

Call for Inputs for an Elements Paper on Financing for Development

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On 22 December 2023, Member States decided, in resolution 78/231 of the General Assembly, to convene a Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD 4). The Conference will take place in Seville, Spain from 30 June – 3 July 2025. It is mandated to assess progress in implementation of the Financing for Development outcomes, most recently the 2015 Addis Ababa Action Agenda, identifying obstacles and constraints encountered in the achievement of the goals and objectives agreed therein, as well as actions and initiatives to overcome these constraints, and to address new and emerging issues, in the context of the urgent need to accelerate implementation of the 2030 Agenda and to support reform of the international financial architecture.

To support substantive preparations for the Conference, the Co-Facilitators of the Outcome Document invite Member States, in their national capacity and as groups, and other stakeholders to provide substantive inputs. These inputs will inform the Co-Facilitators in their preparation of an elements paper, which will put forward potential elements of the Outcome Document of the Conference, with a focus on substantive recommendations rather than specific language. It will guide deliberations at the second meeting of the preparatory committee, to be held from 3-6 December 2024 in New York, and the subsequent preparation of the zero draft of the Outcome Document.

In preparing your inputs, please refer to the following guiding questions: *“What are the key financing policy reforms and solutions that the fourth International Conference on Financing for Development should deliver? How could the Conference strengthen the follow-up process, to ensure accountability to and full implementation of commitments made?”* For the input, financing policy challenges discussed in the first session of the preparatory committee in Addis Ababa, and related assessments of progress and challenges¹ can be referred to.

We encourage you to adopt a forward-looking and action-oriented focus in your submissions, and to take national, regional and global perspectives into account. We also suggest that you structure your input along the following lines:

- I. A global financing framework (including cross-cutting issues)
- II. Action areas
 - a. Domestic public resources
 - b. Domestic and international private business and finance
 - c. International development cooperation
 - d. International trade as an engine for development
 - e. Debt and debt sustainability
 - f. Addressing systemic issues
 - g. Science, technology, innovation and capacity building
- III. Emerging issues
- IV. Data, monitoring and follow-up
- V. Overarching reflections

¹ Including the 2024 Financing for Sustainable Development Report and prior annual reports of the Inter-agency Task Force on FfD, the annual SDG reports, and other relevant reports.

Kindly note that this suggested structure of the input follows the action areas of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, while also creating space for reflecting on new and emerging issues, such as growing systemic risks. This structure serves to facilitate a timely processing of all inputs but will not prejudge the structure of the Outcome Document of the Conference.

Submission of written inputs must be limited to no **more than 4,000 words**.

Please send inputs to ffd4@un.org by **15 October 2024 COB EST**. Once the deadline has passed, the submissions will be posted, in their original language, on the Conference website. The Co-facilitators will then use the submissions, as well as presentations and discussions at the multistakeholder hearings on 28 October, as inputs in their preparation of the elements paper, with a view to publish it in a timely manner ahead of the second session of the preparatory committee, by **15 November 2024**.