



## **FfD4 to G20: Policy Dialogue on Financing for Development Summit Outcomes**

**Date:** 12 August 2025

**Time:** 14:30 – 17:00

**Venue:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, UNDP Regional Service Centre for Africa

### **Background**

From 30 June to 3 July 2025, the United Nations Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4) Summit took place in Seville, Spain. The Summit came at a critical moment, as developing countries are grappling with unsustainable debt burdens, limited fiscal space, and financial architecture that does not fully respond to their needs. The African Group and the African Union Commission proactively advocated for bold reforms including a multilateral sovereign debt workout mechanism, a global debt authority, and a binding UN-led tax convention. However, the Seville Commitment fell short of expectations, offering only a set of recommendations with no binding commitments thus lacking the enforcement power needed to rebalance the global financial system.

Despite falling below Africa's expectations, FfD4 surfaced key entry points to advance the continent's financing agenda. These include growing momentum behind proposals for a borrowers' forum, enhanced debt transparency, and innovative relief instruments such as debt-for-development swaps. The recognition of the UN's role in leading international tax cooperation, stronger commitments to scale up climate finance, and acknowledgment of the role of regional development banks, local capital markets, and African multilateral institutions also present opportunities. The Summit also opened space to further explore the potential of private capital in Africa's development trajectory.

In this context, the UNDP Regional Service Centre for Africa and Amani Africa, are convening a high-level policy roundtable to critically reflect on the FfD4 outcomes. The high-level convening will examine implications of the [Compromiso de Sevilla](#) for Africa, lessons for the AU in view of South Africa's G20 presidency and chart ways forward on how to take Africa's agenda on financing for development beyond Seville.

The roundtable will bring together regional institutions, Member State representatives, subject matter experts, and development finance stakeholders to identify strategic opportunities for engagement in FfD4 follow-up processes and define how Africa can leverage emerging commitments to advance its development finance priorities.

## Objectives

The policy dialogue aims to:

- Assess FfD4 outcomes from an African lens, highlighting alignment and gaps with the continent's development priorities.
- Foster dialogue among regional actors and partners on advancing Africa's financing agenda beyond Seville.
- Generate actionable recommendations to shape Africa's positioning for the G20 Johannesburg Summit and other global forums.
- Identify ways for UNDP to enhance support to the AU and Member States in implementing FfD4-related priorities.

## Annotated Agenda

Time	Session
14:30-14:40	Welcome and opening remarks  Dr. Matthias Naab, Director of the Regional Service Centre for Africa, UNDP  Dr. Solomon Dersso, Founder and Director, Amani Africa
14:40 – 14:50	Reflections on the context leading up to FfD4 Summit  Dalaya Ashenafi, Independent Expert (online)
14:50-15:00	Key outcomes of the FfD 4 Summit  Dr. Jide Okeke, Regional Programme Director, UNDP
15:00-16:00	Panel discussion: Reflections on the FfD4 Summit  H.E. Nonceba Losi, Ambassador of the Republic of South Africa to Ethiopia & Permanent Representative to the AU  Dr. Patrick Ndzana Olomo, Ag. Director Economic Development Integration and Trade and Head of Economic Policy and Sustainable Development, AUC (online)  Dr Stephen Karingi, Director, Macroeconomics, Finance and Governance Division, UNECA  Moderated by Komi Tsowou, AFCFTA Regional Advisor
16:00-16:50	Open discussion and next steps  Moderated by Dr. Jide Okeke, Regional Programme Director, UNDP
16:50-17:00	Closing remarks from Amani Africa and UNDP