

FfD4 3<sup>rd</sup> prepcom side event:

## INFFs and Country Platforms: Strengthening the Alignment Between Investment Plans and Policy Frameworks

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<b>Date and time</b>	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025, 10:00 – 11:30 am
<b>Location</b>	United Nations Headquarters, New York, USA (Conference Room 5)
<b>Organiser</b>	Government of Spain INFF Facility (UNDP, UNDESA, UNICEF, OECD, EU, Italy, Spain, Sweden)
<b>In-person registration</b>	For the registration of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> prepcom please visit the FfD official website <a href="#">here</a> .
<b>Virtual registration</b>	<a href="https://bit.ly/join_INFF_CP">https://bit.ly/join_INFF_CP</a>

### Background

As we approach the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4) in Spain in 2025, the importance of aligning financing with national development priorities has never been clearer. Integrated National Financing Frameworks (INFFs) provide a comprehensive approach for countries to mobilize and align public and private investments with their policy frameworks, ensuring that financial flows are effectively channeled towards sustainable development goals (SDGs).

The Third Preparatory Committee (PrepCom) for FfD4 offers a unique opportunity to showcase the complementarity of INFFs with other country-led platforms and strategies. A growing number of countries have developed or are implementing financing strategies and investment plans that integrate financing with policy frameworks, demonstrating how such alignment can improve the effectiveness and impact of development investments. As sovereign strategies for financing and by facilitating better coordination among governments, international financial institutions (IFIs), multilateral development banks (MDBs), and other development partners, respectively, INFFs and country platforms can work hand in hand to close financing gaps, align investment with the SDGs and accelerate progress.

## Objectives

The side event aims to:

1. Highlight the alignment between investment plans and policy frameworks in select countries, demonstrating the complementarity of INFFs and similar approaches.
2. Showcase how investments from IFIs, MDBs, and other sources can effectively align with national plans and financing strategies.
3. Emphasize the role of INFFs in helping countries formulate and implement robust policy frameworks that align with SDG investments.
4. Shape and build consensus on a practical playbook for INFF – country platform integration that will support delivery of the FfD4 outcome

## Participants

- Representatives from governments (Ministries of Finance, Planning, or equivalent)
- International organizations, including IFIs and MDBs
- Development partners and donors
- Private sector representatives
- Civil society and NGOs engaged in financing for development

## Expected Outcomes

1. Participants will gain a deeper understanding of the role of INFFs and complementary approaches in aligning investment and policy frameworks via concrete country cases.
2. The event will foster dialogue on opportunities to scale up integrated frameworks beyond the 2025 FfD4 agenda.
3. The event will advance ongoing discussion on practical ways of working and collaboration to bridge INFFs and country platforms in support of national financing priorities.

## Format

The event will include:

- **Keynotes** (10 mins): Highlighting the significance of financing alignment for sustainable development
- **Panel Discussion** (45 mins): Perspectives from governments and partners on INFFs and complementary approaches
- **Q&A Session** (20 mins): Interactive dialogue with the audience
- **Closing Remarks** (5 mins): Summary of key takeaways and next steps

## Agenda

Time	Session	Speakers
5 mins	Welcome and Introduction	<b>Thomas Beloe</b> , Director, UNDP Sustainable Finance Hub
10 mins	Keynotes	<p><b>Sergio Colina</b>, Director General for Sustainable Development Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Spain</p> <p><b>H.E. Dr. Rania A. Al-Mashat</b>, Minister of Planning, Economic Development, and International Cooperation, Egypt</p>
45 mins	<b>Panel Discussion:</b> Showcasing country experiences and lessons learned, IFI and development partner perspectives on aligned investments and platforms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Shri Krishna Nepal</b>, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Finance Nepal</li> <li>• <b>Mohammed Salim</b>, Commissioner for National Planning, Sectoral Development, and Poverty Reduction, Planning Commission, Zanzibar</li> <li>• <b>Rodolfo Reta Haddad</b>, Permanent Mission of Mexico, Expert member of the Co-facilitation team for the FfD4 outcome document</li> <li>• <b>Mahmoud Mohieldin</b>, UN Special Envoy for the 2030 Agenda</li> </ul>
20 mins	Q&A Session	Moderator
5 mins	Closing Remarks	<b>Oliver Schwank</b> , Chief, Policy Analysis and Development Branch, UN DESA

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