



Financing the SDGs Dialogue 2026: Advancing Country-Led Approaches to Financing Sustainable Development

Advancing Sevilla Platform for Action initiatives at country level

Country Platforms in Practice: From National Priorities to Investable Pipelines

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Background

Financing the SDGs Dialogue 2026: Advancing Country-Led Approaches to Financing Sustainable Development will take place 27-29 October 2026 in Madrid, Spain, hosted by the UNDP Sustainable Finance Hub together with the Government of Spain.

Since the adoption of the Sevilla Commitment and launch of the Sevilla Platform for Action, global and concerted efforts have been advancing to help countries develop and deliver solutions. At the same time, countries have expressed a clear demand for a structured, technical space where practitioners leading financing reforms can exchange experiences, solve problems together, and connect their work with relevant global SPA initiatives and other supporting partnerships. Thus, the Dialogue will also bring together SPA initiatives working on relevant aspects of the Sevilla Commitment, enabling them to explore complementarities, strengthen collaboration, and enhance their collective impact in response to country needs and priorities.

The target participants include national decision-makers (Ministries of Finance, Planning, Environment, Economy, as well as Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Development, and local governments), alongside public development banks, national climate/green funds, private sector and financial institutions and investors, FfD4-related platforms and development partners.



Country platforms are country-owned mechanisms that translate national priorities into investment pipelines, driving sectoral transformation. These are often derived from country strategies – from head of state priorities, NDCs, national development plans, adaptation frameworks and other national visions – and designed to turn these into implementable, programmatic investment pipelines. Country platforms have become a central mechanism for aligning public, private and international finance behind nationally defined investment priorities.

The Sevilla Commitment calls for country-led approaches to financing sustainable development, and the launch of the Country Platform Hub at COP30 in Belém has given further impetus to a growing number of 40+ countries that are establishing, announcing or scoping their own platforms. Country platforms are also programmatic approaches to deliver the Climate Implementation Bridge in the run-up to COP 31 in Antalya.

Early experience shows well-designed country platforms can help strengthen governance and institutional coordination arrangements that give government strong ownership and a clear convening role across ministries and partners; and enhance capacity to translate development priorities into a pipeline of investments matched to the appropriate sources of finance. Where Integrated National Financing Frameworks (INFFs) are in place, they provide a foundation of financing strategies, governance structures and monitoring systems on which platforms can build. Platforms in Brazil, Egypt, South Africa and many other countries have witnessed early results of mobilising billions of dollars of resources for nationally defined climate and development goals.

This session advances the SPA initiative on country-driven approaches to financing sustainable development and climate action which aims to support 5–10 countries to launch nationally led financing initiatives by COP30, 10 countries to mobilise finance for project pipelines by 2027, and 100 countries to be implementing INFFs or country platforms with financing from public, private and philanthropic sources by 2030.

Bringing together country experiences at different stages of platform development alongside financing and development partners, the session will show how the Sevilla Commitment is being delivered in practice: what has allowed platforms to mobilise finance at scale, and how international support can be consolidated behind country-led arrangements in delivery of the SPA initiative in the run-up to COP 31.

Positioning within the Dialogue

Thematic area / sector	Financing for development and the Sevilla Commitment; country platforms; investment pipelines and finance mobilisation
Related SPA initiative(s)	"Country-driven approaches to financing sustainable development and climate action"



Key Messages (internal)

- Country platforms are how the SPA Initiative is delivered in practice: national priorities become investable pipelines, managed in a coherent way to mobilise public, private and international finance at scale.
- Development partners, MDBs, FIs, private sector investors are multiplying their impact by consolidating support behind government-led platforms.
- Under the SPA initiative, partners are working towards 10 countries mobilising finance for project pipelines by 2027 and 100 countries implementing INFFs or country platforms by 2030.
- With enhanced country leadership and government owned capacity, the new generation of country platforms can significantly help accelerate financing NDCs and the 2030 agenda.

Objectives

The primary objectives of this session include:

- Showcase the progress of SPA initiative delivered via country platforms.
- Demonstrate the potential of country platforms to scale investment mobilisation with enhanced country leadership and government-owned capacities.
- Identify what enables that scale, including established governance structure, credible pipelines and project preparation, and the instruments, partners and enabling environment required for risk mitigation and capital mobilisation.
- Identify practical ways to consolidate international support behind country-led platforms in delivery of the Sevilla Commitment and the SPA Initiative and in the run-up to COP31.

Participants

- **Developing countries:** Ministries of Finance/ Planning/Environment/Foreign Affairs and other line ministries, National Development Banks, climate/green funds, and other interested public institutes.
- **Financial institutions:** MDBs, FIs and private sector investors.
- **Development partners:** Country Platform Hub, donors, NGOs, philanthropies, and other partners.

• Format

The session will be a moderated panel following high-level opening remarks, lasting 60 minutes. The discussion will proceed in two rounds. The first round will draw out each panelist's experience in success and lessons in delivery SPA initiative and scale finance mobilisation via



launching and operationalise country platforms, with focus on pipeline development, deal making, enabling environment, as well as country ownership and governance structure, with the country representatives speaking first to set the national context, followed by supply side players. The second round will be a brief forward-looking exchange in which each panelist identifies one priority action. An open question and answer segment will follow, and the moderator will close with key takeaways and their link to the Sevilla Commitment, the SPA initiative and COP31.

Agenda

Total duration: 60 minutes

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKERS
2 mins	Welcome and introduction	Moderator: Stefan Raubenheimer , Director of Country Platform Hub
10min	Opening remarks	H.E. Mr. Ahmed Rostom , Minister of Planning and Economic Development of Egypt
35mins	Panel discussion <i>Guiding questions:</i> 1. How have national priorities been turned into investable projects, and how are country ownership, governance and coordination arrangements organised to keep that pipeline moving? What has proved most successful? 2. What signals of pipeline readiness matter most for financiers and investors in deciding to engage? What would allow financing to scale through country platforms, and what support could financiers, investors and development partners offer to countries for that scale to happen? 3. How can partners consolidate their support behind government-led platforms? What can they do differently in short and long term to make their collective support more effective? 4. Looking to COP31 and the delivery of the Sevilla Commitment, what one	Panelists: • Priscila Specie, Senior Advisor in the Infrastructure, Energy Transition and Climate Change Directorate at the Brazilian Development Bank (BNDES) • Perla Noemí Soto Veloz, Head of the Department of Strategic Analysis and Foresight, Ministry of Finance and Economy, Dominican Republic. • Ping Yean Cheah, Senior Partnership Officer, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank • Ricardo Emiliano Salazar Torres, Director of Analysis and Government Relations, Grupo Financiero Banorte • Marta Mulas Alcántara, Directora, Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo (AECID)

	action, by developing countries, MDBs, investors or partners, would most scale financing for climate and development through country platforms?	
10 mins	Questions and comments	Moderator with participants
3 mins	Key takeaways and closing	Moderator

Appendix. Panelists' bio

Priscila Specie



She is Senior Advisor to the Directorate of Infrastructure, Energy Transition, and Climate Change at BNDES. She is a sustainable development expert with experience across international development, the private sector, and public administration. Her career includes serving as Counselor to the Board of Directors at the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and as Head of Public Affairs at Natura. Priscila holds a Bachelor of Laws, a Master's in Political Science, and a Ph.D. in Law from the University of São Paulo (USP), as well as an MSc in Sustainable Development from Sciences Po Paris.

Perla Noemí Soto Veloz



She is an economist holding master's degrees in Applied Economics and in Public Policy and Development. She possesses a strong professional background spanning public policy management, development agendas, and development finance; the preparation of national and international reports; and the provision of technical assistance in sustainable development. Her experience also includes economic and financial consulting, as well as work within the health insurance sector. Furthermore, she has represented the Dominican State before international organizations—such as the UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, and the European Union—contributing to studies on topics including youth, the labor market, migration, and sustainable tourism.

Ping Yean Cheah



He is a Senior Partnerships Officer at Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB). Ping currently serves as lead officer for the Bank's resource mobilisation efforts with multi-laterals and bilaterals in North America and Europe. He is also responsible for forging partnerships that lead to structuring of innovative financing instruments. He has over 20 years of professional work experience with both public and private sectors in facilitating cross-border investments in special economic zones.

He graduated with a First Class Honours degree in Education from the University of Surrey, United Kingdom (UK). He holds a M. Sc. in Islamic Finance from INCEIF and attended the Advanced Economics and Management Programme at Trinity Hall, University of Cambridge, UK in

2014. He is also a “green” building assessor with GreenRE, a leading “green” building certification body in Malaysia.

Ricardo Emiliano Salazar Torres



He is Director of Government Relations and Analysis at Banorte. He has 19 years of experience as a federal and local government official and 11 years in the financial sector, specializing in public finance, budgeting, transparency, internal control, sustainable financing, public policy, public opinion, and the legislative process. He holds degrees in Economics and Political Science from Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México. He is also a graduate of IPADE Business School's programs in Management Development, People Management, and Strategic Focus, and holds postgraduate qualifications in local public finance from Instituto Nacional de Administración Pública and Universidad Anáhuac.

Marta Mulas Alcántara



She is the Director of Financial Cooperation and General Manager of the Spanish Fund for Sustainable Financing (FEDES), AECID

A Trade Specialist and State Economist, she holds a bachelor's degree in economics from the Autonomous University of Madrid and a Diploma of Advanced Studies from its PhD program in Economics. She also pursued graduate studies at the University of Missouri–Columbia, where she completed the first year of the doctoral program.

She has built her career within the Spanish Public Administration and international organizations, accumulating more than twenty years of experience in international finance, public economics, development finance, multilateral coordination, climate funds, and European affairs.

Before joining AECID in October 2025, she served as Senior Advisor at the General Secretariat of the Treasury and International Financing of the Ministry of Economy, Enterprise, and Trade. She also represented Spain on



the Boards of the main multilateral climate funds: the Green Climate Fund (GCF), the Climate Investment Funds (CIF), and the Global Environment Facility (GEF).

Earlier in her career, she worked as an Advisor at the International Monetary Fund (IMF), participating in Executive Board meetings. She also served as Senior Advisor for G20 economic and financial affairs at the Ministry of Economy, Enterprise, and Trade, as well as for European economic and financial affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union, and Cooperation.

Stefan Raubenheimer



He is currently the Director of the Country Platforms Hub (CPH).

As such he facilitates the Secretariat of the Hub which represents the activities of 5 partners working to assist countries in setting up Country Platforms: the NDC Partnership, the Green Climate Fund, the Global Capacity Building Coalition, and the Finance in Common.

The Secretariat is responsible to the CPH Steering Committee co-chaired by the COP30 presidency, the V20 and the COFMCA, together with 6 other developing country leads. The Hub is hosted by the African Climate Foundation

Stef has been working on climate and development for over 25 years, and has led numerous major transnational programmes and institutions. He works from Cape Town, South Africa.