

# SETTING UP APPLICATION ENVIRONMENT

## Create an IBM cloud account

The screenshot displays the IBM Cloud Dashboard interface. At the top, there is a dark navigation bar with the IBM Cloud logo, a search bar, and user information. Below this, the main dashboard area is titled "Dashboard" and includes links for "Edit dashboard", "Upgrade account", and a prominent "Create resource" button. The central section, labeled "For you", features a horizontal scroll of six cards: "Build" (purple), "Set up your IBM Cloud account" (10 min), "Get Started with Watson Studio" (2 hr), "Build a web app with Watson Speech to Text" (15 min), "Build a Virtual Private Cloud (VPC)" (7 min), and "Create an OpenShift cluster" (20 min). Each card includes a brief description and a "Getting started" button. The bottom section contains four columns: "News" with a "View all" link, "Recent support cases" with a "View all" link, "Planned maintenance" with a "View all" link, and "IBM Cloud status" with a "View all" link and a world map visualization. A small status bar at the bottom left indicates "Waiting for 684d0d47.akstatio...".