

FfD4 Sevilla Platform of Action Initiative Media Launch:

# Country-driven approaches to financing sustainable development and climate action

<b>Date and time</b>	Tuesday 1 July 2025; 11:30 am -12:00 pm CEST
<b>Location</b>	SPA Initiative Room, FIBES Sevilla Exhibition and Conference Centre; Sevilla, Spain
<b>Organizers</b>	Government of Egypt Government of South Africa Government of Spain South African Presidential Climate Commission Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank UNDP IDFC/Finance in Common INFF Facility (UNDP, UNDESA, UNICEF, OECD) potentially also Governments of Brazil and Colombia (tbc)

## Objectives

The media launch will:

- Announce the FfD4 Sevilla Platform for Action (SPA) Initiative focused on supporting country-driven, integrated financing solutions for sustainable development and climate action.
- Highlight leadership from countries using INFFs and country platforms to align financing with national development, climate and biodiversity goals.
- Showcase the strategic role of this initiative in delivering the FfD4 Outcome and building momentum toward COP30.
- Signal a call to action for partners across public and private sectors to support country-led financing strategies at scale.
- Introduce the Global Financing Playbook as a new coordination tool to support country-led efforts through international cooperation and system-wide alignment.

## Participants

- Media representatives and members of the development finance and climate action press corps

- Senior government officials from countries implementing or launching INFFs and country platforms
- UN leadership supporting INFFs and country platforms
- Representatives of public development banks and international finance institutions contributing to the Global Financing Playbook
- Development cooperation partners, including donors and regional actors supporting South-South cooperation
- Civil society and think tank observers focused on sustainable finance, development cooperation, and climate governance

## Agenda (30 mins - up to 4 speakers)

Time	Segment	Speaker	Note
1 min	Opening and welcome	Moderator (UNDP)	
5 mins	Initiative presentation	Marcos Neto, Assistant Secretary-General and Director of Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, UNDP	
3 mins	Statement	H.E. Rania Al-Mashat, Minister of Planning, Economic Development and International Cooperation, Egypt	
3 mins	Statement	H.E. Eva Granados, Secretary of State for International Cooperation, Spain	
3 mins	Statement	Sam Mugume, Commissioner, Ministry of Finance Uganda and co-chair of the Coalition of Finance Ministers for Climate Action	
15 mins	Media Q&A time	Moderator (UNDP)	

## Background

In a time of converging global crises—including constrained fiscal space, mounting debt burdens and the intensifying climate and biodiversity emergencies—strengthening country leadership in financing sustainable development and climate action has never been more urgent.

The Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4) in Seville serves as a critical moment to refocus international efforts on country-led solutions. This is particularly vital for South-South cooperation and climate-vulnerable nations that are pioneering innovative, integrated approaches to development finance.

Countries around the world articulate their climate and development priorities through national plans and strategies—such as National Development Plans (NDPs), Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), and National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans

(NBSAPs). To translate these visions into reality, countries must also lead in designing, implementing, and financing the reforms and investments needed.

Integrated National Financing Frameworks (INFFs) provide one such approach, enabling Ministries of Finance to map financing needs and align policy and investment across sectors. Meanwhile, country platforms offer operational mechanisms to bring financing, reforms, and bankable projects together under country-owned strategies.

The FfD4 Sevilla Platform of Action (SPA) Initiative aims to accelerate these country-led efforts—supporting governments to operationalize INFFs and scale up country platforms—while building strong institutional foundations to mobilize finance for people and planet. This initiative also introduces the Global Financing Playbook, a new tool for international institutions to provide coherent, on-demand support for sovereign financing priorities.

This initiative will accelerate delivery of the FfD4 outcome by positioning national leadership and integrated strategies at the center of financing for people and planet.

### **Specific Actions**

1. By COP30 in Belém, at least 5-10 countries announce or launch nationally-led financing initiatives, including country platforms, aligned with NDPs, NDCs and NBSAPs
2. By 2027, 10 countries mobilise finance for project pipelines underpinning INFFs and country platforms to deliver on NDPs, NDCs and NBSAPs including with support from a broad range of public and private sources
3. By 2030, 100 countries implementing their financing strategies, INFFs or country platforms for NDPs, NDCs and NBSAPs with financing for project pipelines from a broad range of public and private sources
4. UN, PDBs and national partners continue to share knowledge and seek synergies in their technical assistance for nationally-led financing initiatives aligned with NDPs, NDCs and NBSAPs

### **Scope of the Initiative**

- **FfD Action Areas:**
  - Renewed global financing for development framework
  - Domestic public resources
  - Private business and finance
  - International development cooperation
  - Systemic issues
- **Sustainable Development Goals Addressed:**
  - SDG 17 – Partnerships for the Goals
  - SDG 13 – Climate Action
  - SDG 9 – Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
  - SDG 8 – Decent Work and Economic Growth
  - SDG 10 – Reduced Inequalities
  - SDG 15 – Life on Land

- **Geographic Focus:**

Global in ambition, the initiative places a particular emphasis on:

- **Africa**
- **Least Developed Countries (LDCs)**
- **Climate-vulnerable nations** at the forefront of integrated financing innovation