

**First session of the Preparatory Committee for the fourth International Conference
on Financing for Development**

**Notes from UN DESA: Side Event on “Advancing Climate Resilient Development Cooperation
through Just Financing”**

Monday, 23 July 2024, 13:15-14:30

Short summary

The session highlighted the urgency of increased international financing for development while encouraging cooperation between different actors. Egypt’s Minister of Planning, Economic Development and International Cooperation raised the importance of South-South cooperation in exchanging lessons on mobilizing climate finance, especially by leveraging the knowledge of countries the most impacted by the negative externalities of climate change.. Panelists pointed out the importance and challenge of attracting the private sector to help meet the huge financing gaps. Private sector speakers noted that the main concern to achieve this level of financing was risk mitigation, which could be achieved via decreased interest rates and avoiding institutional investment barriers while providing guarantees. Panelists also welcomed certain financial instruments such as resilient green bonds, but noted their scale was insufficient to attract enough development, emphasizing the infrastructure deficit in Africa. On top of this, the existing low levels of funding were not always going to the sector the most in need, with a disproportionate funding of sectors that could promote and develop investable projects. Finally, panelists welcomed the upcoming COP29, DCF, and FfD4 as potential opportunities to outline clear strategies to advance the global climate agenda based on past successful strategies for climate financing.

Key messages

- Moving forward with climate-resilient development through fair financing is a moral imperative to ensure those most affected by climate change are not left behind. Vulnerable countries, which emit the least, highlight the need for just, high-impact finance. Leveraging South-South cooperation and knowledge-sharing can foster a sustainable and equitable future for all.
- Despite pledges, climate finance falls short, especially in vulnerable countries. The climate crisis underscores global inequalities, emphasizing the need for climate justice and impactful financial solutions. Sustained investment in climate-resilient projects requires coordinated efforts from governments, multilateral development banks, and the private sector.
- A clear agenda outlining a development funding strategy is crucial to increase liquidity and achieve SDGs. Drawing on successful financing examples, stakeholders agree that preparing an effective roadmap before COP29 will provide the necessary toolkits to secure capital for addressing climate change.