



2026 Financing for Development Forum

Side Event

Financing Institutions' Roundtable: Bridging Global and Local Finance for economic transformation at the first mile

20 April 2026 | 8:30 - 9:45 AM EST

IFAD New York Liaison Office, 866 UN Plaza, Suite 249

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Background

The Seville Commitment issued a clear call for public development banks (PDBs) and other development finance institutions (DFIs) to operate as a more coherent ecosystem – increasing financial and technical collaboration at the global, regional and national levels.

Such strategic collaboration is essential in the agrifood food sector – typically under-capitalized and characterized by high real and perceived risks, but also an essential entry-point for high-volume job creation, broad-based economic growth, food security, and stability. Adequately financing this major investment and development opportunity requires innovative partnerships amongst financing actors.

At the FfD4 Conference in Seville (July 2025), MDBs, DFIs, and PDBs came together to begin an exchange on how to operationalize this commitment, with a focus on delivering finance to the first mile – rural communities that are essential to thriving local food systems and resilient value chains.

This Roundtable discussion directly follows on leader-level discussions at FfD4 in Seville. It will bring together members of the FiCS/PDB community and broader partners to share needs, challenges, and examples of good practice in increasing the operation of public financial institutions as an ecosystem, including approaches for enhanced inter-operability and strategic partnership approaches.

A summary of discussions will inform 2026 FfD Forum outcomes and serve as a broader milestone in Seville implementation efforts, while informing evolving partnership approaches across financing actors. Discussions will also further inform strategic thinking around the Fourteenth Replenishment of IFAD's resources, and help feed into deliberations at the G7 FiCS Special event on April 29, 2026.

Draft Agenda

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| 2 min | <p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Courtney Hood, Head of Office, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) New York Liaison Office |
| 10 min | <p>Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Federica Diamanti, Associate Vice-President, External Relations, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) (<i>virtual</i>) |
| 45 min | <p>Roundtable discussion: Financing jobs, stability and growth through agrifood systems – building a PDB ecosystem to deliver on the Seville commitment</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Nicolas Picchiottino, Secretary-General, IDFC and Head of the Public Development Bank Unit at the French Development Agency (AFD)</p> <p>Fire-starters (3 mins each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Ngo Bakang Anny Carroll, Secretary General of African Rural and Agricultural Credit Association (AFRACA) (<i>virtual</i>) • Ms Maria Dimitriadou, Special Representative to the UN and Head of Multilateral Affairs, World Bank Group • Mr Adriano Campolina, Deputy Director ad interim, Rural transformation and gender equality division, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) • Mr Max von Bonsdorff, Chief Partnership Officer, Head of Global and Multilateral Engagement Unit, IFAD (<i>virtual</i>) • Mr Ping Yean Cheah, Senior Partnership Officer, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) |
| 10 min | <p>Concluding remarks: Increasing ambition and implementing action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Rémy Rioux, Chief Executive Officer, French Development Agency (AFD) and Chairman, Finance in Common |