

Concept Note:
***Revitalising Development Effectiveness: from Sevilla
Commitment to Practice***

Fin4Dev Dialogue

2026 ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development Follow-Up (FfD Forum)

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Conference Room 8 (CR-8), General Assembly Building,

UN Headquarters, New York

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Fin4Dev Dialogue hosted by the Government of Nigeria, bringing together the Development Cooperation Forum (DCF), Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation (GPEDC), the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC), International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) and the International Forum on Total Official Support for Sustainable Development (TOSSD).

Background

The Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4) reaffirmed the continuing importance of international development cooperation — including official development assistance — in implementing the 2030 Agenda and advancing sustainable development.

However, FfD4 also recognised that development cooperation has not kept pace with rising and evolving needs, particularly in countries in special situations and those affected by conflict. Persistent poverty and inequality, climate impacts, food insecurity and debt pressures are increasing demands on limited resources. At the same time, growing fragmentation and lack of coordination are raising transaction costs and weakening impact.

Sevilla Commitment to Development Effectiveness

In response, the [Sevilla Commitment](#) sets out a renewed political commitment to revitalise the development effectiveness agenda. Chapter C of the Sevilla Commitment — *International Development Cooperation and Development Effectiveness* sets out a renewed political commitment to **revitalise the development effectiveness** agenda and to reinvigorate development cooperation architectures at both national and global levels.

We will elevate country ownership and leadership by developing countries, alongside strengthened policy coherence by development partners, as core principles of effective development cooperation, with a strong focus on results, inclusive partnerships, transparency and mutual accountability, recognizing the complementary roles of all actors at all levels;-

These principles are articulated in the context of a changing development cooperation landscape described in **Chapter C**, including official development assistance, South-South and triangular cooperation, and the growing role of multilateral development banks' lending.

The Sevilla Commitment also recognises the contribution of several global initiatives and frameworks that support transparency, measurement, knowledge-sharing and accountability across development cooperation. It states that through the revitalised Development Cooperation Forum:

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- i. Will take into account the work of other relevant platforms, such as the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation mechanism and its forums, in supporting global knowledge-sharing and learning in a complementary manner;
- ii. Look forward to the review process of the Development Assistance Committee of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development and invite them to provide updates to Member States and receive feedback on their review process;
- iii. Take note of the work of the International Forum on Total Official Support for Sustainable Development on cross-border flows and we reaffirm that any such measure will not dilute commitments already made;
- iv. Also take note of the work of the International Aid Transparency Initiative in fostering transparency of development cooperation.” - *Paragraph 40.(d)*

These references highlight the complementary roles of global initiatives and accountability frameworks working on transparency, measurement, monitoring and policy dialogue within the broader development cooperation architecture.

Side-event purpose

This Financing for Development Dialogue (Fin4Dev Dialogue) will be held in the margins of the ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development (FFD Forum). It will convene Member States and representatives of the key global initiatives and accountability frameworks referenced in the Sevilla Commitment. These include the Development Cooperation Forum, the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation, the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC), the International Forum on Total Official Support for Sustainable Development (TOSSD) and the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI).

By bringing these initiatives together in a single dialogue, the event will support the Sevilla Commitment's call to “*foster synergies across existing mechanisms and forums*” (*Paragraph 40.(d)*). It will provide a space to explore how stronger coordination, knowledge-sharing and interoperability can contribute to revitalising development effectiveness in practice.

The discussion will also consider how global processes can better support country priorities, improve transparency and strengthen accountability across the development cooperation system.

Objectives

This Fin4Dev Dialogue will:

- Initiate a forward-looking discussion on how to revitalise the development effectiveness agenda, including through the Development Cooperation Forum (DCF), by improving collaboration across global initiatives and strengthening coherence across global and national processes.
- Share updates on related initiatives under the Sevilla Platform for Action since launched at FfD4. They include the **2030 Pact for Effective Development Co-operation**, the **Bridging Data Systems for Financing for Development initiative**.
- Explore, from the perspective of partner countries, what practical improvements are needed to strengthen development effectiveness in practice, including better alignment across global initiatives, improved transparency and reduced reporting burdens.

Key discussion points

The dialogue will be structured around the following forward-looking questions:

- How can development cooperation platforms better align efforts on transparency, statistical measurement and effectiveness monitoring?
- How can lessons from country experience drive practical improvements in development effectiveness, including streamlining reporting requirements?
- How can the development effectiveness agenda be elevated to more effectively inform global dialogue and policy guidance?
- How can development accountability frameworks be strengthened across an increasingly diverse financing ecosystem, including emerging actors and new financing instruments?

Speakers

- Carsten Staur, Chair, Development Assistance Committee, OECD
- TBC Navid Hanif, Assistant Secretary-General, UN Department for Economic and Social Affairs (Opening Remarks)
- Ms. Eléa Wermelinger, Deputy Head of Department for International Development, Ministry for Europe and Foreign affairs, France

- Ms. Annika Otterstedt, Assistant Director General, Swedish International Development Co-operation Agency (Sweden) and Co-Chair, Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation (GPEDC)
- Shari Spiegel, Director, Financing for Sustainable Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations
- Julia Benn, Head of Secretariat, International Forum on Total Official Support for Sustainable Development (TOSSD)
- Yemesrach A. Workie, Executive Director, International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI)
- Asor Henry Nkang, Ministry of Budget and National Planning, Government of Nigeria

Format

This event will be held as a 90-minute in-person session at UN Headquarters venue during the 2026 ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development Follow-Up.

The format will include:

- Opening framing remarks by co-host representatives
- Short interventions (5–7 minutes each) from speakers
- A partner country intervention to ground the discussion in national experience
- Moderated discussion with Member States and participants
- Concluding reflections identifying practical next steps for coordination under the FfD follow-up process