

4TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT

PRESS BRIEFING PROGRAMME



Press Briefing Room Location: **Pavilion 3, Fibes 1**
Stakeout Location: **Right side of the Rotunda**

DATE	TIME	TITLE	SPEAKERS	WEBTV LINK
MONDAY, 30 June				
30-June-2025	1:15 - 1:45 PM	OPENING PRESS CONFERENCE Summary: Opening press encounter for the 4th International Conference on Financing for Development with the UN Secretary-General and Prime Minister of Spain.	Speakers: • Pedro Sánchez, President of the Government of Spain • António Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General Moderated by Alexandra Gil , Director of International Communications for the Spanish Prime Minister	https://webtv.un.org/en/asset/k1d/k1dmx0m766
30-June-2025	2:30 - 3:00 PM	STAKEOUT WITH SPANISH MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS	Speaker: • José Manuel Albares, Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs	https://webtv.un.org/en/asset/k18/k18cis1sao
30-June-2025	3:30 - 4:00 PM	SPA INITIATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT: SCALING CAPITAL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT Summary: SCALED – Scaling Capital for Sustainable Development, is a multi-stakeholder initiative initiated by a group of governments and private institutional investors. SCALED aims at	Speakers: • Bärbel Kofler, Parliamentary State Secretary, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development	https://webtv.un.org/en/asset/k1i/k1iqajbjf5

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		overcoming structural challenges in blended finance and mobilizing large-scale private capital for SDG-aligned investment in emerging markets and developing countries.	• Erich Cipton, Director, Business Relations, La Caisse • Mostafa Ziaee, Lead, EM Alternative Investments and Blended Finance Solutions, AXA • Treasury of the Republic of South Africa (tbc) • Global Affairs Canada (tbc) • Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, France (tbc) Moderated by Martin Ewald, SCALED Lead	
30-June-2025	4:30-5:00 PM	PRESS CONFERENCE: LAUNCH OF THE EU-IFAD “RESILIENT REMIT” PROGRAMME Summary: The EU–IFAD “ResilientRemit” global programme, focused on maximizing the impact of remittances for climate adaptation and resilience. This new initiative will support thousands of rural families in Honduras, Senegal and Pakistan to adapt to climate change and strengthen their resilience to weather shocks by linking remittances to access savings, credit, insurance, and other financial services.	Speaker: • Mauro Martini, Senior Technical Specialist on Remittances, Migration and Development at IFAD Moderated by Alberto Trillo Barca, Communication Officer, IFAD	https://webtv.un.org/en/asset/k11/k11p0yp1pc

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30-June-2022 5	5:00 - 5:30 PM	PRESS CONFERENCE: INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS FORUM Summary: Guests will highlight the opening of the International Business Forum (IBF), emphasize the launch of a new business Communique by the Business Steering Committee including action areas for implementation, and outline key sessions taking place at IBF over the next 3 days.	Speakers: • Li Junhua, Conference Secretary-General; UN Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs • John Denton, Secretary General, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and Co-Chair of the Business Steering Committee • Shinta Kamdani, CEO of Sintesa Group, Co-Chair of the Business Steering Committee and Co-Chair of the GISD Alliance • José Viñals, Senior Advisor and Former Group Chairman, Standard Chartered, Co-Chair of the Business Steering Committee and Co-Chair of the GISD Alliance Moderated by Martina Donlon, Spokesperson for the 4th International Conference on Financing for Development, UN Department of Global Communications	https://webtv.un.org/en/asset/k1d/k1d0dft2sn
TUESDAY, 1 July				

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1-July-2025	11:00 - 11:30 AM	PRESS CONFERENCE: FINANCING SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT Summary: Guests will highlight the upcoming side event at the FFD4 Conference on “<i>From Seville to Doha: Financing Sustainable and Inclusive Social Development</i>”.	Speakers: • Yolanda Díaz Pérez, Second Vice President and Minister of Labor and Social Economy of Spain. • Gilbert F Hounghbo, Director-General of the International Labor Office (ILO) Moderated by Inés Orga Bueno, Dircom at the Spanish Ministry of Labor and Social Economy	https://webtv.un.org/en/asset/k1g/k1gonuiphi
1-July-2025	11:30AM - 12:00 PM	SPA INITIATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS: CLIMATE-RESILIENT SOCIAL PROTECTION AND SMALLHOLDER AGRICULTURE FINANCE PARTNERSHIP & INTEGRATED FINANCE FOR SDG 1 AND 2 Summary: The partnership brings together a coalition of partners under the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty, co-chaired by Brazil and Spain. The Partnership will mobilize and align climate and anti-poverty finance, foster coordination among stakeholders, and support knowledge exchange. The G20 Task Force highlighted the need to reduce the high transaction costs caused by fragmented aid for SDGs 1 and 2. To address this,	Speakers: • Wellington Dias, Minister of Social Development of Brazil • Antón Leis García, Director, AECID, Spain	https://webtv.un.org/en/asset/k1x/k1xfw9fryy

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		guests will highlight a more integrated financing mechanism to streamline support for low- and middle-income countries.		
1-July-2025	12:30 - 1:00 PM	PRESS CONFERENCE: UNESCO CALLS FOR A SURGE IN EDUCATION AND CULTURE FINANCING Summary: Speakers will present UNESCO's call for increased investments in education and culture as key drivers of sustainable development. New UNESCO data on the decrease in aid to education will be revealed, as well as recommendations for innovative education financing solutions.	Speakers: • Stefania Giannini, Assistant Director-General for Education, UNESCO • Min Jeong Kim, Director for Education 2030, UNESCO Moderated by Martina Donlon, Spokesperson for the 4th International Conference on Financing for Development, UN Department of Global Communications	https://webtv.un.org/en/asset/k1k/k1k4dn6959
1-July-2025	2:00 - 2:30 PM	PRESS CONFERENCE: AN OUTCOME FOR ACTION Summary: The outcome document of the FFD4 Conference - Compromiso de Sevilla - calls on UNCDF to work with Least Developed Countries as an early-stage provider of catalytic concessional first-loss capital and de-risk investment for private capital mobilization. UNCDF and country representatives explain why this is a significant moment for development	Speakers: • Pradeep Kurukulasuriya, UNCDF Executive Secretary • Yabanex Batista, Deputy Director of the Global Fund for Coral Reefs (GFCR) • Ali Shareef, Special Envoy for Climate Change, The President's Office, Maldives • Hon Professor Mthuli Ncube, Minister of Finance, Economic Development and Investment Promotion of Zimbabwe	https://webtv.un.org/en/asset/k17/k17630t41i

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		action at scale in LDCs and countries in 'special situations', including Small Island Development States and fragile or conflict situations.	Moderated by Martina Donlon , Spokesperson for the 4th International Conference on Financing for Development, UN Department of Global Communications	
1-July-2025	3:00 - 3:40 PM	SPA INITIATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT: GLOBAL HUB FOR DEBT SWAPS FOR DEVELOPMENT & DEBT PAUSE CLAUSE ALLIANCE Summary: Global Hub for Debt Swaps for Development: This initiative aims to establish a Global Hub for Debt Swaps to improve the design and implementation of debt swaps, and increase potential for scale up. The Alliance aims to recognize that contractual debt pause clauses can play a key role in bolstering the financial resilience of developing countries and is endeavoring to encourage uptake by all creditors, across both official and private debt, among other actions.	Speakers: • Carlos Cuerpo, Minister of Economy, Trade and Business, Spain • Ryan Straughn, Minister in the Ministry of Finance, Barbados • Baroness Chapman, Minister of State for International Development, Latin America and Caribbean, UK • Ilan Goldfajn, President, Inter-American Development Bank • Nadia Calviño, President, European Investment Bank • Odile Renaud-Basso, President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development Moderated by Alonso Soto, Media Advisory for the Spanish Economy Ministry	https://webtv.un.org/en/asset/k16/k1655xanup

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1-July-2025	3:45 - 4:10 PM	PRESS CONFERENCE: THE DEADLY FUNDING CRISIS FACING THE AIDS RESPONSE Summary: Cuts to international development are putting the AIDS response in peril. UNAIDS is urging donor countries to stay the course for a gradual transition. Leaders need to go beyond traditional understandings of health and development financing, and embrace debt justice, tax justice, intellectual property justice, and global public investment.	Speakers: • Winnie Byanyima, Executive Director of UNAIDS Moderated by Martina Donlon, Spokesperson for the 4th International Conference on Financing for Development, UN Department of Global Communications	https://webtv.un.org/en/asset/k1x/k1xp5zx976
1-July-2025	4:15 - 4:45 PM	UN DAILY PRESS BRIEFING Summary: Guests will provide an overview of the FFD4 Conference, including day's highlights, key updates and insights into the "Sevilla Commitment"— an intergovernmentally negotiated outcome adopted by consensus that lays the foundation for a renewed global framework for financing development. Mexico is one of the co-facilitators of the FFD4 outcome document.	Speakers: • Navid Hanif, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) • Alicia Buenrostro, Deputy Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations Moderated by Martina Donlon, Spokesperson for the 4th International Conference on Financing for Development, UN Department of Global Communications	https://webtv.un.org/en/asset/k1y/k1yhdwozc5

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WEDNESDAY, 2 July				
2-July-2025	11:00-11:30 AM	SPA INITIATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT: TOWARDS A RENEWED GLOBAL HEALTH ECOSYSTEM Summary: FFD4 provides a key platform to tackle financing challenges and align existing initiatives through a common roadmap, without creating new mechanisms. By uniting governments, international organizations, and stakeholders, the initiative aims to advance health for all and ensure no one is left behind.	Speakers: • Pedro Sánchez, President of the Government of Spain • Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, World Health Organization • Sania Nishtar, CEO, Gavi • Peter Sands, Executive Director, Global Fund	https://webtv.un.org/en/asset/k10/k10tkw8xew
2-July-2025	12:20 - 12:50 PM	PRESS CONFERENCE: REALIZING A BORROWERS' FORUM Summary: At the FFD4 Conference, UNCTAD and partners will spotlight solutions and the urgent political will needed to act. The event will highlight a major commitment under the "Compromiso de Sevilla": the establishment of a Borrowers' Forum, supported by the UN as secretariat. This is also a key proposal from the UN Secretary-General's Expert Group on Debt.	Speakers: • Mahmoud Mohieldin, UN Special Envoy on Financing the 2030 Agenda and Chair of the Expert Group • Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General, UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD) • Dr. Rania Al-Mashat, Minister of Planning, Economic Development and International Cooperation, Egypt	https://webtv.un.org/en/asset/k1q/k1qw5a2qoy

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		This briefing will emphasize the UN's firm commitment to support the member-state initiative and outline how the forum will be structured to deliver on its promise of fairer global financial rules and enhanced representation for borrower countries.	• Carlos Cuerpo, Minister of the Economy, Trade and Business, Spain • Hon. Mulambo Haimbe, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Development, Zambia Moderated by Paolo Gentiloni, former European Commissioner for Economy and Co-chair of the Expert Group	
2-July-2025	1:00 -1:30 PM	PRESS CONFERENCE: LAUNCH OF THE WORLD INVESTMENT REPORT Summary: In a special briefing the Secretary General of UNCTAD, the UN leading trade body, will offer the latest analysis on global foreign direct investment, impact of global trade tensions and the debt situation of developing countries. Through the World Investment Report 2025 UNCTAD alerts of sharp declines in foreign direct investment in developing countries amid global	Speakers: • Rebeca Grynspan, United Nations Trade and Development Secretary General (UNCTAD) • Nan Li Collins, Director for Investment and Enterprise, United Nations Trade and Development (UNCTAD) • Luz María de la Mora, Director for International Trade (UNCTAD) Moderated by Amalia Navarro, Chief Communications and External Relations, UNCTAD	https://webtv.un.org/en/asset/k1l/k1lkidmaog

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		trade tensions/uncertainty, rising debt and shrinking aid.		
2-July-2025	1:30-2:00 PM	PRESS CONFERENCE: YOUTH MOVING BEYOND GDP INITIATIVE Summary: This initiative represents a transformative platform at the intersection of youth leadership and economic system transformation. It aims to break through the “intergenerational glass ceiling” in economic thinking by empowering young economic thinkers to: • Redefine how we measure progress and contribute directly to global policy dialogues; • Provide educational leadership around the Beyond GDP agenda to young people across social movements; • Institutionalize intergenerational equity as a core principle in redesigning economic systems.	Speakers: • Özge Aydoğan, Director, Beyond Lab, UN Geneva • Laurence Jones-Williams, Executive Director, Rethinking Economics International • Representative from UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD) • Representative from the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Germany Moderated by Nathalie Delorme, Beyond Lab	https://webtv.un.org/en/asset/k1f/k1f83fq045

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2-July-2025	2:15 - 3:00 PM	UN DAILY PRESS BRIEFING Summary: Guests will provide an overview of the FFD4 Conference, including any key announcements and updates from the day.	Speakers: • Shari Spiegel, Director of the Financing for Sustainable Development Office (FSDO), Department of Economic and Social Affairs at the United Nations (UN DESA) Moderated by Martina Donlon, Spokesperson for the 4th International Conference on Financing for Development, UN Department of Global Communications	https://webtv.un.org/en/asset/k1k/k1k6spesj4
2-July-2025	5:30 - 6:00 PM	SPA INITIATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT: WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION'S 3 BY 35 INITIATIVE Summary: The 3 by 35 Initiative of the World Health Organization aims to revitalize and scale up the use of health taxes to reduce reliance on external aid and strengthen domestic financing for health and development priorities. This effort is expected to reduce consumption of harmful products while mobilizing an additional US\$1 trillion in public revenue globally over the next decade.	Speakers: • Dr. Jarbas Barbosa, PAHO/WHO Regional Director for the Region of the Americas • Kalipso Chalkidou, Director Health Financing and Economics, WHO • Orria Goni, Lead Advisor, Public Finance for SDGs, UNDP	https://webtv.un.org/en/asset/k14/k14qsg1gfz

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THURSDAY, 3 July				
3-July-2025	11:00-11:30 AM	SPA INITIATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT: FINANCING FOR GENDER EQUALITY Summary: This SPA Initiative is an urgent call to all stakeholders to significantly increase investments to close the gender financing gaps to accelerate implementation of existing commitments in the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the 2030 Agenda.	Speakers: • Nyaradzayi Gumbonzvanda, Deputy Executive Director, UN-Women • Antón Leis García, Director, AECID, Spain Moderated by Martina Donlon, Spokesperson for the 4th International Conference on Financing for Development, UN Department of Global Communications	https://webtv.un.org/en/asset/k1p/k1ptfe9rp3
3-July-2025	2:30 - 3:00 PM	CLOSING PRESS CONFERENCE Summary: Guests will brief journalists on the key moments and commitments from the 4th International Conference on Financing for Development.	Speakers: • Amina J. Mohammed, United Nations Deputy Secretary-General • Carlos Cuerdo, Spain's Economy Minister Moderated by Martina Donlon, Spokesperson for the 4th International Conference on Financing for Development, UN Department of Global Communications	https://webtv.un.org/en/asset/k1h/k1hg20gaiu

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