Addressing Climate Change Through Integrated Responses:
Linking Adaptation and Mitigation

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Key Messages

- **Mitigation and adaptation are two sides of one coin.** When planning for climate projects, both approaches need to be combined into one process where timelines and goals can be assessed and combined.

- **Integrated planning for climate action is a win-win for all.** It is crucial to integrate the linkages of adaptation and mitigation in the long-term strategies to create broad political support and longevity.

- **Early communication on the linkage of adaptation and mitigation helps in the stakeholder dialogue with partners.** It is giving the stakeholders different perspectives on the scenarios and makes it easier to find compromises along the way. When the linkage of adaptation and mitigation has been considered from the beginning, it can save up time and money. Additionally, a steady narrative and continuous capacity development are important for an integrative development.

- **Many sectors still underestimate the need for adaptation.** Different sectors, particularly the ones that are heavily mitigation focused need support in also understanding the risk they are facing from climate change so they can assess trade-offs and synergies and design solutions that are integrated.

- **Coordination is an essential point.** It is needed to be throughout all sectors, especially when it comes to the linking of adaptation and mitigation.

- **Measuring mitigation appears to be easier than adaptation.** This creates challenges around how to combine reporting for both. One approach could be to include the NDC components of adaptation and mitigation in national MRV systems.

- **How to make progress on resilience?** Many countries still struggle with measuring resilience, as resilience means a lot of things to a lot of people. To integrate adaptation and mitigation both from a design and monitoring perspective, it would be helpful to define what does resilience mean in the energy sector or coastal community. That holistic understanding needs to become part of the narrative to inform integrated development.

- **To share successes around integrated planning, planning teams need entire stories, the data, the indicators.** There is a need for international cooperation, opportunities to create examples and case studies and data that provide good practice examples and inspiration for other sectors how to go about it.