



## Overall theme:

### ***“Embarking on the path toward the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development, FfD 4”***

## Monday 22 April

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### **10:00–10:40 Opening session**

Opening and welcome remarks

Keynote addresses: “What can be achieved in FfD4?”

### **10:40–10:45 Presentation of the Financing for Sustainable Development Report**

### **10:45–12:00 Panel discussion 1<sup>1</sup>: The road to FfD 4**

This session will frame the path ahead towards a fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD) in 2025. Participants will discuss financing challenges and identify gaps in policies and global frameworks that must be addressed to achieve the SDGs. This discussion will inform the Summit of the Future and feed into the preparation of the 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Financing for Development.

*Interactive discussion*

### **12:00–13:00 General Debate: “What can be achieved in FfD4?”<sup>2</sup>**

*Statements by participating States*

### **15:00–18:00 Special High-level Meeting with Bretton Woods Institutions, WTO and UNCTAD**

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<sup>1</sup> All panel discussions will include allotted time for interactive discussions featuring interventions from the floor of no more than 2-3 minutes.

<sup>2</sup> Due to the limited time available, time limits (5 minutes for statements on behalf of groups, 3 minutes for national statements and 2 minutes for statements by speakers other than States) will be strictly implemented, including through microphone cutoff, as necessary.

**15:00–15:30** *Statements by intergovernmental representatives*

**15:30–18:00** *Interactive Dialogue between UN Ambassadors and the Executive Directors of World Bank and IMF*

*Topic 1: External debt*

*Topic 2: Reform of the international financial architecture*

## **Tuesday 23 April**

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**10:00–11:30**      **Panel discussion 2: Domestic public resources**

This session will address key issues related to domestic resource mobilization, international tax cooperation, and illicit financial flows. Participants will discuss efforts to strengthen domestic resource mobilization following setbacks during the pandemic, amid a changing tax mix and technological innovations. Discussions will include issues related to tax administration, public financial management and combatting illicit financial flows. With the establishment of an ad hoc intergovernmental committee mandated to develop draft terms of reference for a UN framework convention on international tax cooperation, discussions will also address how to promote inclusive and effective international tax cooperation at the UN.

*Interactive discussion*

**11:30–13:00**      **Panel discussion 3: Domestic and international private business and finance**

This session will help build a new narrative for the role of the private sector in financing sustainable development. The discussion will feature the activities of the Global Investors for Sustainable Development (GISD) Alliance and launch its workstreams on blended finance and managing local currency risk in investments.

*Interactive discussion*

**15:00–16:30**      **Panel discussion 4: International development cooperation**

The COVID-19 pandemic, the war in Ukraine and the food, fuel and climate crises are placing unprecedented demands on international development cooperation. The global financing landscape has also changed since the adoption of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, making it increasingly complex to navigate, and calling for urgent action to boost international development cooperation and strengthen its effectiveness. This session will consider what international development cooperation should look like to support sustainable development and ensure the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. The discussion will touch on a broad range of issues and actors, including multilateral development bank reform,

strengthening the public development bank system and official development assistance in the face of multiple global crises.

*Interactive discussion*

**16:30–18:00**      **General debate: “What can be achieved in FfD4?”<sup>3</sup>**

## **Wednesday 24 April**

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**10:00–11:30**      **Panel Discussion 5: International trade as an engine for development**

This session will analyze the significant changes in international trade dynamics that have taken place since the adoption of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda. In view of the marked lack of progress in the growth and diversification of exports from developing countries, particularly those dependent on primary commodities, the session will assess innovative strategies and policy actions needed to improve commodity-dependent countries' position in international markets.

*Interactive discussion*

**11:30–13:00**      **Panel discussion 6: Debt and debt sustainability**

In the context of a changing global macro-financial landscape, this session will look at the drivers of debt and debt vulnerabilities, progress in debt crisis prevention and resolution, and remaining gaps and solutions for the sovereign debt architecture. Innovative debt instruments e.g. debt for nature/climate swaps and state-contingent debt instruments may also be addressed in this session.

*Interactive discussion*

**15:00–16:30**      **Panel discussion 7: Addressing systemic issues**

This session will focus on the recent evolution of the global financial safety net, its outstanding gaps, and the measures needed to strengthen it. Global economic governance and the position of developing countries in economic decision-making will be also explored.

*Interactive discussion*

**16:30–18:00**      **General debate: “What can be achieved in FfD4?”<sup>4</sup>**

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## Thursday 25 April

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### **10:00–11:30 Panel discussion 8: Science, technology, innovation and capacity-building**

This session will assess the potential of emerging technologies to accelerate technological catching up and to close technological divides. Means to achieve this through trade and technology transfer, intellectual property rights and competition policy, including via the Technology Facilitation Mechanism and Technology Bank for the Least Developed Countries, will be considered.

*Interactive discussion*

### **11:30–13:00 Integrated National Financing Frameworks (INFFs): Taking stock of national-level progress**

Building on the growing momentum for the demand and support for Integrated National Financing Frameworks (INFFs) implementation, this session will provide: 1) a forum to share experiences and lessons learned by countries that are developing INFFs and to report back to ECOSOC on INFF progress as part of their follow-up to the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, and 2) for the international community to explore how to make use of INFFs to align its support with national priorities and plans.

*Interactive discussion*

### **15:00–16:00 General debate: “What can be achieved in FfD4?”<sup>5</sup>**

### **16:00–16:30 Leading the process towards FfD 4**

In this session, the co-chairs of the Preparatory Committee for the fourth International Conference on Financing for Development will reflect on the path ahead.

### **16:30–18:00 Closing of the Forum**

*Adoption of the Outcome Document*

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