



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

Advancing Sevilla Platform for Action initiatives at country level

Session 3.3 From Recovery to Resilience: Unlocking Financing in a World of Rising Risk

Date and time	28 October, 14:45 to 15:50
Location	Meliá Avenida América, Tenerife II (Hybrid Format)
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Background

The *Financing the SDGs Dialogue 2026* will take place 26-30 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, private sector and financial institutions, and IFIs, financial institutions and investors, FfD4-related platforms, UN entities, academia, development partners and civil society.

Session Overview

This session asks what it takes for crisis-affected and at-risk countries to set and lead their own financing priorities for recovery and resilience, and how partners can align behind these objectives, including through the Recovery and Resilience Financing Platform (RRFP). Discussion will draw on the experience of governments that are integrating crisis recovery and resilience into their financing strategies and reforms, and on the partners working with them to mobilize public and private finance at each stage of the crisis cycle.



As countries face more frequent, prolonged and interconnected crises, there is growing pressure to safeguard development gains while responding to immediate shocks. Deadly conflict, climate-related disasters, health emergencies, economic instability, and forced displacement increasingly overlap, creating financing challenges that traditional development and crisis financing architectures were not designed to address.

The Sevilla Commitment recognizes this, highlighting that the world is facing growing systemic risks and that crises are increasing demands on limited resources. Meeting this moment requires adapting our financing tools, solutions and instruments to the specific realities of fragile, conflict and crisis-affected settings and ensuring financing is aligned with recovery and resilience priorities. It also requires stronger coordination between governments, development partners, IFIs, DFIs, investors and domestic financial actors, as well as better alignment between development, humanitarian, climate and peacebuilding actors.

It is in this context that the RRFP was established as a Sevilla Platform for Action initiative. Led by Spain and UNDP, the RRFP brings together a diverse coalition of 17 partners and observers around a shared goal: to improve the coherence, effectiveness and impact of financing for recovery and resilience in crisis-affected and at-risk contexts.

This session will explore how the RRFP can best support country-led efforts to finance recovery and resilience, starting from what governments themselves identify as their most pressing constraints. Drawing on concrete country examples, the discussion will examine which financing solutions are most needed, how they can be adapted to the specific market, institutional and risk conditions of each context, and how partners can come together behind national priorities.

Objectives

The primary objectives of this session are to:

- **Understand the financing constraints and priorities that governments identify for recovery and resilience**, drawing on the experience of countries integrating crisis considerations into their financing strategies and reforms, and exchanging lessons among peers facing similar challenges.
- **Identify the financing solutions most needed at each stage of the crisis cycle**, and explore how public finance reforms, risk financing, private sector investment and blended finance approaches can be adapted to the specific market, institutional and risk conditions of each context.
- **Strengthen alignment among partners behind national priorities**, examining how governments, development partners, IFIs, DFIs, investors and domestic financial actors can combine public and private finance more effectively and work together rather than in parallel, including through the RRFP and other SPA initiatives.
- **Agree on concrete ways to take the RRFP's work forward together**, including priority entry points for country-level engagement and the contributions that partners are ready to make, which will feed into the wider conclusions of the Dialogue.

Session Format



The session will follow a roundtable format that prioritizes dialogue. The moderator will open by framing the discussion within the Dialogue's focus on country-led implementation of the Sevilla Commitment and introducing the RRFP and its objectives. Invited speakers will then offer brief interventions. Government representatives and national institutions will set out their main constraints and priorities for financing recovery and resilience, followed by partners, who will reflect on how their instruments can be adapted, and where they can work together rather than in parallel.

The session will then open into an interactive exchange among all participants around the table, focused on how partners can align behind the priorities raised and what concrete steps could be taken forward through the RRFP.

Agenda

5 minutes	Welcome & Introduction	• Mr. Christian Freres, Senior Expert, Humanitarian Action Directorate, AECID (<i>Moderator</i>)
5 minutes	Opening Remarks	• Ms. Maria Garcia, Deputy Assistant Director, Humanitarian Contexts & Diplomacy, AECID
60 minutes	Roundtable Discussion The roundtable discussion will begin with countries and partners sharing their perspectives on financing for recovery and resilience, followed by an interactive discussion.	Featured Speakers • Ms. Yasmine Ahmed, Senior Climate Finance Advisor, Ministry of Finance, Federal Government of Somalia • Mr. Habib Ur Rehman Mayar, Deputy General Secretary, the g7+ Secretariat • Mr. Mahat Ahmed, Vice President of the Horn of Africa, Shuraako Capital • Mr. Colin Buckley, Managing Director and General Counsel, BII • Mr. Marko Davila, Senior Social Development Specialist (Fragility and Conflict), European Investment Bank (EIB) • Ms. Cushla Thompson, Lead Economist and Policy Analyst, Conflict, Crisis and Fragility, OECD
5 minutes	Closing & Next Steps	• Ms. Piper Hart, Lead Advisor, Crisis Finance, UNDP