Enabling responsible investments in food and agriculture requires leadership and the engagement of all stakeholders given the complex challenges facing the sector around the world, especially in emerging markets. To develop such an environment it is essential that global financial institutions work together effectively and promote strategic collaboration towards investing responsibly in agri-food value chains. Priorities include better understanding of private sector needs, more coordination to support responsible private investments, and working with governments to promote good policies and business environments. The first plenary panel of the Forum will discuss leadership and the engagement required by international financial institutions (IFIs) to promote responsible, private sector investments in agri-food value chains. How can IFIs work together more effectively and promote strategic collaboration towards responsible private sector investments and meeting UN Sustainable Development Goals? How can IFIs better understand private sector needs and work more efficiently with governments to promote good policies and business environments?

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