G20 South Africa 2025 Development Working Group Side Event

Reviewing the outcomes of the FfD4 Conference – INFFs at the core of country-lead approaches to financing

Date and time: 12:00 - 12:40, July 21 (GMT + 2)

Location: Skukuza Safari Lodge, Kruger Park, Mpumalanga **Session focal point:** Yali Wang (<u>yali.wang@undp.org</u>)

Background

Since the adoption of the G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda in 2016, G20 leaders have consistently emphasized **aligning the G20's work with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (AAAA)** on financing for development. The G20 has complemented UN-led efforts and encouraged collective action to help achieve global development targets.

Under South Africa's G20 Presidency in 2025, the Development Working Group (DWG) is prioritizing three key themes: (1) Global Public Goods (GPGs) and Global Public Investment, (2) Mobilizing Finance for Development and Means of Implementation, and (3) Building Resilience through Social Protection. Together, these priorities reflect an integrated approach to accelerating SDG progress, particularly in the wake of COVID-19 setbacks.

Integrated National Financing Frameworks (INFFs)—first called for in the AAAA—are country-led frameworks for mobilizing and aligning resources from all sources with national development priorities. Recognized by the G20 as a critical tool for financing the SDGs at country level, INFFs have been a recurring focus since the endorsement of the G20 Framework for Voluntary Support to INFFs in 2021. Every G20 presidency since has carried forward this agenda, contributing to multi-stakeholder engagement and collective learning.

This event builds on this growing momentum and comes at a strategic time, as South Africa's G20 presidency coincides with the **Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4)**, where UN Member States **recommitted to INFFs** as country-led plans and strategies and to strengthen their role as central to country-leadership on financing¹, a crucial pillar of the Compromiso de Sevilla.

Member States have not only reaffirmed their commitment to INFFs but have greatly expanded it, recognising in the outcome document the role of INFFs as a catalyst for formulating national budgets that support sustainable development², attracting

¹ Paragraph 8 of the outcome document.

² Paragraph 27 of the outcome document.

impactful foreign development investment and advancing sustainable business³, and as a basis to strengthen the development cooperation architecture⁴ - as well as a foundation for strengthening follow up on the FFD agenda itself.

The G20, through the DWG, is well positioned to reinforce this renewed commitment by scaling up support for INFFs and promoting the development and implementation of national financing strategies—key to closing the global finance divide.

The side event will provide a platform to showcase national leadership in INFFs, with a focus on reforming domestic resource mobilisation, reflect experience from country and further synergies with INFFs in the lead-up to COP 30 in Belém, and foster greater coordination among G20 and non-G20 countries, international financial institutions, and development partners to align global efforts with country-led approaches to finance national priorities.

Objectives

The event will aim to:

- 1. Update G20 members on INFF progress and outlook following FfD 4.
- 2. Showcase country experiences in using INFFs to strengthen institutional setting, governance and domestic resources mobilisation for development priorities.
- 3. Inform G20 discussions post-FfD 4 and ahead of COP 30 by highlighting INFFs as a foundation for coordinated engagement with all development partners.

Guiding Questions

- 1. What were the key outcomes of FfD4? What best practices and lessons can inform the next phase of development finance cooperation post-FfD 4?
- 2. How are countries using INFFs as country-led approaches to enhance governance, domestic resource mobilisation, and accelerate action towards climate goals, gender equality, social inclusion and other SDGs ?
- 3. What role can the G20 play in supporting the scaling and institutionalization of INFFs to deliver the Compromiso de Sevilla?

Proposed Agenda (TBC)

This event will feature a panel discussion followed by an open Q&A with participants.

Duration: 45 minutes

Moderator: Letsholo Mojanaga, Inclusive Growth and SDG Finance Advisor, UNDP

³ Paragraphs 33 and 34 of the outcome document.

⁴ Paragraph 40 of the outcome document.

Time	Session	Speakers
30 mins	Panel discussion	 Marta Pedrajas, Deputy Assistant Director Development Policies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Spain Moortaza Jiwanji, Regional Sustainable Finance Advisor in the Africa Sustainable Finance Hub, UNDP Mr. Mwanamuke Ilwale (online), Principal Planner, Ministry of Finance and National Planning, Zambia Alejandra Del Moral Vela (TBC), Executive Director of the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID), Mexico Loredana Magni, Senior Development Cooperation Adviser - G20 DWG/G7 AWG, Unit for Strategy and Multilateral Global Processes for Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy
15 mins	Questions and open discussion	All participants