

Financing Climate and Nature for Prosperity: Aligning NDCs, Biodiversity, and Development Agendas

Introduction and Background

UNDP—in partnership with the German Federal Foreign Office—aims to host a side event during FfD4 Sevilla to showcase how investment in climate and biodiversity supports the development agenda. As countries enhance their NDCs and NBSAPs, there is growing recognition of the benefits of aligning finding synergies among those national action plans—such as National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) targets. A growing number of countries are either intentionally aligning these policies and/or enhancing the identification of Nature-based approaches to meet NDC targets.

This policy alignment approach can optimize the use of public and private resources, reduce financing risks, and accelerate the achievement of climate, biodiversity, and development goals simultaneously.

This event will build, among other, on insights from the forthcoming OECD-UNDP report Investing in Climate for Growth and Development, which highlights the opportunities for aligning climate ambition with broader economic growth and sustainable development agendas as well as draw on the experiences from countries integrating their climate and biodiversity policies and implementing innovative finance solutions to achieve them.

Objectives

This side event will present the economic case for increased synergies between climate and biodiversity target setting, policy, and finance plans. Participants will share national experiences and practical tools for making NDCs, National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) and NBSAPs investment-ready, as well as how investing in nature helps generate jobs benefit human health, reduce hunger and contribute to climate mitigation and adaptation. Countries that are embedding nature and land priorities into their climate-development strategies will discuss actionable pathways for mobilizing public and private finance through more coherent policy frameworks and integrated national planning.

Key aspects for discussion include:



- The economic and development case for aligning climate, biodiversity, and land priorities.
- Aligning NDCs and Biodiversity Finance Plans with national development and investment planning, including Integrated National Financing Frameworks (INFFs).
- Deploying de-risking instruments and blended finance solutions to mobilize private sector investment.
- Governance and institutional approaches for integrated planning and implementation.
- The role of nature-based solutions in delivering climate, nature, and development co-benefits.

Rationale and Relevance to FfD4

The Financing for Development (FfD4) Conference emphasizes the urgent need to reform financial systems and better align finance with sustainable development objectives.

Financing enhanced NDCs—while harnessing synergies with biodiversity and land targets—offers a practical model for integrated, transformational development finance.

Integrated climate-nature-development approaches not only optimize access to diverse financing sources but also create more resilient, inclusive, and investable national strategies aligned with global climate and biodiversity goals.

Format and Structure

The side event will be **90 minutes** in length and may be held **in person** (with the option for remote participation if needed). The proposed structure is as follows:

1. **Opening Remarks**
 - Senior representatives from Germany to set the tone and highlights the relevance of the workshop to FfD4 objectives.
2. **Panel Discussion**
 - Representatives from the governments of Germany (TBC), Egypt (TBC), Brasil (TBC), Panama (TBC), Belgium (TBC), Philippines.
3. **UNDP and OECD joint presentation**
4. **Closing**
 - Summary of key insights and next steps, including potential follow-up actions and collaboration opportunities



Target Audience and Stakeholder Engagement

- Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) such as the World Bank, IDB, and AfDB, ADB, etc.
- Public Development Banks (PDBs) active in climate finance
- Finance Ministries
- Private sector actors.
- Think tanks and research institutions that contribute to climate finance modeling and implementation frameworks

Date, Time, and Venue

- **Proposed Date:** To be confirmed based on FfD4 scheduling
- **Time Slot:** 90-minute session (Time TBC)
- **Location:** Sevilla (Exact location TBC)