



CCDP, Global Expert Team on Climate Change Adaptation and ESMAP invite you to a BBL on:

Climate Impacts on Energy Systems

Launch of the joint ESMAP and GET-Climate Change Adaptation Report
on Climate Resiliency in Energy Systems

Presenter Bios



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