IFC: Providing Sustainability-Driven Solutions to Global Infrastructure Challenges

Sustainable infrastructure is critical for addressing development challenges in emerging markets and meeting the Sustainable Development Goals. Expanding access to essential services—electricity, telecommunications, transportation, water, and sanitation—enables inclusive growth and helps create markets and opportunity. IFC offers long-term financing, sustainability-linked financing, and industry-leading expertise to partner with the private sector to not only develop infrastructure projects that provide essential services, but also ensure social and environmental standards are met.

Impact of IFC’s infrastructure investments
Every year, IFC’s portfolio clients:

| Provide electricity for 100 million people around the globe | Transport millions of TEUs (Twenty-foot Equivalent Units) of cargo and tens of millions of air travelers | Provide clean water and sanitation for tens of millions of people in developing countries | Spend billions on local goods and services | Connect more than 1 billion mobile users |

Our approach
IFC seeks to improve access to energy, transportation, telecoms, and municipal and environmental infrastructure. We support sustainable infrastructure through investments and advisory engagements that create jobs, build markets, and strengthen economies.

With a focus on early project development, IFC advises governments and supports sector reforms that can translate into private investment for priority projects and sectors. IFC can help streamline the origination process and support clients in all needed services to secure sustainability-driven outcomes.

The IFC difference
• We bring a track record of experience providing financing and structuring solutions for high-impact projects in developing countries, including low-income and fragile states.
• We offer a range of financing and risk products tailored to meet project needs, including loans, equity, quasi-equity, currency swaps, and local currency products, alongside World Bank and MIGA guarantees and insurance.
• We mobilize funding through IFC’s syndications programs and work with IFC’s Asset Management Company to engage with institutional investors.
• Our team includes specialists in sustainable infrastructure, sustainability-linked financing, public-private partnerships (PPPs), transaction structuring, risk management, engineering, procurement, stakeholder engagement, communications, and environmental, social, and governance standards.

About IFC
• Largest multilateral source of debt and equity financing for the private sector in developing countries
• AAA-rated by S&P and Moody’s
• Loans, equity, quasi-equity, local currency and risk management products, capital markets access, and mobilization
• Advisory services to help develop priority projects, structure and tender PPPs, and improve financial management
• World-class social, environmental, and corporate governance standards and risk mitigation
Cities
IFC’s Cities Initiative provides investment and advisory solutions for emerging market cities. The sectors included in this initiative are: transportation, water services, waste management, and green buildings, among others. We also help cities improve their creditworthiness to attract more private investment for needed urban infrastructure and services.
www.ifc.org/cities

Transportation
IFC provides financing for ports, airports, railways, roads, logistics, urban transport, inland waterways, shipping, and airlines. Over the past decade, IFC committed and mobilized $10.2 billion for transport projects to improve efficiency, relieve bottlenecks, facilitate trade, and create jobs.
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Telecommunications, Media, and Technology
Over the past decade, IFC committed and mobilized $5.9 billion for new and follow-on digital infrastructure projects. IFC is a leader in the telecommunications, media, and technology (TMT) sector in emerging markets. We focus on building digital infrastructure, connecting the unconnected, and bridging the digital divide.
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Energy
Over the past decade, IFC committed and mobilized $32 billion for energy projects. Our expertise spans the range of electricity generation technologies: solar, wind, hydropower, geothermal, and natural gas. We also invest in energy storage and other emerging technologies. In addition, we develop and finance liquefied natural gas-to-power infrastructure projects.
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Mining
Our investments and advisory services support sustainable business solutions in mining. Over the past decade, IFC committed and mobilized $5.6 billion in the mining sector. We spearhead pioneering investments in copper, gold, iron ore, bauxite, tin, diamonds, and other industrial ores and metals that are the ingredients of a low-carbon economy.
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Water
IFC has extensive experience in preparing, structuring, and financing complex water projects in emerging markets. IFC provides investment and advisory services, partnering with public and private sector stakeholders to support the development of water and wastewater infrastructure. IFC’s Utilities for Climate (U4C) initiative supports water utilities globally to improve their infrastructure and services, while addressing urgent climate challenges and preparing for long-term sustainability.
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Sustainable Infrastructure Advisory
We provide advice to help clients manage operational risks and increase benefits to local communities. IFC’s sustainability work includes training on transparency, gender diversity and inclusion, youth engagement, community revenue management, and other issues. We also provide guidance on how to foster buy-in on new ideas and processes.
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Municipal and Environmental Infrastructure
Over the past decade, IFC committed and mobilized $4.2 billion for municipal and environmental infrastructure projects, including in cities and water initiatives, to improve efficiency. Our engagements include private sector loans and equity, PPPs, municipal loans, and other support for projects.
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All mobilization volumes for the past decade include MIGA mobilization.