of projects so they are built on sustainable and resilient principles and (iii) help investors identify responsible investment opportunities. The participants will learn about the experience of SuRe® standard developers and be acquainted with perspectives of transitioning from traditional infrastructure development to resilient infrastructure through standards and certifications.

The aim of this session is to understand (i) what sustainable and resilient infrastructure is, (ii) the measures incorporated in SuRe® Standard and (iii) learn how it can help to assess infrastructure projects. It delves into the importance of voluntary certification standards and application of SuRe® Standard, to infrastructure projects.

Outcome: Through this session, participants will be able to identify project-level sustainability and resilience assessment measures to achieve the objectives of international frameworks such as the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the SFDRR 2015-2030 among the others. This session will not qualify participants as official SuRe® Auditors or SuRe® Associates.

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