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The official launch of the INFF Facility

Thursday, 28 April 2022 8:00 - 9:45 (EDT)

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Welcome
Moderator: Adva Saldinger, Senior Reporter at Devex

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High-level opening remarks
Amina Mohammed, UN Deputy Secretary-General

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Session 1: How can we support country-led INFFs?
Achim Steiner
UNDP Administrator
Liu Zhenmin
UN DESA Under Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs
Jeffrey Schlagenhauf
OECD Deputy Secretary General
H.E. Mr. Akhadbek Haydarov
Deputy Minister of Finance, Uzbekistan
H.E. Bernardo Orellana
Vice Minister of Finance, Ecuador

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Session 2: How can INFFs help countries scale up financing for the SDGs?
Marjeta Jager
Deputy Director-General, DG International Partnership, European Union
Amb. Fabio Cassese
Director General for Development Cooperation, Italy
Alan AtKisson
Assistant Director General, Sida
Katherine Baer
Deputy Director Fiscal Affairs Department, IMF
Dr. Charles Mwamwaja
Commissioner for Financial Sector Development, Tanzania
M. Mouhammadou Bamba Diop
Director General General Directorate of Planning and Economic Policies, Senegal
Sonor Luvsandorj
Director of Financial Markets and Insurance Division, Ministry of Finance, Mongolia

09:45 - 09:50
Closing remarks
Moderator: Adva Saldinger, Senior Reporter at Devex
**Adva Saldinger**  
**SENIOR REPORTER, DEVEX**

Adva Saldinger is a senior reporter at Devex, where she covers development finance, as well as U.S. foreign aid policy. Adva explores the role the private sector and private capital play in development and authors the weekly Devex Invested newsletter bringing the latest news on the role of business and finance in addressing global challenges. A journalist with more than 10 years of experience, she has worked at several newspapers in the U.S. and lived in both Ghana and South Africa.

**Amina Mohammed**  
**UN DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL**

Ms. Amina J. Mohammed is the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations and Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group. She has previously served as the Minister of Environment of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and as Special Adviser to former Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon with the responsibility for post-2015 development planning. She led the process that resulted in global agreement around the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the creation of the Sustainable Development Goals. Ms. Mohammed has been an advocate for increasing access to education and other social services, and advised four successive Presidents on poverty, public sector reform, and sustainable development.

**Achim Steiner**  
**UNDP ADMINISTRATOR**

Mr. Achim Steiner is the UNDP Administrator and the Vice-Chair of the UN Sustainable Development Group. Over nearly three decades, Achim Steiner has been a global leader on sustainable development, climate resilience and international cooperation. Prior to joining UNDP, he was Director of the Oxford Martin School and Professorial Fellow of Balliol College, University of Oxford. Mr. Steiner has served across the United Nations system, leading the United Nations Environment Programme (2006-2016) and serving as the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Nairobi. Achim Steiner previously held other notable positions including Director General of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, and Secretary General of the World Commission on Dams.

**Liu Zhenmin**  
**UN DESA UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL**

Mr. Liu Zhenmin is the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and head of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs since July 2017. He has previously served as the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of China, the Ambassador and Permanent Representative at the Permanent Mission of the People’s Republic of China to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other International Organizations in Switzerland. With more than 30 years of experience in the diplomatic service, he has been actively involved in climate change negotiations including the conclusion of the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement and participated in global efforts on the protection of our planet including Antarctica and the oceans.
Jeffrey Schlagenhauf  
OECD DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL

Mr. Jeffrey Schlagenhauf is the Deputy Secretary-General of the OECD, overseeing the strategic direction of OECD policy on Public Governance and the Development Cluster, Environment and Statistics and Data Directorates and horizontal work on Anti-corruption and Integrity, and the Sustainable Development Goals. Prior to joining the OECD, Mr. Schlagenhauf served as the White House’s Office of Management and Budget’s (OMB) Associate Director for Economic Policy, as a senior staff member of the Congressional Joint Economic Committee and a senior staff member in both the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives.

Marjeta Jager  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL, DG INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP, EUROPEAN UNION

Marjeta JAGER is currently Deputy Director-General for the Directorate-General for International Partnerships (DG INTPA). Ms JAGER has been working in the European Commission since 2005, starting as Director for Security in DG Energy and Transport and later being Director for international energy and transport files and coordination, as well as being Head of Cabinet of the Transport Commissioner. Before joining the Commission Ms JAGER was more than a decade working on the accession of Slovenia to the EU for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and she was the first Deputy Permanent Representative (Coreper I) of Slovenia to the EU.

Alan AtKisson  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL, SIDA

Mr. Alan AtKisson is the Assistant Director-General and Director at the Department of Partnership and Innovation at the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), overseeing the programs on research, capacity development and training, civil society, financial instruments and stakeholder engagement. Before joining Sida, Mr. AtKisson worked for over 30 years as a strategic advisor, author, and communicator in the field of sustainability, sustainable development, and transformative change.

Fabio Cassese  
DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION OF ITALY

Fabio Cassese is the Director General for Development Cooperation at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy. His previous appointments include the Ambassador of Italy to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, various positions within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs including the Deputy Head of the Staff, Deputy Director General for Development Cooperation, coordinator for the UN Agenda post-2015 and Directorate General for Human Resources. Minister Cassese also worked at the Permanent Representation of Italy to the European Union, OECD and United Nations, and is a strong advocate for climate change and environment.
Ms. Katherine Baer is the Deputy Director in the IMF’s Fiscal Affairs Department. She has over 34 years experience in the tax field. During her career at the IMF she has helped design and implement tax and customs reforms in Africa, Asia, Central Asia, Europe, and Latin America and the Caribbean, including in crisis countries. She has worked at the World Bank, where she worked on public finance reforms in Latin America, at the U.S. Treasury, where her focus was on tax policy reforms and tax compliance issues, and in the Mexican Tax Administration, where she directed the tax gap studies and helped design and implement a customs reform program.

Mr. Akhadbek Khaydarov has been the Deputy Minister of Finance of Uzbekistan since 2017. Mr.Khaydarov has previously served as the Deputy Chairman of the Central Bank of Uzbekistan (2013-2016), First Deputy Chairman of the National Bank for Foreign Economic Activities (2016), and the Chairman of the Joint-Stock Commercial Bank “Microcreditbank” (2017). In 2012 he was awarded with the state medal “Shuhrat” (Glory).

Mr. Bernardo Orellana Heredia has been the Deputy Minister of Ecuador since July 2021. Bernardo Orellana holds a degree in Economics and Administrative Sciences from Universidad de las Américas. He also holds an MPA in Economic Management, specializing in Central Banking and Financial Markets, from Columbia University, and a Master’s Degree in Finance from Case Western Reserve University. Prior to his appointment, he served as Undersecretary of Public Financing, as Integral Risk Manager and Treasury Manager at Produbanco. In addition, he was a director of several companies, and a university professor.

Mr. Sonor Luvsandorjis the Director of Financial Markets and Insurance Division at the Ministry of Finance, and the National Coordination Committee Member on Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT). Mr. Sonor’s division is responsible for formulating capital market, insurance, banking, and NBFI sector policies. He also handles the AML/CFT related issues, sovereign credit rating, external funding of the Government, and worked on negotiations of the IMF-supported “Extended Fund Facility” program. Since joining the Ministry, he executed a number of bond issuances and liability management exercises such as Dim Sum, Mazaalai, Khuraldai, Gerege, Nomad, Century bonds, and Development Bank bonds on the international debt capital market which won a number of international awards.
Dr. Charles Mwamwaja
COMMISSIONER FOR FINANCIAL SECTOR DEVELOPMENT, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

Dr. Mwamwaja is the Commissioner for Financial Sector Development where he is responsible for overseeing the role the financial sector plays in mobilizing resources and allocating credit across the whole economy and the implementation of Tanzania’s SDG-aligned national development priorities. Charles has over 20 years of leadership experience in public service, financing and planning.