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## Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up

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### Report of the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up

#### I. Background

1. The General Assembly, pursuant to paragraph 132 of its resolution [69/313](#) on the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, established an annual Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up with universal, intergovernmental participation. The modalities of participation of the forum are those utilized at the international conferences on financing for development. The modalities applied to the first forum held in 2016 and, mutatis mutandis, to subsequent forums are set out in an information note ([E/FFDF/2016/INF/1](#)).
2. In the intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations of the 2024 forum (see [E/FFDF/2024/3](#)), it was decided that the tenth forum would be held from 28 April to 1 May 2025 and would include the special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. The Economic and Social Council, by its decision 2025/302 decided to shorten the duration of the 2025 forum, to be held on 28 and 29 April 2025.
3. It was also decided, on an extraordinary basis and taking into account that the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development would be held in 2025, that the tenth forum on financing for development follow-up would not result in intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations.
4. The present report sets out the proceedings of the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up in 2025.
5. The summary by the President of the Economic and Social Council of the 2025 forum on financing for development follow-up, including the special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, is forthcoming.



## **II. Follow-up and review of the financing for development outcomes and the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

6. The forum considered agenda item 2 and its sub-items (a) and (b) (see [E/FFDF/2025/1](#)) at its 1st to 3rd meetings, on 28 and 29 April 2025.

7. Under item 2, at its 3rd meeting, on 29 April, the forum held a dialogue with senior representatives of the World Bank Group and the International Monetary Fund (IMF), in which the President of the Economic and Social Council, Bob Rae (Canada), the Senior Managing Director of the World Bank Group, Axel van Trotsenburg (by videoconference link), and the Deputy Managing Director of IMF, Bo Li, participated.

### **A. Special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development**

8. The forum considered sub-item 2 (a) at its 3rd meeting, on 29 April, holding two interactive dialogues. Details on the special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, including opening statements, panel presentations and interactive dialogues, are available in the *Journal of the United Nations*, at <https://journal.un.org/en/new-york/meeting/officials/f827bf5b-4ea4-4dd4-b1d7-ff03efef64fc/2025-04-29>.

### **B. Thematic panel discussions**

9. The forum considered sub-item 2 (b) at its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 28 April, holding five ministerial fireside chats. Details on the presentations and interactive dialogues for the first and second fireside chats are available in the *Journal*, at <https://journal.un.org/en/new-york/meeting/officials/ad0cf214-1a17-4e5b-b626-eccfb388a1bb/2025-04-28>. Details on the presentations and interactive dialogues for the third to fifth fireside chats are also available in the *Journal*, at <https://journal.un.org/en/new-york/meeting/officials/9d26970e-561b-412a-a0ef-8e4a3dc7ba2d/2025-04-28>.

## **III. Adoption of the report**

10. The forum considered item 3 at its 3rd meeting, on 29 April.

11. The forum approved its draft report ([E/FFDF/2025/L.1](#)) and authorized the President of the Council to complete the report with the support of the Secretariat, for submission to the Council.

## **IV. Organizational and other matters**

### **A. Opening and duration of the 2025 forum on financing for development follow-up**

12. The 2025 forum on financing for development follow-up was held at Headquarters on 28 and 29 April, pursuant to paragraphs 130 to 132 of the Addis

Ababa Action Agenda and Economic and Social Council resolution [2025/1](#) and decision 2025/302.

13. At the 1st meeting, on 28 April, the President of the Council opened the forum and made a statement.

14. At the same meeting, the Secretary-General made a statement.

15. Also at the same meeting, the President of the seventy-ninth session of the General Assembly, Philemon Yang (Cameroon), made a statement.

16. Also at the 1st meeting, statements were made by the Co-Chairs of the Preparatory Committee for the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development, the Permanent Representative of Burundi to the United Nations, Zéphyrin Maniratanga, and the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations, Rui Vinhas.

17. At the same meeting, a representative of the host country of the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development, the Secretary of State for International Cooperation of Spain, Eva María Granados Galiano, also made a statement.

## **B. Agenda**

18. At its 1st meeting, the forum adopted its provisional agenda as contained in document [E/FFDF/2025/1](#).

## **C. Rules of procedure**

19. At its 1st meeting, upon the proposal of the President of the Council, the forum agreed that the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council and the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions [69/313](#), [70/192](#) and [71/217](#), as well as any relevant decisions by the Council, would be applied to the meetings of the forum and that, in the event of any contradiction between the rules of procedure and the relevant provisions of Assembly resolutions and Council decisions, the latter would take precedence.

## **D. Attendance**

20. The forum was attended by the representatives of States Members of the United Nations and States members of specialized agencies and the European Union. Representatives of intergovernmental organizations, other entities of the United Nations system, civil society organizations and business sector entities also attended. The list of participants will be issued as document [E/FFDF/2025/INF/1](#).

## **E. Documentation**

21. The list of documents before the forum is available on the website of the forum on financing for development follow-up.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <https://financing.desa.un.org/what-we-do/ECOSOC/financing-development-forum/FFD-forum-home>.

## **F. Conclusion of the forum on financing for development follow-up**

22. At the 3rd meeting, on 29 April, the Deputy Secretary-General made a closing statement.

23. At the same meeting, the President of the Council made concluding remarks and declared the 2025 forum on financing for development follow-up closed.

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