



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

Advancing Sevilla Platform for Action initiatives at country level

Country-Led Approaches to Financing through Integrated National Financing Frameworks

Date and time	28 October, 09:00–10:30 (Madrid Time)
Location	Toledo III & IV (Level 3), Meliá Avenida América, Madrid
Organisers	UNDP Sustainable Finance Hub, The Government of Spain, INFF Facility

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 \(SPA\)](#) with relevant [SPA initiatives](#), 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.

As countries deal with constrained fiscal space, rising debt, fluctuating private investment, and deepening climate crises, strong national leadership in mobilizing and aligning finance for sustainable development is critical. [Integrated National Financing Frameworks \(INFFs\)](#) have been

increasingly used as a country-led approach by governments to structure financing strategies and relevant policy, instrument and institutional reforms that attract and scale the necessary investments for their National Development Plans (NDPs), Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), and National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), among others. To date, 90 countries are using the INFF approach to strengthen finance for development and climate action. Among them, over 70 countries are implementing more than 260 reforms, and 31 national and subnational governments have operationalized a financing strategy. This represents significant progress, and accelerating these country-led efforts through collective action and partnership will be crucial to reaching the SPA target of 100 countries implementing their financing strategies, INFFs or country platforms for NDPs, NDCs and NBSAPs with financing for project pipelines from a broad range of public, private and philanthropic sources by 2030.

This high-level session will showcase the political momentum and tangible progress of country-led financing approaches including INFFs and the transformative reforms being catalyzed to unlock impactful public and private finance. It will feature high-level representatives from pioneering countries who will share their experiences in using integrated financing approaches to build broad partnerships, align diverse financing sources, and achieve development and climate outcomes for a country-led agenda. This session directly advances the SPA initiative on "Country-driven approaches to financing sustainable development and climate action" and sets the stage for the day's subsequent technical deep-dives on public finance, private investment and capital, and financing strategies and country platforms.

Positioning within the Dialogue

Thematic area / sector	<i>INFF, with links to tax & domestic resource mobilization, debt, climate & nature, public financial management, capital markets, private finance, etc.</i>
Related SPA initiative(s)	<i>"Country-driven approaches to financing sustainable development and climate action (INFFs)", "Public Finance for SDGs Collaborative", "Global Financing Playbook", "Investment Accelerator", "PISTA".</i>
Key Messages	<i>Country-led financing approaches are delivering concrete results, mobilizing and aligning finance for national development priorities. Strong country leadership is critical to unlocking financing for sustainable development. The Sevilla Platform for Action provides opportunities of critical support to scale up country-led financing solutions and reforms.</i>

Objectives

- To demonstrate high-level political commitment and concrete progress from countries implementing country-led financing approaches, including Integrated National Financing Frameworks*

- To showcase how country-led integrated financing approaches are being used to align public and private finance with national development and climate goals
- To set the stage for the day's subsequent technical deep-dive tracks on public finance, private investment and capital, and financing strategies and country platforms

Proposed Agenda

[90 minutes]

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKERS
[3 mins]	[Welcome and introduction]	Moderator: • Mónica Corrales Rodrigáñez, Director of Sectoral, European, and Multilateral Cooperation, Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID)
[67 mins]	Panel discussion • Round 1: Results and lessons ○ For H.E. Dr. Ahmed Rostom & H.E. Seedy Keita (online): Both of your countries, Egypt and The Gambia, have recently launched or completed your own integrated financing strategy under the approach of Integrated National Financing Framework (INFF). From your country's perspective, what have been the most significant achievements in using an integrated approach across public and private finance, including through INFF, to finance your national development and climate priorities? ○ For H.E. Tatiana Amarán Bogachova: From Cuba's experience, particularly in the energy sector, how can the public sector strategically deploy enabling public finance for priority investment and also to lower risk barriers and crowd in private capital for domestic development priorities? ○ For Salma Gabriela Rincón Rodríguez: Based on Mexico's practices, can you share with us how the public sector can strategically leverage public policies and innovative financial instruments to	-Moderator: 10 min in total to pose questions across two rounds. -Panelists: 54 min in total for two rounds of interventions (4.5 min per intervention). -Moderator's closing summary: 3 min. Moderator: • Mónica Corrales Rodrigáñez Panelists: • H.E. Dr. Ahmed Rostom, Minister of Planning and Economic Development, Egypt • H.E. Seedy Keita (online), Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs, The Gambia • H.E. Tatiana Amarán Bogachova, Vice Minister of Energy and Mines, Cuba • Salma Gabriela Rincón Rodríguez, Director of ESG Control and Monitoring, Ministry of Finance, Mexico • Irisolange Verdades, Executive Administrator, Angolan Investment Bank (BAI) • Sally Torbert, Global Lead, Policy and Research, International Budget Partnership (IBP)

	<i>mobilize and align public and private finance for national sustainable development priorities?</i> ○ For Irisolange Verdades: From your perspective as a key player in Angola's financial sector, what elements within your country (e.g., established and growing investment pipelines, policy coherence and predictability) are most effective at attracting private capital to sustainable national development? ○ For Sally Torbert: How can a structured, country-led financing approach help civil society engage more effectively in public budgeting, debt, and investment processes to ensure alignment of national financing with development priorities? ● Round 2: Next steps ○ For Sally Torbert: Based on your organization's practical experiences, how can an international CSO best partner with national CSOs to ensure that country-led financing frameworks are inclusive and accountable to deliver concrete development impacts for local businesses and people? ○ For Irisolange Verdades: In your view, what specific mechanisms or instruments (e.g., blended finance, guarantees, thematic bonds, targeted technical assistance, impact integration) have been most successful in helping the private sector co-invest together with public resources, and how can we scale these up? ○ For senior government speakers H.E. Dr. Ahmed Rostom, H.E. Seedy Keita, H.E. Tatiana Amarán Bogachova and Salma Gabriela Rincón Rodríguez: Looking forward, in a global financing landscape marked by increased uncertainty and risk, what critical support is needed most from the international community, including through the Sevilla Platform for Action initiatives, to scale up country-led financing and deliver tangible sustainable development outcomes on the ground?	
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[20 mins]	<i>[Closing remarks and transition to parallel deep-dive tracks]</i> • <i>Takeaways and introduction of subsequent parallel deep-dive tracks on public finance, private investment and capital, and financing strategies and country platforms</i>	<i>UNDP Sustainable Finance Hub</i> • <i>Tom Beloe, Director</i> • <i>Tim Strawson, Lead Advisor, Integrated National Financing Frameworks and Country Platforms</i> • <i>Orria Goni, Head, Public Finance for SDGs</i> • <i>Marcos Mancini, Senior Sustainable Finance Advisor</i>
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Format

This 90-minute high-level session will set the stage for the day's subsequent technical deep-dives on public finance, private investment and capital, and financing strategies and country platforms.

- Welcome
 - Speaker: Moderator.
 - Focus: Welcome, panel introduction and session objectives.
- Panel discussion
 - Speakers: Moderator with governments, an international CSO and a commercial bank.
 - Focus: Design and implementation of integrated national financing approaches. And enabling public finance, unlocking private investment, and scaling public-private co-investments.
- Closing & transition to subsequent parallel tracks
 - Speakers: UNDP.
 - Focus: Takeaways; and guide transition of the audience to subsequent technical parallel tracks.