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Concept Note for Panellists

Financing the SDGs Dialogue: Advancing Country-Led Approaches

Panel 1.1: Financing Strategies in Practice: From Strategy to Implementation through Country-Led Approaches

Date and time	Wed 28 – 11:00-12:10
Location	Madrid, Meliá Hotel (Avenida América)
Organisers	UNDP Sustainable Finance Hub - INFF Facility

Background

Financing the **SDGs Dialogue 2026: Advancing Country-Led Approaches to Financing Sustainable Development** will take place in Madrid, Spain, hosted by the UNDP Sustainable Finance Hub together with the Government of Spain.

Since the adoption of the Sevilla Commitment and the launch of the Sevilla Platform for Action (SPA), attention has increasingly shifted from global commitments to country-level implementation. A central objective of the SPA is to strengthen country leadership over financing for sustainable development by connecting national priorities with reforms, financing solutions, institutions and international support.

The SPA initiative on **Country-driven Approaches to Financing Sustainable Development and Climate Action** responds directly to this objective ([FfD4: Country-driven approaches to financing sustainable development and climate action](#)). It aims to support 100 countries implementing financing strategies, Integrated National Financing Frameworks (INFFs) or country platforms by 2030. The initiative provides a framework for bringing together country demand, implementation support and international partnerships around nationally led financing priorities.

Within this architecture, the **INFF Facility provides a dedicated vehicle for supporting countries to develop and implement Integrated National Financing Frameworks**, including the financing strategies and the reforms that sit at their core. Through the Facility and its partners, countries are receiving support to translate national development priorities into integrated financing



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approaches, strengthen coordination across government and financing actors, and move from strategy formulation towards implementation.

As such, financing strategies are a central element of this country-led approach. They enable governments to consider the full range of public, private, domestic and international financing policies and instruments together, identify priority reforms and financing solutions, clarify institutional responsibilities, and align financing more systematically with national development priorities.

A growing body of implementation experience is now emerging. Thirty-seven countries have developed and are implementing their financing strategies and more than sixty-five are implementing financing reforms shaped through their INFFs. This provides an opportunity to examine not only what financing strategies contain, but **how they are being used in practice, what has helped countries move from strategy to implementation, and how international support can better respond to country-led priorities.**

At the same time, financing strategies cannot remain static. Climate and other shocks, fiscal constraints, digitalisation and artificial intelligence, changes in development cooperation, and new actors and sources of finance are affecting national financing priorities and implementation environments. Country experience can therefore also help identify where financing strategies and the support surrounding them may need to adapt, while preserving their central functions of coherence, coordination, innovation and country ownership.

Following the high-level plenary on country-led financing approaches (Panel 7), this smaller and more interactive session will examine how the Sevilla Platform for Action initiative on Country-driven Approaches to Financing Sustainable Development and Climate Action is being translated into country-level implementation through financing strategies and INFFs more generally. Drawing on three country experiences, the discussion will explore how the SPA initiative can help accelerate implementation, how the INFF Facility serves as a dedicated vehicle for supporting integrated national financing frameworks, and what practical lessons should shape the next phase of SPA support to countries.

Positioning within the Dialogue

Thematic area / sector	INFF – Financing Strategies
Related SPA initiative(s)	Country-driven approaches to financing sustainable development and climate action (INFFs)



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Proposed Speakers

- **Speaker 1:** Retselisitsoe Adelaide Matlanyane – Minister of Finance and Development Planning, Ministry of Finance and Development Planning, Lesotho.
- **Speaker 2:** Mohamedou Ould Mhaimid – Minister of Economic Affairs and Development, Mauritania.
- **Speaker 3:** Martin Francos Rodriguez – Vice Minister, Ministry of Finance, Dominican Republic.
- **Speaker 4:** Phanomphone Keovongvichith – Deputy Director-General, Economic and Fiscal Policy Department, Ministry of Finance, Lao PDR.

Moderator: Tim Strawson - Lead Advisor, Integrated National Financing Frameworks and Country Platforms

Objectives

The primary objectives of the session are to:

- Explore how financing strategies are helping translate the SPA initiative on Country-driven Approaches into country-level implementation.
- Draw practical lessons from countries moving from financing strategy development to reforms, coordination and financing solutions.
- Examine how the INFF Facility can support countries to accelerate implementation and respond to emerging needs.
- Identify implications from country experience for the next phase of SPA implementation and support.

Guiding Questions

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The conversation will be organised around two rounds, with four country representatives sharing experiences at different stages of financing strategy development and implementation.

Round 1: How are country-led financing approaches being designed and translated into implementation? (20 minutes)

5 minutes per speaker

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- **Mauritania – S.E.M. Mohamedou Ould Mhaimid (5 min):** What potential do you see for a country-led financing strategy in Mauritania, and which national priorities could it help advance?
- **Lesotho – Retselisitsoe Adelaide Matlanyane (5 min):** Lesotho has recently launched its financing strategy in 2026. What are its main priorities, and how does the government plan to translate the strategy into concrete action?
- **Dominican Republic – Martin Francos Rodriguez (5 min):** As the Dominican Republic develops its country-led financing approach/INFF, how is the process helping bring together different institutions and stakeholders to identify financing priorities and strengthen coordination?
- **Lao PDR – Phanomphone Keovongvichith (5 min):** How is Lao PDR using its country-led financing approach to advance priority financing reforms and solutions, and what concrete progress is emerging?

Round 2 – Looking ahead: Evolving priorities and accelerating implementation (20 minutes)

5 minutes per speaker

- **Mauritania – S.E.M. Mohamedou Ould Mhaimid (5 min):** Looking ahead, how could international support, including through the INFF Facility, help Mauritania strengthen its approach to financing sustainable development?
- **Lesotho – Retselisitsoe Adelaide Matlanyane (5 min):** As Lesotho moves into implementation, what will be key to maintaining momentum and what is the role of technical assistance in responding to evolving financing priorities?
- **Dominican Republic – Martin Francos Rodriguez (5 min):** As the financing strategy takes shape, what opportunities do you see to strengthen financing approaches, including through digitalisation and innovation?
- **Lao PDR – Phanomphone Keovongvichith (5 min):** Looking ahead, how can Lao PDR's financing approach adapt to changing economic conditions and support emerging development priorities?

Exchange with participants (10 minutes)

Participants will be invited to compare these experiences with their own and identify practical lessons for strengthening country leadership, improving collaboration across financing and development institutions, and accelerating implementation through the SPA initiative.

Proposed Agenda (60 minutes)

Time	Session	Speakers
5 min	Opening and framing. Position the session within the SPA initiative on Country-driven Approaches, highlighting financing strategies as a practical implementation instrument and the INFF	Moderator

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	Facility as a dedicated vehicle for supporting INFF implementation.	
20 min	Round 1 – How are country-led financing approaches being designed and translated into implementation? Four country experiences at different stages of financing strategy development and implementation, highlighting national priorities, coordination, reforms and emerging results.	4 country representatives (5 min each)
20 min	Round 2 – Looking ahead: Evolving priorities and accelerating implementation. Discussion on lessons learned, emerging financing priorities and opportunities to adapt country-led approaches to changing needs and financing conditions.	4 country representatives (5 min each)
10 min	Exchange with the room. Questions and short interventions focused on country experiences, common implementation challenges and opportunities to strengthen collaboration and SPA support.	All participants
5 min	Closing takeaways. Key lessons for financing strategy implementation and implications for the next phase of SPA and INFF Facility support.	Moderator

Participants (audience)

Given the interactive format, participation should ideally be limited to approximately 40–50 participants, including:

- Government representatives from Ministries of Finance, Planning, Economy and other institutions leading INFFs and financing strategies.
- Countries implementing or updating financing strategies and INFFs.
- INFF Facility partners.
- Development partners and international financial institutions.
- Public development banks and relevant financial institutions.
- Representatives of Sevilla Platform for Action initiatives.
- UN entities and technical partners supporting country-led financing approaches.
- Selected experts and practitioners working on financing strategies, implementation and institutional coordination.