

**Fourth International Conference on
Financing for Development (FFD4)**

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS FORUM

**30 JUNE – 3 JULY 2025
SEVILLE, SPAIN**

ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS FORUM

The International Business Forum will be held from 30 June to 3 July at the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FFD4) in Seville, Spain. Organized by the FFD4 Business Steering Committee, the International Business Forum will be the centrepiece of private sector engagement in the Conference, bringing together global leaders to drive solutions that unlock private finance and investments for sustainable development.

The International Business Forum will include the [SDG Investment Fair](#), a platform for concrete investment opportunities.

It will offer public and private sector leaders across the world an opportunity to:



Engage with Heads of State, Ministers, heads of international finance organizations, and other CEOs and prominent business leaders.



Shape global norms, policies and regulatory frameworks.



Learn about investment opportunities in energy transition, food and water management, and digital transformation.



Showcase your initiatives, projects and commitments as part of the Seville Platform for Action.



PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

TYPES OF SESSIONS

LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

POLICY DIALOGUE

INVESTOR ROUNDTABLE

INNOVATIONS & BEST PRACTICES

DAY 1

LEADERSHIP SUMMIT JUNE 30TH

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LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Opening of the International Business Forum with Heads of States, Ministers, CEOs and global business leaders

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17:30

LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

High-level panel on "From FFD4 outcome to implementation: Unlocking the potential of private capital for the sustainable development."

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MAKING BLENDED FINANCE WORK

Policy dialogue with investors, multilateral and public development banks, and government representatives on ramping up private capital mobilization through risk sharing.

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Sponsored by FFD4 Business Steering Committee



PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

DAY 2

TRANSFORMING THE INVESTMENT ECOSYSTEM JULY 1ST

08:30
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10:00

FUTURE OF DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AND THE ROLE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR

INCENTIVIZING LONG-TERM INVESTMENT BY INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS

Policy dialogue long-term investors including institutional investors and pension funds, governments and regulators.

10:30
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12:00

MAKING FINANCIAL REGULATION FIT-FOR- PURPOSE

Policy dialogue with regulators, supervisors including Central Banks, and governments.

THE ROLE OF BANKING IN FINANCING INCLUSIVE ECONOMIES

Showcasing best practices from banks implementing the Principles for Responsible Banking

12:00
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13:30

CATALYTIC EQUITY AS A TOOL TO UNLOCK INVESTMENT IN EMDEs

Policy dialogue with investors and development finance institutions.

INVESTING IN ENERGY TRANSITION

Investment roundtable showcasing bankable projects in energy solutions

ACCELERATING EMDEs INVESTMENT: THE ROLE OF CREDIT RATINGS

Policy dialogue with credit rating agencies, governments, regulators, and development banks.

13:30
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14:30

LUNCH BREAK

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DAY 2

TRANSFORMING THE INVESTMENT ECOSYSTEM JULY 1ST

14:30

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15:30

REVITALIZING TRADE FINANCE AND GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAINS

Policy dialogue with corporates, banks, development finance institutions and governments.

SOLUTIONS FOR MANAGING CURRENCY RISKS

Policy dialogue with investors, multilateral development banks, governments on solutions to tackle local currency risks.

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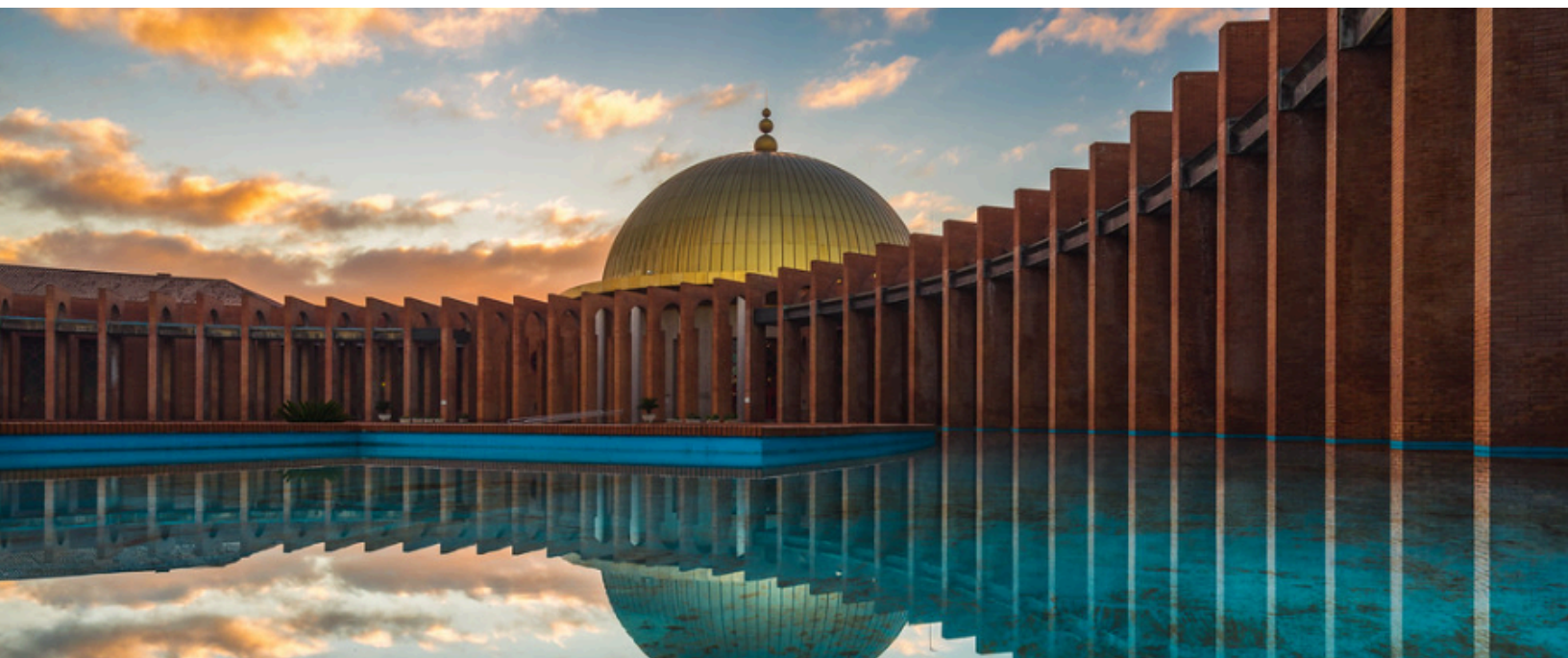
ENABLING THE TRANSITION: GLOBAL AND INTEROPERABLE SUSTAINABLE FINANCE POLICY

3 mini policy dialogues with businesses, governments and standard setters (co-led by UN DESA, UN PRI and UNEP-FI)

RISK SHARING AND CREDIT ENHANCEMENT MECHANISMS

Showcasing successful and tools for risk sharing between public and private sectors.

HIGH-LEVEL EXCHANGE BETWEEN MULTILATERAL DEVELOPMENT BANKS AND PRIVATE SECTOR LEADERS (By invitation only)



PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

DAY 3

IMPACT-DRIVEN BUSINESS MODELS AND INNOVATIONS JULY 2ND

08:30
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10:00

COMMUNITY-LED AND LOCAL BANKING: UNLOCKING LOCAL RESOURCES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

IMPACT INVESTING: FROM PIONEERING INNOVATIONS TO SCALABLE SOLUTIONS

Showcasing examples of innovations in Nature Conservation and Biodiversity, Energy and Food Systems.

10:00
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11:30

SCALING UP SME FINANCE

Policy dialogue with SMEs, policymakers, development finance organizations and banks.

INNOVATIVE DEBT INSTRUMENTS

Showcasing sovereign and corporate SDG bonds and other innovative debt solutions that advance national sustainable development priorities.

11:30
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13:00

IMPACT MANAGEMENT STANDARDS: WHEN INNOVATION MEETS INTEROPERABILITY

Policy dialogue with private sector, governments and standard setters (led by the Impact Management Platform)

UNLOCKING FINANCIAL INCLUSION IN EMERGING MARKETS

Showcasing country-led innovations in blended finance

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14:00

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IMPACT-DRIVEN BUSINESS MODELS AND INNOVATIONS JULY 2ND

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ASIAN LEADERSHIP IN SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENT: ACCELERATING BLENDED AND INNOVATIVE FINANCE IN ASIA

Policy dialogue with impact investors, family offices, governments, MDBs, philanthropies, private sector, industry experts, and financial Institutions.

GENDER AND CHILD LENSES: DRIVING IMPACT FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN INVESTMENT LENSES

IMPACT VALUATION: BEYOND THE FINANCIAL BOTTOM LINE

Showcasing how social and environmental impacts can be priced for informed decision-making

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INVESTING IN SUSTAINABLE FOOD AND WATER MANAGEMENT

Investment roundtable showcasing agriculture, water and sanitation solutions.

THE ROLE OF GEMs STATISTICS IN SUPPORTING INVESTMENTS TO EMDEs

Showcasing the GEMs Consortium and its role in supporting investments in EMDEs.

MISSING MIDDLE OPPORTUNITY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Policy dialogue with governments, investors, and SMEs.

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19:00

DRIVING BUSINESS LEADERSHIP IN SUSTAINABLE FINANCE IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

(By invitation only)

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

DAY 4

DATA, TECHNOLOGY AND DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION JULY 3RD

09:00
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10:30

AI FOR SDGS: CATALYZING PRIVATE SECTOR ENGAGEMENT AND INVESTMENT

Policy dialogue between businesses, regulators, and governments.

10:30
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12:00

DATA-DRIVEN APPROACHES TO ACHIEVING DEVELOPMENT

Policy dialogue with governments,
corporates and thought leaders.

INVESTING IN TECHNOLOGY

Investment roundtable showcasing
digital innovations in education, health
and social systems

12:00
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13:00

CLOSING CEREMONY: *CALL TO ACTION AND WAY FORWARD*

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registration information:



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