

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

Advancing Sevilla Platform for Action initiatives at country level

Commitments and the role of the Sevilla Platform for Action Initiatives

Date and time	<i>Day 1 – 27 of October 2026 17:15 – 18:45</i>
Location	<i>Plenary room</i>
Organisers	<i>UNDP – Government of Spain, UN DESA</i>

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, implementation efforts have been advancing across all action areas, despite a very challenging global context. In many cases, these efforts are led by initiatives of the Sevilla Platform for Action (SPA). The SPA, which brings together 129 voluntary, high-impact initiatives led by governments and a broad range of development, financial and other partners, translates the Sevilla Commitment into concrete action and implementation on the ground. Its initiatives provide practical vehicles to mobilize resources, strengthen country capacity, address financing and debt constraints, and improve coordination across the financing system.

The first SPA progress report, launched at the 2026 Financing for Development (FFD) Week in New York in April, noted that 105 initiatives had reported updates, including financing results totalling over \$1 billion mobilized. Across 15 events during the week, partners from governments, international organizations, development banks, the private sector and civil society took stock of this progress and set priorities for the Platform's next phase. A consistent message was the need to strengthen coordination and synergies among initiatives to avoid fragmentation, and to anchor collaboration in national priorities.

This Dialogue responds directly to this call, as well as to countries' demand for a structured, technical space where practitioners leading financing reforms can exchange experiences, solve problems together, and connect their work with relevant SPA initiatives and other supporting partnerships. By bringing together SPA initiatives working on relevant aspects of the Sevilla Commitment, the Dialogue offers an opportunity to explore complementarities, work together more systematically, and enhance their collective impact in response to country needs and priorities.

The emphasis on country-leadership and country-ownership embodied as a foundational pillar of the renewed global financing framework in the Sevilla Commitment is reflected across the SPA. Many SPA initiatives reinforce the leadership of national and territorial institutions on financing priorities at the country level – and aligning international support and different sources of finance behind these priorities. Initiatives such as *Country-driven Approaches to Financing Sustainable Development and Climate Action*, the *Global Financing Playbook*, and *Integrated Finance for Development, Climate and Nature* put countries in the driver's seat, connecting national development, climate and nature priorities with financing strategies, investment pipelines and country platforms, and better coordinating public, private and international sources of finance around those priorities. Other SPA initiatives support integrated, country-led approaches to financing key thematic priorities, from addressing hunger and poverty to investing in care for equality and prosperity, investing in recovery and resilience, driving country-leadership at the regional level or supporting subnational leadership on financing.

This country-led approach also runs through the SPA initiatives focused on public and private finance. On the public finance side, initiatives address domestic resource mobilisation, fiscal systems and the capacity of governments to direct resources towards national priorities through initiatives such as the *Public Finance for SDGs Collaborative* and *Tax Inspectors Without Borders 2.0*, on financing gender equality, jobs and social protection, and effective taxation for high-net-worth individuals.

On private finance, various SPA initiatives focus on building and enabling environment and overcoming the practical barriers that prevent country priorities from translating into investment at scale. Initiatives such as *PISTA*, *timbuktoo*, the *LAC Facility for Financing Resilient Human Development* and the *ImpactWorks Alliance* seek to strengthen project pipelines, investment readiness and enabling environments while mobilising private capital alongside public resources.

This high-level session will showcase select SPA initiatives that are supporting and responding to country-leadership on financing, encompassing integrated financing frameworks, public finance and private finance. It will set the foundation for the technical discussions on days 2 and 3 of the dialogue which break out into deep-dive discussions on progress one year on from the launch of the SPA and questions of how to accelerate and enhance their implementation moving forward. The insights from these discussions, and the work they spark in the coming months, will feed into the 2027 FFD Week, linking country-level implementation with the global FFD follow-up process.

Positioning within the Dialogue

Thematic area / sector	N/A
Related SPA initiative(s)	All SPA initiatives
Key Messages (internal)	• <i>The Sevilla Platform for Action is delivering early results in its first year, turning the Sevilla Commitment into country-led action.</i> • <i>SPA initiatives deliver more impact when they join forces and do not work in silos.</i> • <i>SPA initiatives work best when they build on national and local financing systems and UN coordination structures at regional and country levels.</i>

Objectives

The primary objectives of this session include:

- Demonstrate the value of the Sevilla Platform for Action as a vehicle for country-led implementation of the Sevilla Commitment
- Draw out practical lessons on what helps initiatives deliver at scale, including collaboration across initiatives and working through national and local financing systems
- Generate ideas to inform the technical discussions on days 2 and 3 and the Platform's next phase

Guiding Questions

- *What progress have the initiatives of the Sevilla Platform for Action made in their first year? What will it take to move from early results of various initiatives to delivering at scale and in line with the ambition of the Sevilla Commitment?*
- *How can the Platform itself help the initiatives fulfil their potential?*
- *How can SPA initiatives work together more systematically to avoid fragmentation and increase their collective impact? Drawing on your experience, where do you see complementarities with other initiatives and what form could the collaboration take?*

Proposed Agenda

Duration: 90 minutes

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKERS
[2 mins]	Welcome and framing of the session	Moderator: Tom Beloe, Director Sustainable Finance Hub, UNDP
[5 mins]	Opening remarks	Cristina Díaz Fernández-Gil, Ambassador-at-large for Financing for Development, Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs
[8 mins]	Presentation: progress of the initiatives of the Sevilla Platform for Action	Oliver Schwank, Chief, Policy Analysis and Development Branch, Financing for Sustainable Development Office, UN DESA
[70 mins]	Panel presentations and moderated discussion: SPAs in focus during the Financing the SDGs Dialogue	Hon. Seedy Keita, Minister Finance and Economic Affairs, The Gambia Sébastien Vauzelle, Head, Local 2030 Coalition Hazel Granger, Senior Research Fellow, ODI Global
[5 mins]	Closing remarks	Moderator

Participants (audience)

- Governments, Development Agencies, Multilateral organisations, MDBs, Civil Society, Private Sector with an interest in SPA initiatives

Annex: SPAs in focus at the 2026 Financing the SDGs Dialogues

Integrated financing

- [Country-driven approaches to financing sustainable development and climate action](#)
- [Integrated Finance for Development, Climate and Nature](#)
- [Building better integrated finance for SDG 1 and 2](#)
- [Global financing playbook – fostering collaboration across finance and development institutions](#)
- [Localizing finance to drive systemic impact for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda](#)

- [Integrated approach to capacity building for financing sustainable development](#)
- [Investing in care for Equality and Prosperity: A Global Initiative to Advance Gender-Responsive Financing for Development](#)
- [Recovery & Resilience Financing Platform](#)
- [LAC Facility for Financing Resilient Human Development](#)

Public finance

- [Public finance collaborative](#)
- [Tax inspectors without borders 2.0](#)
- [Effective Taxation of High-Net-Worth Individuals. Taxes on the Super Rich](#)
- [Financing for gender equality: a multistakeholder partnership for action](#)
- [Unlocking Social Protection Financing: connecting global advocacy to national implementation](#)
- [Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection for Just Transitions](#)
- [2030 Pact for Effective Development Co-operation](#)

Private finance

- [Platform for investment support and technical assistance \(PISTA\)](#)
- [ImpactWorks Alliance](#)
- [Timbuktoo Initiative](#)