

What's Ahead at FFD4

Day 1 – 30 June 2025

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Welcome to Sevilla!

We are delighted to have you join us in this historic city for a pivotal moment in our collective effort to unlock financing solutions for sustainable development. As we prepare to open the conference tomorrow, Day 1 will set the tone with high-level interventions, dynamic plenary discussions, and a full slate of side events. Please review the highlights and key logistics below to make the most of your first day at FFD4.

Key Highlights

Time:

- 08:30 a.m.: Suggested arrival time – as it takes some time to go through registration, security and reach FIBES 1 from the Registration Centre.
- 09:30 a.m.: All States delegations and participants with secondary pass are requested to be seated by this time. **No late entry will be allowed**
- 09:45 a.m.: **Pre-Opening Session with A High-Level Special Address by His Majesty Don Felipe VI, King of Spain** at Plenary Hall, FIBES 1, Pavilion 1
- 10:00 a.m.: **Opening Session** at Plenary Hall, FIBES 1, Pavilion 1


IMPORTANT NOTICE: All States delegations and participants with secondary pass participating in the opening of FFD4 in Sevilla, Spain on Monday, 30 June 2025, are requested to be seated in the Plenary Hall by 9:30 a.m. at the latest to hear an address by His Majesty Don Felipe VI, King of Spain prior to the Opening of the Conference.

For security reasons, doors to the Plenary Hall will be closed during the address and participants will not be able to enter or exit the Plenary until after the King's address.

Overflow Rooms in FIBES 1 and FIBES 2 will screen the King's address starting at 9:45 a.m. View information on [Overflow Rooms here](#). You can also watch the Opening live on [UN Web TV](#).

Logistics

Getting to FIBES 2 (Registration Center)

- **From the City Center:**
 - **Taxi:** Approx. 15–20 min. Cost: €10–€15
 - **Train:** Cercanías C4 from Santa Justa to Palacio de Congresos (5 min ride + 5 min walk)
 - **Bus:** Line B4 from Nervión or Line 27 from Prado de San Sebastián
- **From Seville Airport (SVQ):**
 - **Taxi:** Approx. 10–15 min. Cost: €20–€25
 - **Bus + Train:** EA Airport Bus to Santa Justa + Cercanías C4 to Palacio de Congresos
- **On Foot or by Bike:**
 - FIBES is not within walking distance from central Sevilla but is bike-accessible. Sevici bike-sharing stations are available nearby.
-  **Special Shuttle Service**
 - To complement public transportation, a **special shuttle service** is available connecting various areas of Sevilla with FIBES. [Click here for details »](#)

Registration:

- On 30 June, the UN Security badging office will start at 7 a.m.



FFD4 Conference App is now available. Download it by searching for *eventsPlace* in app store and entering the code "FFD4":

- [Download for Android devices >>](#)
- [Download for iOS devices >>](#)

More details on logistics, [click here](#)

Opening and Plenaries

Day 1 begins with the Pre-Opening Session, featuring a **High-Level Special Address by His Majesty Don Felipe VI, King of Spain** at 9:45 a.m. Participants in the Plenary Hall are requested to be seated by 9:30 a.m. The Opening Segment will include statements by high-level representatives, with the adoption of the outcome document expected to take place.



Key links

- Information on [overflow rooms](#).
- List of Speakers for General Debate - [Live Updates >>](#)

Multi-Stakeholder Round Tables

The Multistakeholder Roundtables open on 30 June with a powerful session on **“Mobilizing and Aligning Domestic Public Resources”**, co-chaired by the Presidents of Estonia and Sierra Leone, with a special address by the President of Ecuador and a keynote by the Prime Minister of Ukraine. Featuring finance ministers from Spain, Germany, Senegal, and senior representatives from the IMF, ADB, and EIB, the roundtable will tackle how to strengthen domestic capacity to fund development—laying the groundwork for national ownership and sustainable progress.

Sevilla Platform for Action

2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. at Special Events Room, FIBES 1, Pavilion 2
Launch Event: Implementing the Sevilla Platform for Action

Building on the Sevilla Commitment, the “Sevilla Platform for Action” (SPA) will mobilize alliances to implement specific actions of the outcome document to 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 with a highly ambitious package of concrete actions.

Statements by:

- **Mr. António Guterres**, Secretary-General, United Nations
- **H.E. Mr. Pedro Sánchez**, Prime Minister of Spain
- **H.E. Mr. Mostafa Madbouly**, Prime Minister of the Arab Republic of Egypt
- **H.E. Mr. António Costa**, President of the European Council
- **H.E. Mr. Yamandú Orsi**, President of Uruguay
- **H.E. Mr. William Samoei Ruto**, President of the Republic of Kenya
- **H.E. Mr. Gustavo Petro Urrego**, President of the Republic of Colombia
- **H.E. Mr. Mohamed Ould Cheikh El Ghazouani**, President of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania
- **H.E. Philemon Yang**, President of the 79th United Nations General Assembly

Moderated by: Ms. Femi Oke, independent journalist

Announcement of Sevilla Platform for Action Initiatives

Initiatives Room, FIBES 1, Pavilion 2 and Press Briefing Room, FIBES 1, Pavilion 3

Below is the list of initiatives expected to be announced on Day 1. For more details of each initiatives and the schedule of the announcements for the remaining days of FFD4 – please [click here >>](#)

Time	Venue	Initiatives Lead implementing countries / entities:
3:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Press Briefing Room, Pavillion 3, FIBES 1	SCALED – Scaling Capital for Sustainable Development (formerly known as Hamburg Sustainability Platform, HSP) Canada (Global Affairs Canada); France (the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs); Germany (Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development and KfW Development Bank); South Africa (Treasury); United Kingdom (Kingdom's Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office); Denmark (Ministry of Foreign Affairs); AXA SA; Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (CDPQ); Zurich Insurance Group
3:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Initiative Announcement Room, Pavillion 2, FIBES 1	Coalition for Tax Expenditure Reform International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD); ODI Global; International Centre for Tax and Development (ICTD); German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS); Council on Economic Policies (CEP).
4:45 – 5:30 p.m.	Initiative Announcement Room, Pavillion 2, FIBES 1	Integrated Approach to Capacity-Building for Financing Sustainable Development Italy; Kenya; OECD Pooled Technical Assistance Platform for Greater, Greener Impact Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) Technical Assistance Catalogue: a PDBs Hub for Technical Assistance Program Finance in Common Secretariat (FiCS); International Development Finance Club (IDFC)
5:45 – 6:15 p.m.	Initiative Announcement Room, Pavillion 2, FIBES 1	Scaling up domestic resources for sustainable development: the Addis Tax Initiative's Seville Declaration on Domestic Revenue Mobilisation The Gambia, Germany, Madagascar, Norway, and the European Union
6:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Initiative Announcement Room, Pavillion 2, FIBES 1	Financing social protection: From pledge to practice International Labour Organization (ILO); Mexico; Qatar; USP2030 Unlocking Social Protection Financing: connecting global advocacy to national implementation USP2030 Finance Working Group; UN (ILO, UNDP, UNICEF, WFP, FAO, UN Women); World Bank; Germany (Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ))

International Business Forum

Day 1 of the International Business Forum will feature high-level leaders—from Head of State, finance ministers and CEOs to UN leaders and impact-driven entrepreneurs.

Find more information [here](#) or watch the opening live [here on UN Web TV](#).

3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Opening of the International Business Forum and Leadership Summit

Speakers include:

- **H.E. Mr. Pedro Sánchez**, Prime Minister, Spain
- **Mr. António Guterres**, United Nations Secretary-General
- **H.E. Mr. Ronald Lamola**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, South Africa
- **Mr. John Denton**, Secretary General, International Chamber of Commerce
- **Mr. José Viñals**, GISD Alliance Co-Chair and Senior Advisor, Standard Chartered
- **Mr. Shinta Kamdani**, CEO, Sintesa Group and GISD Alliance Co-Chair
- **Ms. Tarciana Paula Gomes Medeiros**, CEO, Banco do Brasil
- **Ms. Rajini Vaidyanathan**, BBC Presenter and Correspondent (Master of Ceremony)

The Leadership Summit of the International Business Forum will close Day 1 with two powerhouse sessions featuring global leaders from finance, government, and industry. At 4:45 p.m., a High-level Panel on “From FFD4 Outcome to Implementation” will gather Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman of India, ADB President Masato Kanda, EIB President Nadia Calviño, and top executives from the Agricultural Bank of China, Equity Bank, and Endesa, moderated by BBC's Rajini Vaidyanathan.

This will be followed at 5:45 p.m. by a Policy Dialogue on “Making Blended Finance Work”, featuring the heads of IDB, EBRD, Standard Bank, the Gates Foundation, and senior officials from Egypt and Indra, with Lord Nicholas Stern moderating. Together, these sessions promise cutting-edge insights into translating FFD4 commitments into reality.

Special Events

Check out the two special events on Day 1 of FFD4:

4P High-level meeting: A paradigm shift for country-led solutions to the challenges of our time

Time: 4:30 - 6:00pm

Venue: FIBES I, Pavilion 2, Special Events Room

[Concept Note](#)

A transformative vision for development finance

Time: 5:00 - 6:30pm

Venue: Side Event Room 20

[Concept Note](#)

Side Events

Discover FFD4 Side Events – Diverse, Dynamic, and Open to All

Over 60 side events will take place on Day 1 in FIBES 2, offering a unique space to explore bold ideas and practical solutions. Organized by governments, UN agencies, development banks, civil society, and the private sector, these sessions cover a wide range of topics—from **climate finance and debt reform to gender equality, digital public infrastructure, and sustainable investment**.

Whether you're interested in regional challenges or global reforms, there's something for everyone. Browse the full programme [here](#) and plan to join the conversations that matter most to you.

SDG Investment Fair

Day 1 of the SDG Investment Fair features affiliated side events, including **“Bankable Pakistan” (12:30–2:00 p.m.)**, showcasing over \$1 billion in SDG-aligned projects, and **“Unlocking Green Investment in ASEAN” (2:30–4:00 p.m.)**, focused on empowering investment promotion agencies to catalyze financing in the region. Join us in advancing solutions that turn investment into impact.

Where to Follow FFD4: Key Platforms and Streams

Stay connected with the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FFD4) through the following platforms. Bookmark these links and follow the conversation as it unfolds.

- [FFD4 Website](#) – Get the latest updates and announcements
- [UN Web TV](#) – Watch live streams and on-demand coverage
- [Journal of the United Nations](#) – Access the official and side events programme and Member States’ statements
- **UN Meetings Coverage in [English](#) and [French](#)** – Read meetings summaries
- **Live Blog [English](#) and [French](#)** – Follow live coverage of the proceedings
- **UN News Special Coverage of FFD4 in [English](#) and [French](#)** – Global perspective human stories

Social Media

Join the conversation online by using **#FFD4** and **#FinancingOurFuture** on social media. Follow these accounts for the latest updates:

- **Facebook:** [@UnitedNations](#), [@GlobalGoalsUN](#), [@joinundesa](#), [@sustdev](#)
- **X:** [@UN](#), [@GlobalGoalsUN](#), [@UNDESA](#), [@SustDev](#)
- **LinkedIn:** [UN Department of Economics and Social Affairs](#)
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