



**Remarks by H.E. Sheikha Alya Ahmed Bin Saif Al-Thani, Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar to the UN at the high-level event
“From Glasgow to Sharm El Sheikh: Accelerating Climate Finance”
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Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen:

- It was a pleasure to host with IPI on this timely event on **“From Glasgow to Sharm El Sheikh: Accelerating Climate Finance.”**
- We are very grateful to all the speakers, we are grateful as well to the President of General Assembly H.E. Mr. Abudulla Shahid for his leadership.
- On the road to COP 27, finance is a key topic that deserves greater attention. Finance is key to accelerate progress on mitigation, adaptation, and loss and damage.
- In Egypt, concrete commitments on finance need to be on the table and ought to be delivered.
- Both public and private sectors need to come together and support the finance goal. International Financial Institutions also need to play a greater role in unlocking finance on climate.
- We need to remember that vulnerable countries are already facing the grave impacts of the climate change.
- Developing countries need greater access to funding. As mentioned by panelists, it is not only the quantity of funding that is problematic, but also the quality. The current funding mechanisms are burdensome and slow, developing countries. Countries need direct access to funding that is quick and responsive to local needs and priorities.
- The State of Qatar is deeply committed to working with all countries, and stakeholders, to advance climate change resilience and adaptation, and promote community resilience. We have been playing a relevant role in the UNFCCC including by hosting COP 18 in 2012.

- During the UN Climate Action Summit in 2019, His Highness the Emir of the State of Qatar, announced a contribution of \$100 million for SIDS and LDCs to support these countries address the impact of climate change and build resilience. We are working on a 10-year strategy aiming to support SIDS and LDCs achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement, ensuring the State of Qatar's pledges are implemented in an effective and sustainable way and based on the countries' needs.
- Let me conclude by saying that we hope to continue working together to ensure that COP 27 is a success.