

SEVILLA PLATFORM FOR ACTION (SPA)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Sevilla Platform for Action (SPA)?

The “Sevilla Platform for Action” (SPA) will build on the outcome of the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FFD4) to mobilize alliances for implementing high impact initiatives that address shared challenges towards the achievement of sustainable development. Coalitions of countries and other stakeholders are invited to launch voluntary initiatives to deliver measurable progress to boost the renewed financing framework put in place by the FFD4 outcome document with a highly ambitious package of concrete actions.

Submission of initiatives

1. What are the eligibility criteria for SPA initiatives?

To qualify for the SPA, an initiative must:

- I. Be new or represent a significant scaling up of an existing successful effort, either by lead implementing countries/entities and/or by endorsing countries/entities.
- II. Be forward looking and advance progress in at least one FFD action area.
- III. Comply with the UN Charter and follow SMART criteria – Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Resource based, and Time-based.

The initiatives should be open to new partners who can strengthen or broaden the initiative’s impact.

2. Who can submit an initiative?


Any stakeholder committed to advancing the Financing for Development agenda and whose initiatives meet the eligibility criteria can submit an initiative. These include, but not limited to:

- Governments
- International financial institutions, UN entities, and other international organizations
- Private sector actors and philanthropic foundations
- Civil society organizations
- Academic, scientific, and research Institutions.

3. When can I submit an initiative?

The submission window opens on 1 May 2025 and closes on 6 June 2025.

4. How can I submit an initiative?

A dedicated form will be available on the [SPA page](#)  of the official FFD4 website starting 1 May. Submissions after 6 June will not be considered.

5. What needs to be included in my initiative submission?

Each submission must include:

- Lead implementing countries/entities
- Endorsing countries/entities
- Initiative description, highlighting how it will contribute to FFD outcomes and stating if it is a new initiative or represents a significant scaling up of an existing successful effort
- Specific, timebound actions (e.g., targets, metrics, timelines)
- Scope of the initiative (FFD action areas, SDGs addressed, geographic focus)
- Proposed press-facing launch details (e.g., Head of State, Minister)
- Focal point for follow-up

6. Can we update or revise our submission after submitting it?


Yes, as long as it is before the close of the submission window on 6 June 2025. You can contact ffd4-spa@un.org regarding any revision/update.

7. Is there a limit on how many initiatives a country or an entity can submit?

There is no limit on the number of initiatives a country or an entity can submit but we ask lead implementing countries/entities to ensure that submitted initiatives meet the SMART criteria. In consistent with the SMART criteria, participating countries/entities should have the capacity in place to implement the proposed initiatives.

8. How do we avoid duplication if multiple initiatives are similar?

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. Engagement with all relevant potential partners or stakeholders prior to the submission of initiatives to ensure coordination and avoid duplication is also strongly encouraged. This approach can help broaden endorsements, pool resources, and increase visibility for the initiative.



Initiative announcement at Sevilla

9. Where will the SPA initiatives be announced at Sevilla?

A special event will be organized on the opening day of the FFD4 – 30 June 2025 – to launch the Sevilla Platform for Action. After the SPA is launched, a dedicated press-facing space will be available at the conference for leading implementing countries/entities to announce the launch of their SPA initiatives.

10. Is presentation in the press-facing space mandatory for SPA initiatives?

Presentation of the SPA initiatives at the designated space in the venue is very welcome, although it remains optional. The final selection of initiatives for presentation is at the conference organizers' discretion. If the number of initiatives exceeds the available time slots, the organizers reserve the right to determine which initiatives will be allocated the designated time slots.

11. How long will each initiative be given to present at the press-facing space?

Allocated time is expected to be around 30 minutes.

12. Can I request a specific time slot for announcing my initiative at the press-facing space?

While you are welcome to indicate your preferred time and date for the presentation time slot, please note that there is no guarantee that the indicated time will be accommodated.

13. When will lead entities be informed of the decisions regarding the acceptance of their initiatives and the allocated time slot for presentation at the press-facing space if available?

The lead entities will be informed by 18 June 2025.

14. What is the format of presentation at the press-facing space?

Presentation formats are not restricted. Lead entities are encouraged to give a brief presentation of an initiative, followed by a Q&A segment with journalists and audience.

15. Will interpretation service be available at the press-facing space?

Interpretation booths will be available in the room. The provision of interpreters will be up to the entities presenting the initiative.

16. What is the room capacity of this press-facing space?

The press-facing space will accommodate a maximum of 80 participants.



17. What facilities will be available at the press-facing space?

Podium with two standing lecterns and one large screen. There will be live stream, but no video conference facility.

Communication and visibility

18. Will initiatives be highlighted in the communication materials of FFD4?

Yes, the FFD4 communication materials will cover the initiatives announced at Sevilla.

19. Will the initiatives be included in official documentation of the conference?


Implementing countries/entities are strongly encouraged to include their initiatives in their official statements at the conference, e.g., in the Plenary or in the Multistakeholder Roundtables, to ensure their inclusion in the official conference summary.

20. How will the progress of the SPA initiatives be tracked?

Digital Registration: All submitted initiatives will be registered on a digital platform hosted by the FFD4 website, ensuring transparency and public access to information.

Follow up: The SPA 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.

21. Where can I find more information or ask questions?

-  Visit <https://financing.desa.un.org/ffd4/sevilla-platform-action> for the latest information.
-  For inquiries or further guidance, contact UN DESA Financing for Sustainable Development Office at ffd4-spa@un.org.