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Prior to this he built IFC's carbon finance business that he continues to manage. He also leads IFC's engagement externally and provides leadership internally on climate policy, climate risk and adaptation, and greenhouse gas accounting and related metrics.

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