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

Advancing Sevilla Platform for Action initiatives at country level

State of implementation of the Sevilla Commitment

Date and time

Day 1 – 27 of October 2026 11:15–12:30

Background

One and a half years ago, world leaders came together in Sevilla, Spain, to adopt the Sevilla Commitment, a renewed global framework for financing for development. The Sevilla Commitment sets out actions to catalyze investment at scale for sustainable development, to address the debt and development crisis, and to reform the international financial architecture. It carefully balances domestic and international action: it puts country leadership at the heart of the agenda, but also recognizes that a supportive international enabling environment is indispensable for country progress.

Implementation of the Sevilla Commitment is advancing across all action areas, often supported by the initiatives of the Sevilla Platform for Action. But the global picture is nonetheless concerning: rising fragmentation and trade tensions, shrinking official development assistance and tepid global growth have all contributed to significant headwinds to sustainable development financing. The adoption of the Sevilla Commitment had provided a much-needed boost to multilateralism and the advancement of the 2030 Agenda. But the global context has remained challenging since then, with new shocks straining public balance sheets and trade and investment flows.

Full and timely implementation of the Sevilla Commitment is thus more important than ever, to advance in five key areas: scaling up financing and investment to close financing gaps, with a focus on sustainable development impact; investing in resilience, including through stronger domestic institutions, to protect impact in the face of more frequent shocks; strengthening institutions and cooperation at national and regional levels; and continuing to invest in multilateralism, while giving countries the policy space to pursue their own development pathways.

In this session, participants will discuss the state of implementation of the Sevilla Commitment. Identifying where implementation of the Sevilla Commitment has advanced, and where it has



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stalled, will help clarify what the international community still needs to deliver for country-led strategies to succeed.

Objectives

The primary objectives of this session include:

- *Take stock of progress in implementing the Sevilla Commitment at the global level*
- *Examine how global implementation efforts and challenges support or constrain country efforts to mobilize financing and investment for the SDGs*

Guiding Questions

- *What progress has been made at the global level in implementing the Sevilla Commitment since its adoption?*
- *Which global challenges currently pose the greatest obstacles to implementing the Sevilla Commitment?*
- *In a context of repeated shocks and crises, what are the key reform priorities in the international financial, debt, development cooperation and tax architectures that can create a truly enabling international environment to support national efforts to finance the SDGs?*

Proposed Agenda

Duration: 1 hour

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKERS
[3 mins]	Welcome and framing of the session	Moderator: Shari Spiegel, Director, Financing for Sustainable Development Office (FSDO), DESA
[15 mins]	Keynote speaker	Joseph Stiglitz, University Professor, Columbia University
[35 mins]	Panel discussion: Progress and challenges to implementing the Sevilla Commitment on the global level	• Victoria Tur Gómez, Director, Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation • Chola Milambo, Ambassador/Permanent Representative of the Republic of Zambia to the United Nations • Vitalice Meja, Coordinator, Reality of Aid Network Africa, and Co-Chair, CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE)
[2 mins]	Closing remarks	Moderator: Shari Spiegel, Director, Financing for Sustainable Development Office (FSDO), DESA



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Participants (audience)

- *Governments, Development Agencies, Multilateral organizations, MDBs, Civil Society, Private Sector with an interest in global FFD progress.*
- *No audience participation and Q&A expected given the limited time for this session.*