

SEVILLA PLATFORM FOR ACTION

A CALL TO ACTION FOR ADVANCING FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT

The Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FFD4) is taking place at a challenging moment. Five years ahead of their deadline, progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is severely off track. Trade barriers are on the rise, aid budgets are being cut, and multilateralism itself is under threat. The world is facing a sustainable development crisis. To address and overcome it, global leaders are called to endorse an ambitious and transformative outcome document that puts in place a renewed financing framework. This framework will deliver an impact-focused SDG investment push and much-needed reform of the international financial architecture. It will also demonstrate that the international community can still come together and deliver for people, planet and prosperity.

Building on the Sevilla outcome document, the "Sevilla Platform for Action" (SPA) will mobilize alliances to implement specific actions of the document to address shared challenges towards the achievement of sustainable development. Coalitions of countries and other stakeholders will be invited to launch voluntary initiatives to deliver measurable progress to boost this renewed financing framework with a highly ambitious package of concrete actions.

FFD4 must represent a pivotal moment in the global effort to reform the global financing framework and rebuild trust in multilateralism. Stakeholders are encouraged to put forward bold, forward-looking initiatives that will leave a lasting mark on the future of sustainable development.

For the latest information about the Sevilla Platform for Action, please visit: https://financing.desa.un.org/ffd4/sevilla-platform-action



HOW TO SUBMIT AN INITIATIVE?

Lead implementing countries/entities will be invited to submit their initiative through a dedicated form that will be available on the FED4 website.

Each submission will need to provide the following information:

- · Lead implementing countries/entities.
- Endorsing countries/entities.
- · Initiative description:
 - A brief narrative, including how the initiative will contribute to advancing FFD outcomes (maximum 500 words).
 - A list of specific actions, formulated in a way that they can be monitored, quantified and easily communicated, wherever possible, and with clear implementation timelines.
- Scope of the initiative, specifying the FFD action areas and SDGs addressed, as well as its global, regional or national focus.
- Focal point for follow-up.
- Proposed line up for a press-facing launch at FFD4, e.g. Head of State, Minister, or institutional leader.

Lead implementing entities are strongly encouraged to reach out early to build a coalition of implementing and endorsing countries and entities. To avoid unnecessary duplication, when coalitions on similar initiatives can be established, the lead implementing countries or entities for each initiative will be invited to consider combining their efforts.

For further inquiries, please contact the Financing for Sustainable Development Office at ffd4-spa@un.org

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible, an initiative should be:

- New or represent a significant scaling up of an existing successful effort.
- Forward-looking and advance progress in at least one FFD action area.
- Follow the principles of the UN charter and should follow SMART Criteria – Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Resource based, with Time-based deliverables.

The initiatives can be put forward by a single entity or a coalition, and should be open to further participants. In coherence with the SMART principles, participating countries/entities should have the capacity in place to implement the proposed initiatives.

TIMELINES

The window for submission of initiatives will open on May 1 and close on June 6, 2025.

VISIBILITY AND FOLLOW-UP

A special event will be organized on the opening day of the Conference to launch the "Sevilla Platform for Action". To enhance transparency and accountability, all initiatives will also be registered on a dedicated digital space, hosted on the FFD4 website, which allows the public to access information.

Implementing countries/entities are also strongly encouraged to include their initiatives in their official statements at the Sevilla conference to ensure their inclusion in the official conference summary.

The Sevilla Platform for Action and its initiatives will become a prominent part of the follow-up process. Implementing entities will be invited to share updates on progress in implementation in future editions of the FFD Forum. The Inter-agency Task Force on Financing for Development may also report on implementation of major initiatives.