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UPCOMING

ECOSOC to convene its first Special Meeting on financial integrity



On 4 February 2026, ECOSOC will convene its first Special Meeting on Financial Integrity in UN Headquarters in New York. This meeting is mandated by paragraph 29(c) of the Sevilla Commitment, adopted at the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FFD4). It will provide an inclusive, policy-oriented platform to foster systemic dialogue on combating illicit financial flows. Discussions will focus on strengthening global coordination on the exchange of information and data, and on enhancing enforcement capacities through innovation and technology.

The Special Meeting will bring together Member States, standard-setting bodies, international organizations, financial authorities, private-sector actors, civil society, and academia in a high-level, policy-oriented, and action-focused dialogue. Its outcomes, including a President's summary, will directly inform the 2026 ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development, ongoing negotiations on the UN Framework Convention on International Tax Cooperation, and the work of the UN Convention against Corruption Conference of States Parties, as well as other intergovernmental forums and bodies.

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2026 FSDR Public Briefing on Global Economic Context

A public briefing on the 2026 Financing for Sustainable Development Report will be held on 11 February 2026 in Conference Room at UNHQ, in New York.

The Inter-Agency Task Force on Financing for Development, convened by the Secretary-General to follow up on the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, comprises over 60 United Nations agencies, programmes and offices, regional economic commissions and other relevant international institutions. The Task Force is chaired by Mr. Li Junhua, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs. The Financing for Sustainable Development Office of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs serves as the coordinator and substantive editor, while the major institutional stakeholders of the Financing for Development process, the World Bank Group, IMF, WTO, UNCTAD and UNDP, also take a central role.

The Task Force's mandate, first set out in paragraph 133 of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and further detailed in the 2016 ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development follow-up conclusions and recommendations, has been renewed and reinforced by the Sevilla Commitment, or Compromiso de Sevilla, adopted by consensus at the FFD4 held from 30 June to 3 July 2025.

[View the 2026 FSDR Preparatory Materials](#)

Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) Fourth Session



The United Nations General Assembly has established an Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) to draft a United Nations Framework Convention on International Tax Cooperation and two early protocols.

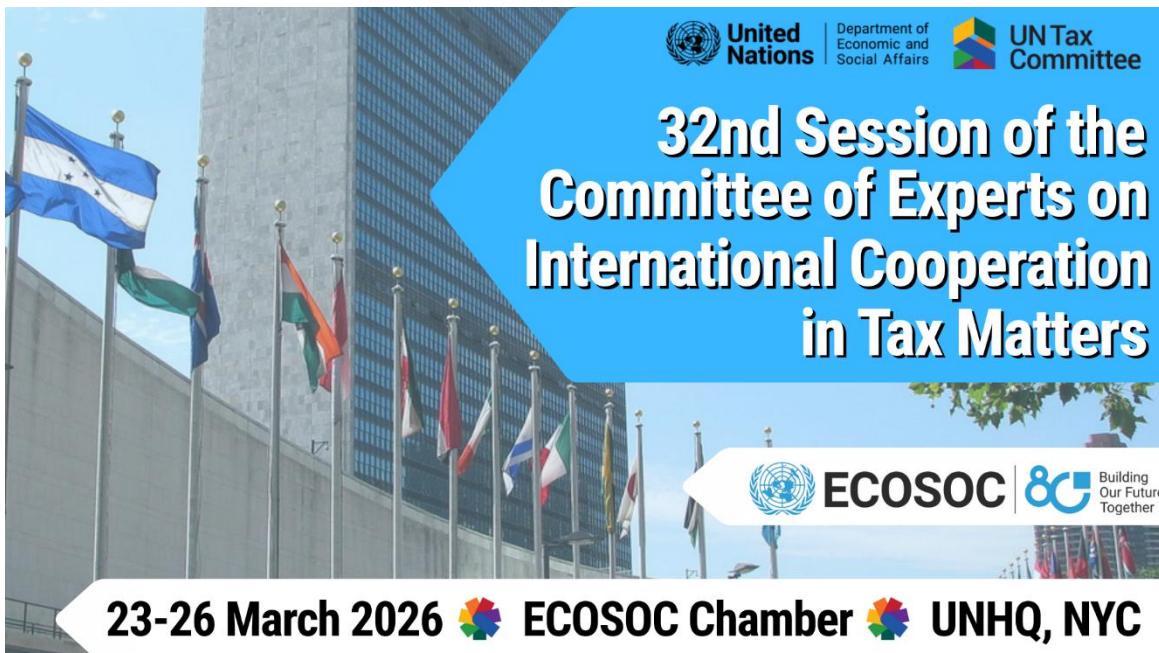
The United Nations Framework Convention on International Tax Cooperation is a proposed international legal instrument aimed at improving global tax cooperation.

This Member State-led process will run from 2025 to 2027, with the aim of developing a framework convention that leads to fully inclusive and more effective international tax cooperation.

The fourth negotiating session will be held from 2-13 February 2026, in Conference Room 3 at UNHQ in New York.

[Read more about the INC](#)

SAVE THE DATE



The 32nd Session of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters will be held at UNHQ in New York on 23-26 March 2026.

The Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters is a subsidiary body of the UN Economic and Social Council, distinguished and globally recognized for its work in norm- and policy-shaping and for the practical guidance provided in the area of international tax cooperation.

The Committee generates practical guidance for governments, tax administrators and taxpayers to help strengthen tax systems, with a view to mobilizing financing for sustainable development.

[View the 32nd Session Event Page](#)



Against the backdrop of growing concerns over the cost of capital for developing countries, ECOSOC will convene a Special Meeting on Credit Ratings on 30 March 2026. Mandated by paragraph 55(a) of the Sevilla Commitment, the meeting will provide a high-level platform for dialogue among Member States, credit rating agencies, regulators, standard setters, long-term investors, and international institutions. Discussions will focus on the relationship between credit ratings and the cost of capital, the need to lengthen the time horizon of ratings and assessments, and ways to boost developing countries' capacity to engage with ratings and assessments.

Expected outcomes include updates on the Secretary-General's engagement with credit rating agencies, enhanced mutual understanding of rating methodologies and their systemic impacts, identification of good practices and capacity-building needs, and a President's summary to inform relevant international follow-up processes, including the 2026 ECOSOC Financing for Development Forum.

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2026 FFD WEEK



ECOSOC Financing
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Forum

SDG Investment Fair

Special High-Level
Meetings

Side Events

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The 2026 ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development Follow-Up (FfD Forum) – a key mechanism of the Financing for Development process, will be held on 20-24 April 2026, following up on the momentum from the landmark Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development in June.

The Forum this year assumes added importance and a critical role in mobilizing momentum and concrete solutions from the 4th International Conference on Financing for Development (FFD4). The event will bring together heads of state and government, ministers and high-level government officials as well as senior officials of international organizations. Civil society organizations, the business sector and local authorities will also be represented.

[View the Financing for Development Forum page](#)

FFD Forum Side Event Registration will open this week

The side events on the margins of the ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development (FFD Forum) and SDG Investment Fair facilitate meaningful knowledge exchange and support the exploration of strategies and partnerships.

Stakeholder registration will open on 30 January 2026 and will close on 10 April 2026.

[Click here for information on Side Event Registration](#)

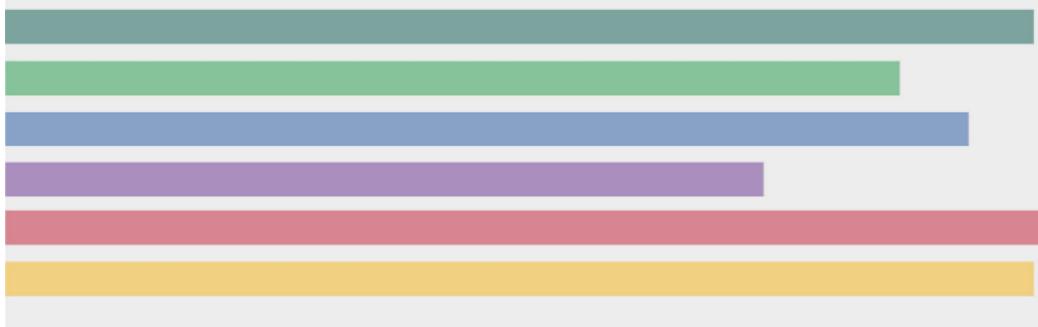
Co-Facilitator's for the FFD Forum Outcome Document appointed

H.E. Mr. Ali Naseer Mohamed, Permanent Representative of the Maldives to the United Nations and H.E. Ms. Anna Jóhannsdóttir, Permanent Representative of Iceland to the United Nations, have been appointed to act as co-facilitators for the preparation of the draft conclusions and recommendations of the 2026 FFD Forum and to facilitate consultations among Member States, with a view to reaching an intergovernmental agreement on that draft.

The Forum will serve as a central pillar of the global follow-up to the Sevilla Commitment, bringing together all key actors responsible for advancing its implementation.



April 21-23, 2026, New York



The 2026 SDG Investment Fair will take place on 20-24 April 2026 at United Nations Headquarters in New York. At the FFD4 conference in Seville over the summer, the special landmark 10th edition brought together leading business actors and senior government officials to co-create win-win solutions and to mobilize SDG aligned investment in emerging markets.

This year's programme will build upon that momentum and feature high-level, solution-driven dialogues, thematic investment roundtables, innovation labs, and networking spaces to foster impactful partnerships.

WORKSHOPS

Virtual Infrastructure Asset Management Workshop held for The Bahamas

On 14th-15th January 2026, FSDO in collaboration with the Office of the Prime Minister (Climate Change & Environmental Advisory Unit), The Bahamas, hosted a virtual sensitization workshop on Climate-Resilient Infrastructure Asset Management for The Bahamas. The sessions sensitized Bahaman government officials and other relevant stakeholders to the principles and benefits of strategic, systems-based infrastructure asset management; and introduced the value and tools to integrating climate resilience into IAM frameworks and practices.

Virtual Infrastructure Asset Management Workshop for Jamaica

FSDO in collaboration with the Ministry of Water, Environment and Climate Change, Jamaica hosted a virtual online sensitization workshop on Climate-Resilient Infrastructure Asset Management for Jamaica on 20th-21st January 2026. These sessions introduced Infrastructure Asset Management as a practical tool to manage,

maintain and build climate resilient and fiscally sustainable infrastructure. They serve as a first step towards strategic infrastructure asset management and associated capacity building in Jamaica.

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