

## **From Commitment to Delivery: High-Level Ministerial Stocktaking on the Sevilla Platform for Action – Localizing Development Finance for SDG Impact**

**“Accelerating Localized Finance to deliver SDG impact at the local level.”**

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### **Background**

The Sevilla Platform for Action (SPA) by the Government of Spain, the UN Local2030 Coalition, and the OECD was launched at the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FFD4), which took place in Seville, 30<sup>th</sup> June – 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2025. Building on the wide, action-oriented consultation process that engaged over 1,000 local, national and regional organizations from all over the world, it aims to transform how development finance reaches the local level to achieve the SDGs. The SPA brings together Member States, international organizations, local and regional governments networks, international financing institutions, civil society, the private sector, and academia around ten concrete action areas to unlock financing for regions, cities and communities, where the SDGs are ultimately delivered, including through Decentralized Development Co-operation (DDC).

In December 2025, SPA partners convened the first operational meeting, consolidating stakeholder engagements and coordinating implementation and monitoring arrangements as well as concrete tools and partnerships – from national–local financing reforms and capacity-building programmes to new data platforms, DDC initiatives, and innovative local financing instruments. Importantly, participants agreed to establish regular political-level moments to review progress, address remaining barriers, and sustain momentum.

This stocktaking process is grounded in the SPA’s core implementation instruments, notably the Localization Marker 2.0 and the Localization Blueprint, which provide the common analytical and operational framework to assess progress, identify gaps, and orient reforms, pipelines, and partnerships.

The High-Level Ministerial Dialogue on the SPA, convened as a High-Level Event at the FFD Summit / ECOSOC Forum on 22 April 2026, will provide the first political moment since FFD4 to review progress and mobilize action. It offers a unique opportunity for SPA-endorsing countries and implementing entities to:

- Review SPA implementation and remaining barriers;
- Link reforms to bankable local pipelines and mobilize decentralized development co-operation actions with public and private finance;
- Renew political commitment shaping inputs to FFD / ECOSOC outcomes.

## Objectives

The High-Level Ministerial Dialogue under the SPA provides a dedicated political moment to review progress since FFD4, connect national and local implementation experiences, and sustain momentum for financing localized SDG delivery.

The dialogue follows the internal logic of the Local 2030 Coalition promoted Localization Blueprint, recognizing that strengthening territorial enabling conditions, such as local ownership, citizen engagement, innovation, and multi-actor collaboration, is a prerequisite for making territories investable and for effectively attracting and localizing finance.

The dialogue will be guided by the following objectives:

- Take stock of SPA progress since FFD4, identify priority gaps, and identify opportunities to accelerate and scale successful localized financing reforms.
- Enable ministerial peer exchange and partnerships with implementing entities to mobilize finance for local SDG delivery.
- Highlight practical and scalable SPA solutions such as INFF/ILFFs, DCC mechanisms, and solutions based on the Localization Blueprint/Marker 2.0, as well as early reform models, to support an action-oriented dialogue.
- Discuss the role of DDC as a key tool to mobilize public and private finance to support the achievement of the SDGs
- Renew political commitment through national and local stocktakes, strengthening the visibility of localized finance in FFD outcomes.
- Contribute substantive inputs to the 2026 FFD Forum themes and expected outcomes by aligning SPA progress with the Sevilla Commitment.

## Expected Outcomes

Building on the objectives, the High-Level Ministerial Dialogue will deliver a joint political and implementation-level stocktake under the SPA, aligning national and local priorities, reinforcing momentum to accelerate financing for localized SDG delivery, resulting in:

- **A consolidated national and local stocktake of SPA progress since FFD4**, capturing reforms, investments, and implementation advances, including progress in strengthening territorial enabling conditions that underpin bankable local pipelines.
- **A shared view of remaining policy, financing, and operational barriers**, with priority actions identified to unlock local finance.

- **Presentation of practical, impact-oriented territorial solutions** such as INFF/ILFFs, DCC mechanisms or solutions based on the Localization Blueprint/ Marker 2.0 and created by the 8 countries who received SDG Joint Fund support at Bilbao Bootcamp I.
- **Renewed political and implementation commitments** by Member States and SPA-endorsing entities for the next 12 months.
- **Strengthened multi-level partnerships** linking national reforms with local delivery and partner support.
- **Clear messages and commitments** feeding into FFD Summit / ECOSOC Forum outcomes, elevating localized finance within Financing for Development discussions.

### Participants

- **SPA-endorsing Member States (Ministerial level):** Brazil, Cabo Verde, Colombia, Mauritania, Philippines, Poland, South Africa, Tanzania, Zimbabwe.
- **SPA-endorsing local and regional governments** and all implementing entities.
- **Co-chairs:** Government of Spain; UN-Habitat / UN Local2030 Coalition; OECD.

### Participation Format and Registration

The dialogue will be held in person as a high-level roundtable format, with a total duration of 1 hour 15 minutes. All speakers will participate in person. No remote or virtual speakers will be used.

The dialogue will convene Ministers, Deputy Ministers, or Secretaries of State from SPA-endorsing Member States, alongside representatives of local and regional government networks, international and development finance institutions, UN entities, OECD, civil society, the private sector, and other SPA-endorsing implementing partners. The dialogue will be structured around a ministerial-led stocktake of SPA progress since FFD4—focused on national reforms, priority gaps, and forward-looking commitments—followed by a stocktake by local governments and other implementing actors highlighting delivery experience, operational constraints, and implementation-level commitments. Together, these exchanges will surface aligned priorities and partnership opportunities to inform Financing for Development discussions.

To support a solution-oriented and action-driven dialogue, participating Member States and SPA-endorsing implementing partners will be invited in advance to submit:

- (i) **one national or local reform or innovation** advancing localized finance;
- (ii) **one key financing challenge or bottleneck;** and
- (iii) **one partnership or investment opportunity.**

Selected inputs will be shared in advance and referenced during the dialogue to stimulate peer learning and ensure interventions at both ministerial and implementation levels connect to actionable next steps. The event is open to SPA stakeholders. Member State delegates, UN staff, and participants holding a valid UN Grounds Pass may attend in person without registration. Other interested participants may register by **10 April on the <https://financing.desa.un.org/what-we-do/ECOSOC/financing-development-forum/registration>**.

Submitted inputs will be analyzed using the Localization Marker 2.0 and the Localization Blueprint logic, ensuring consistency across national and local stocktakes and facilitating the identification of priority reforms, pipelines, and partnerships.

### Language

English, French, and Spanish

### Programme

**Duration:** 1 hour 15 minutes

**Overall Moderator:** Mr. Sébastien Vauzelle, Head of the Secretariat, UN Local2030 Coalition

High level Opening Remarks – The Political Imperative for Localized Finance (10 min)	
10:00-10:10	<p><b>Agenda:</b> Setting the global context and leadership opportunity under the SPA, highlighting why localized finance, including DDC, is critical for national SDG delivery and how political leadership can accelerate implementation.</p> <p><b>Discussion Point:</b> Why localized finance is critical to national SDG delivery at this moment, and how political leadership can accelerate implementation under the SPA.</p>
<b>Speakers:</b> Government of Spain, Local2030, OECD	
Keynote Speech, Global Framing: From Commitment to Delivery (10 min)	
10:10-10:20	<p><b>Agenda:</b> Situating the SPA within the Financing for Development and 2030 Agenda.</p> <p><b>Discussion Point:</b> Closing the gap between commitments and delivery at the local level</p>
<b>Speaker:</b> Mr. Mahmoud Mohieddine, United Nations Special Envoy Financing the 2030 Agenda	
Interactive Roundtable 1, Ministerial Stocktake: National Progress and Priority Challenges (20 min)	
10:20-10:40	<p><b>Agenda:</b> Review of political reforms, innovations, and remaining financing bottlenecks, with forward-looking commitments</p> <p><b>Discussion Point:</b> Progress since FFD4; remaining barriers; one priority action or reform to advance under the SPA in the next 12 months</p>
<b>Speakers:</b> SPA endorsing countries	
Interactive Roundtable 2, Local & Implementing Actors Stocktake: Delivery, Constraints, and Commitments (15 min)	
	<b>Agenda:</b> Stocktake of delivery by implementing partners

10:40-10:55	<b>Discussion Point:</b> Actions implemented since FFD4; key operational or financing constraints; priority implementation commitments or partnerships for the next 12 months
<b>Speakers: SPA-endorsing local and regional governments and all implementing entities</b>	
<b>Keynote Speech, From Policy to Investment: Turning Local Priorities into Bankable SDG Pipelines (10 min)</b>	
10:55-11:10	<p><b>Agenda:</b> Aligning national reforms with investment strategies and financing channels, building on strengthened territorial enabling conditions that allow local priorities to become bankable SDG pipelines.</p> <p><b>Discussion Point:</b> Status of local investment pipelines; key gaps in data, capacity, coordination, and risk mitigation; role of development banks and public and private finance.</p>
<b>Speakers:</b> IDFC, GTF LRGs ( <i>His Excellency Mr. Michel Tommo Monthe, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Cameroon to the UN</i> )	
<b>Closing Remarks – Key Messages to the FFD Summit (5 min)</b>	
11:10-11:15	<p><b>Agenda:</b> Summary of commitments and next steps feeding into FFD outcomes.</p> <p><b>Discussion Point:</b> How commitments will inform FFD Summit conclusions on financing for development.</p>
<b>Speaker: LOCAL2030 Coalition</b>	