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Towards Transformative Outcomes at FfD4: A Dialogue between the International Commission of Experts and Member States
April 30 2025, 10:00-11:30 am CR 8
New York, UNHQ

About the Side Event

This side event will convene a discussion between selected experts from the International Commission of Experts on Financing for Development and representatives of Member States, focusing on two key areas of the FfD4 process: the need for a significant investment push for sustainable development and the reform of the international financial architecture. The objective of the event is to provide a space for constructive dialogue, bringing together the perspectives of both the Commission and member states—examining the challenges identified, the proposals that have been put forward and the state of political negotiations. By fostering this exchange, the event aims to unlock solutions, build a common understanding, and generate political momentum around transformative actions that can shape both the outcome of FfD4 and the broader financing for development agenda moving forward.

Panelists:

- **Mr. José Antonio Ocampo**, Chair of the International Commission of Experts on FfD
- **Ms. Annalisa Prizzon**, Member of the International Commission of Experts on FfD(Virtual)
- **Ms. Jayati Ghosh**, Member of the International Commission of Experts on FfD (Virtual)
- **Ms. Marta Pedrajas Herrero**, Deputy Assistant Director for Multilateral Development Policies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Spain
- **H.E. Ambassador Dave Malcomson**, Chief Director: Economic and Social Development, DIRCO
- **Mr. Vivek Ganesh**, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Singapore to the United Nations

Moderator:

- **Ms. Shari Spiegel**, Director, Financing for Sustainable Development Office, UN DESA

About the International Commission of Experts on FFD

The International Commission of Experts on Financing for Development is composed of 14 distinguished members selected for their outstanding expertise on financing for development issues. Chaired by Professor José Antonio Ocampo, the Commission was established to contribute to the preparatory process of the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4), to be held in Sevilla, Spain.



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The Commission has produced a final report presenting a comprehensive set of recommendations to inform and support all stakeholders engaged in the negotiations and substantive preparations of the FfD4 outcome document. The report offers a wealth of innovative ideas and forward-looking perspectives that are critical for shaping the future of financing for development. This initiative builds on the legacy and lessons of previous International Conferences on Financing for Development and aims to inspire ambitious and actionable outcomes at FfD4.

Program:

10:00 – 10:05 AM | Welcome and Introduction by Shari Spiegel (moderator)

10:05 – 11:00 AM | Dialogue between the International Commission of Experts and Member States

A moderated and interactive conversation featuring:

- **José Antonio Ocampo**, Chair of the International Commission
- **Jayati Ghosh** and **Annalisa Prizzon**, Members of the Commission
- Representatives from **Spain, South Africa, and Singapore**

11:00– 11:15 AM | Audience Q&A: participants from the floor will be invited to pose questions

11:15 – 11:30 AM | Closing Reflections