

## **Session 6.**

# **Integrating Climate Risk Management into Environmental compliance**

### ***Technical presentation and dialogue***

#### **Summary**

This session provides an introduction to climate-resilient and climate-smart development directives, activities, and guidance underway at the Federal and Agency level.

Executive Order 13677 directed all federal agencies to begin factoring climate resilience into international development programs and investments. USAID is now required to incorporate climate resilience considerations into all decision-making by assessing and evaluating climate-related risks to, and vulnerabilities in, Agency strategies and programs. This has been codified in USAID procedures via mandatory references for ADS Chapter 201.

To support effective diagnosis and response to climate change and climate-smart development issues, this session defines selected key terms, including vulnerability, adaptation, and greenhouse gas mitigation. This session also introduces the environmental procedures related to climate-smart development, such as the Agency requirement that strategy, project, and activity design teams identify relevant climate risks and then rate them as low, moderate or high. The level of risk assigned to an activity, project, or strategy will help determine whether risk management measures will be implemented in current or future phases of the program cycle.