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Modalities of the multi-stakeholder round tables of the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development

The Preparatory Committee for the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development, recalling General Assembly resolutions 78/271 of 11 April 2024, in which the Assembly decided to convene the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development in Spain from 30 June to 3 July 2025 at the highest possible level, including Heads of State or Government, relevant ministers, including ministers for finance, foreign affairs and development cooperation and special representatives and other representatives, as appropriate, based on a programme of work consisting of eight plenary meetings and six multi-stakeholder round tables to be held concurrently with the plenary meetings, except during the opening and closing plenary meetings, *approves* the modalities for the multi-stakeholder round tables as set forth in the annex to the present decision.

Annex

Modalities of the multi-stakeholder round tables of the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development

1. The Conference will include six multi-stakeholder round tables, held in parallel with the plenary meetings, as follows: 30 June 2025, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. 1 July 2025, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. 2 July 2025, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. 3 July 2025, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;
2. The Bureau of the Preparatory Committee will be entrusted to finalize the themes of the interactive dialogues, in consultation with Member States and with the support of the Secretariat.
3. Each round table will be co-chaired by two Chairs, one from a developed State and one from a developing State, to be appointed by the President of the Conference from among the Heads of State or Government and ministers attending the Conference. The Secretariat will invite expressions of interest of high-level representatives of participating States in serving as Co-Chairs of the round tables in advance of the Conference.
4. The Secretary-General of the Conference will identify up to four panelists and two discussants and a moderator for each of the round tables. The keynote address and panel presentations will be followed by an interactive debate among States and other relevant stakeholders.
5. The round tables will be interactive and multi-stakeholder in nature, with due regard for gender and geographical balance, and each round table will be open to participation by representatives of all participating States, up to 30 representatives of observers, relevant entities of the United Nations system and other accredited intergovernmental organizations and international bodies, up to 20 representatives of accredited non-governmental organizations and other relevant stakeholders; and encourages participating States and other participants to be represented at the round tables at the highest possible level;
6. At the discretion of the Co-Chairs of the round tables, priority in the order of speakers will be given to those speaking at the level of Head of State or Government or at the ministerial level, followed by high-level representatives of other stakeholders. The high-level thematic round-table sessions should aim to achieve a balance between speakers from participating States and stakeholders. It is envisaged that up to 25 States and 8 other participants would be accommodated to speak during the interactive debate of each session. In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions should not exceed three minutes. The time limit will be strictly implemented, including, as necessary, through microphone cut-off after a short grace period.
7. Designated seating will be assigned to those participating States and the European Union, intergovernmental organizations and organizations of the United Nations system and stakeholders that are reflected on a pre-established list of speakers to be prepared for each round table, based on advance expressions of interest. Details on how to express interest in intervening in the round tables will be announced on the e-deleGATE portal and the United Nations Journal in advance of the Conference.
8. Each of the round tables will begin with statements by the Co-Chairs of the round tables. A summary of each of the roundtables will be presented orally by one of the Co-Chairs at the closing plenary meeting and will be included in the final report of the Conference.