



**Title:** *Launching The Gambia's Integrated National Financing Framework (INFF) and Development Finance Assessment (DFA)*

**Date & Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Location:** Seville, Spain

**Organizers:** Government of The Gambia, UNDP

## **Background**

Aligning financing with national development priorities has never been more critical. The Integrated National Financing Framework (INFF) offers a holistic approach for countries to mobilize and align public and private resources with their policy goals, ensuring financial flows are directed toward achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The Government of The Gambia has taken bold steps to strengthen its national financing architecture in support of the SDGs and its Recovery-Focused National Development Plan (RF-NDP). With technical support from UNDP, The Gambia completed its Development Finance Assessment (DFA) and finalized its first Integrated National Financing Strategy (INFS). This event marks the formal launch of these tools—positioning The Gambia as a champion of integrated, inclusive, and accountable financing approaches at country level.

INFFs are a direct outcome of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (AAAA), which was adopted at the Third International Conference on FfD in 2015. The AAAA called for more integrated approaches to financing sustainable development, recognizing that countries need to better align public and private resources with national priorities. The FfD4 outcome document also positions INFFs as a central mechanism for aligning national financing with SDGs. INFFs are not only viewed as tools for public finance management but also as platforms for multi-stakeholder coordination and private sector engagement.

Against this background, the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4) presents a valuable opportunity to officially launch The Gambia's DFA and INFS, share key lessons, innovations, and policy priorities from the process, and engage development partners and peers on opportunities for collaboration and financing. The event is aligned with the broader vision of FfD4: **a financial system that works for people and the planet**—operating effectively at global, national, and local levels to ensure all financing flows support sustainable development outcomes.

## **Objectives of the Side Event**

### **1. Showcase The Gambia's Leadership in Sustainable Financing**

Highlight The Gambia's commitment to leveraging the INFF as a sovereign financial planning tool, demonstrating coherence across planning, budgeting, and financing for SDG acceleration. This includes recognizing the INFF as a national mechanism for aligning public and private finance with inclusive, climate-resilient, and gender-responsive development.

2. **Official Launch of DFA and INFS**

Present the DFA and INFS as foundational tools for financing The Gambia's RF-NDP, including key policy priorities, financing gaps, and reforms targeting domestic resource mobilization, climate finance, gender equality, and economic transformation.

3. **Highlighting Africa's systemic challenges and opportunities in the global financing architecture.**

4. **Advance Multilateral Dialogue on Development Cooperation**

Engage development partners to reaffirm commitments to ODA, South-South and Triangular Cooperation, and country platforms for mobilizing aligned and predictable financing in support of national priorities.

5. **Position The Gambia in International Financial Architecture (IFA) Reform Dialogues**

Present The Gambia's perspective on global financial reforms, including access to concessional and climate financing, debt sustainability, and liquidity support. Advocate for greater equity and resilience within the IFA to address the unique vulnerabilities of Least Developed Countries (LDC's).

6. **Promote Peer Learning and South-South Collaboration**

Facilitate dialogue with peer countries implementing INFF's and other innovative financing strategies to exchange good practices and lessons learned, in line with the momentum generated since the Addis Ababa Action Agenda.

7. **Contextualize Africa's Financing Needs**

Position The Gambia's journey within the broader African context—highlighting macroeconomic trends, structural challenges, and regional solutions to financing development, including climate adaptation, youth employment, and digital inclusion.

8. **Showcase The Gambia's Leadership in Sustainable Financing**

Highlight The Gambia's commitment to leveraging the Integrated National Financing Framework (INFF) as a sovereign planning tool to align public and private financing with SDG acceleration, climate resilience, gender equality, and inclusive development.

9. **Launch the DFA and INFS as Cornerstones for National Development Financing**

Officially present the Development Finance Assessment (DFA) and Integrated National Financing Strategy (INFS), emphasizing key reforms, policy priorities, and financing strategies to support the Recovery-Focused National Development Plan (RF-NDP).

10. **Contextualize and Elevate Africa's Voice in Global Financing Reform**

Position The Gambia's financing journey within the broader African context by addressing systemic challenges—such as debt, access to capital, and domestic resource mobilization—and advocating for fairer international financial architecture and stronger development cooperation commitments.

## 11. Foster Dialogue and Peer Learning for Scalable Solutions

Engage development partners and peer countries to exchange lessons, promote South-South collaboration, and identify opportunities to scale home-grown financing innovations through more coherent and predictable multilateral support.

### Format

- **(10 min) High-level opening** by the Government of The Gambia (Vice President and Ministers of Finance and Foreign Affairs) and UNDP.
- **(15 min) Official launch of DFA and INFS:** Key highlights, priorities, and institutional arrangements.
- **(40min) Panel discussion** with development partners and regional stakeholders.
- **(25 min) Audience Q&A and open exchange.**

### Agenda

Time	Session	Speakers
10 mins	High-level opening	Minister of Finance – Honorable Seedy K Keita
10 mins	Official launch of DFA and INFS	Vice-President- H.E. Muhammad B.S. Jallow
10 mins	Africa's stakes in financing sustainable development	<b>Ahunna Eziakonwa</b> , Director of UNDP Africa Bureau
30 mins	Panel discussion	Moderator
20 mins	Q&A	
10 mins	Closing Remarks	Permanent Representative to UN

### Proposed Partners

- Government of The Gambia
- UNDP
- European Union Delegation
- Bilateral and Multilateral Development Partners

**Target Audience**

- Member State delegations (Ministries of Finance, Foreign Affairs, Planning)
- UN agencies, IFIs, and MDBs
- Private sector and philanthropic actors
- Civil society and academia

**Expected Outcomes**

- Recognition of The Gambia's INFF as a country-led success aligned with FfD4 objectives.
- Strengthened partnerships and collaboration to mobilize aligned financing for national priorities.
- Reinforced dialogue on IFA reforms and inclusive financing systems.
- Enhanced peer learning among countries advancing SDG-aligned financing frameworks.
- Increased visibility of The Gambia's leadership in national financing and development cooperation.

**Contact Information**

For more details, please contact: Binta Barry – [binta.barry@undp.org](mailto:binta.barry@undp.org)