



Aligning Finance with the Sustainable Development Goals

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Conference

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OECD Auditorium, Boulogne

Workshop Days

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OECD Conference Rooms, Boulogne

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Boulogne-Billancourt, France

Aligning Finance with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Progress towards the 2030 Agenda has been slow and uneven, and, by many accounts, we are off track to meet internationally-set targets for people and planet.

The Private Finance for Sustainable Development (PF4SD) Conference will convene public and private actors committed to working together to promote a better alignment of global financial flows with the 2030 Agenda in developing countries, including development finance, private investment flows and business activities. It will provide a forum for sharing successes in altering incentives, targeting investment better and improving operations for sustainable development.

The two previous editions of the PF4SD Conference explored new ways of mobilising more and better finance (2018) and stressed the need for universal measures of the social and environmental impacts of development finance (2019).

The 2020 edition will focus on the imperative to align finance with the 2030 Agenda, at two levels:

- » directing development and commercial finance towards socially and environmentally sustainable projects;
- » ensuring business operations contribute to the Goals, through their employment, sourcing, supply chain, labelling and other policies.



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The role of tax in private finance for sustainable development (BB3)

Market place on triangular co-operation projects (BB12)

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Impact measurement and management (BB1)

The business case for action on biodiversity by investors and businesses (BB3)

The Kampala Principles in action: building better partnerships at country level (BB12)

Tri Hita Karana roadmap for blended finance (Auditorium)

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Risk mitigation approaches to mobilise investment to developing countries (BB1)

Private philanthropy for the SDGs (BB2)

Can blended finance fill the gap in the health sector? A CSO perspective (BB12)

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Using risk mitigation instruments to raise local currency for infrastructure finance in low-income countries (BB1)

Blended finance funds & facilities (BB2)

The role of national development banks (NDBs) (BB3)

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18h-20h Cocktail Reception

CONFERENCE 29 JANUARY

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Half a decade of private finance for sustainable development – why are we off-track to achieving the SDGs?

11h00

Keynote speech

11h15 Coffee Break

11h45

Lightning talk

12h00 | Plenary

Can financial innovation accelerate the alignment of finance towards the SDGs?

13h10 Buffet Lunch

14h10

SDG Dialogues:

Aligning private finance with climate objectives (SDG 13): towards ambitious action (Room BB1)

Is finance flowing to sustainable oceans? (SDG 14) (Room BB2)

Private finance for inclusive growth, employment and decent work for all (SDG 8) (BB12)

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The road to a larger universe of 'investible' SDG projects (BB12)

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Unlocking commercial finance for water and sanitation projects: SDG 6 (BB1)

OECD DAC blended finance principle 5, building the guidance (BB2)

India's private giving: unpacking domestic philanthropy and CSR (BB3)

Metrics for measuring business impact on wellbeing & sustainability - an open consultation (BB12)

Role of private sector insurance actors in development finance (Auditorium)

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Disruptive uses of blended finance to build markets in the agri-SME space (BB1)

Aligning incentives: enhancing the business and investment impact on the SDGs [14h-15h45] (BB2)

Innovative financial instruments in developing countries (BB3)

Bringing blended finance to scale (BB12) [14h-15h45] *by invitation only*

Can blockchain technology reduce the costs of sending remittances? (Auditorium)

15h45 Closing

16h-18h Cocktail Reception sponsored by AON



CONFERENCE AGENDA | WEDNESDAY 29 JANUARY

9:00 - 9:45

Opening

Welcome and opening address

- **Angel Gurría**, Secretary-General, OECD

Introductory remarks

- **Jorge Moreira da Silva**, Director, Development Co-operation Directorate, OECD

Keynote speech

- **Kanini Mutooni**, Managing Director of Europe, Middle East and Africa, Tonic

9:45 - 11:00

Half a decade of private finance for the SDGs - why are we off track?

In 2015, global leaders committed to the 2030 Agenda, sending a strong signal that reaching the SDGs was only possible with the help of private finance. Half a decade later, although private finance for sustainable development has increased, hundreds of trillions of capital continues to be allocated to unsustainable and climate-incompatible activities.

This panel will take stock of the progress made towards mainstreaming sustainable finance, identify the main obstacles to alignment and discuss the incentives needed to shift public and private funds towards sustainable development in developing countries.

Moderator

- **Janet Longmore**, Founder and CEO, Digital Opportunity Trust

Speakers

- **Elliot Harris**, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development and Chief Economist, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)
- **Jamie Cooper**, Chair and President, Big Win Philanthropy
- **Travis Spence**, MD, J.P. Morgan Asset Management
- **Sonja Gibbs**, MD and Head of Sustainable Finance, Institute of International Finance
- **Philippe Valahu**, CEO, Private Infrastructure and Development Group (PIDG)
- **Cyrille Pierre**, Deputy Director for Global Affairs, Culture, Education and International development, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, France

11:00 - 11:15

Keynote speech

- **Andrea Illy**, Chairman of Illycaffé

11:15 - 11:45

Coffee break



11:45 - 12:00

Lightning talk – followed by Q&A

Assessing alignment of private finance with sustainable development: two different perspectives.

- **Nadia Nikolova**, Director of Infrastructure Debt, Allianz Global Investors
- **Soren Andreasen**, GM, European Development Finance Institutions (EDFI)

12:00 - 13:10

Can financial innovation accelerate the alignment of finance with the SDGs?

Digital finance can ease the delivery of, and access to, financial services, with major impacts on financial inclusion in developing and emerging countries. Financial innovation has great potential for efficiency gains, better accountability systems and increased transparency. There are also risks, however, such as the proliferation of fraud and illicit financial flows, as well as aggressive pricing and screening. Financial innovation may be hindered by poor digital infrastructure, weak investment climate and complex governance systems. This interactive session will invite experienced innovators to discuss the potential for digital technologies to improve the alignment of finance with sustainable development.

Moderator

- **Tor Svensson**, Chairman, Capital Finance International CFI.co

Speakers

- **Sony Kapoor**, Managing Director, Re-Define
- **Javier Lozano**, Co-founder and CEO, Clinicas del Azucar
- **Florian Kemmerich**, Managing Partner at Bamboo Capital Partners
- **Maria Teresa Zappia**, Chief Investment Officer, Blue Orchard
- **Mathilde Mesnard**, Deputy Director, Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs, OECD

13:10 - 14:10

Buffet Lunch (conference lounge space)

14:10 - 15:25

Aligning private finance with specific Goals - SDG dialogues

The majority of private finance to developing countries is flowing to activities with potential for revenue generation and economic gains, while social sectors continue to rely on domestic and international public financing. This session will explore if and how innovative financing mechanisms can channel more private capital towards the goals of gender equality (SDG 5), decent work and economic growth (SDG 8), climate action (SDG 13) and life below water (SDG 14).

Dialogue 1: Aligning private finance with climate objectives (SDG 13): towards ambitious action (Room BB1)

Aligning all financial flows with low-emission, climate-resilient development is a central objective of the Paris Agreement, and it is now clear that to realise sustainable development, public and private finance needs to address the climate emergency. As we enter 2020, dubbed by many as the global 'use it or lose it' year, a step change is needed in aligning finance with climate objectives and making the right investment decisions.

Building on findings of the OECD report '[Aligning Development Co-operation and Climate Action: The Only Way Forward](#)', this session will provide a space to take stock of international and country-level efforts to align private finance with the objectives of the Paris Agreement in developing countries, assess progress to date, and explore opportunities to increase impact and accelerate action.

Opening remarks

- **Amar Bhattacharya**, Senior Fellow Global Economy and Development, Brookings Institution

Moderator

- **Jorge Moreira da Silva**, Director, Development Co-operation Directorate, OECD

Speakers

- **Mohan Vivekanandan**, Group Executive for Origination and Client Coverage, Development Bank of Southern Africa
- **Emma Navarro**, Vice-President, European Investment Bank
- **Rémy Rioux**, Chief Executive Officer of the Agence Française de Développement (AFD)
- **Helena Viñes Fiestas**, Global Head of Stewardship and Policy, BNP Paribas Asset Management



Dialogue 2: Is finance flowing to sustainable oceans? (SDG 14) (Room BB2)

The ocean is the planet's main life support system; highly interconnected to all terrestrial ecosystems and the climate. More than 3 billion people rely on it for their livelihoods worldwide, and an expected global population of 9 billion by 2050 will require producing more food, energy and jobs from the ocean. For developing countries, ocean-based industries are key sources of income and drivers of economic growth. However, emerging evidence suggests that SDG14 is among the least financed. Building on emerging evidence from the OECD and the High Level Panel for a Sustainable Ocean Economy, this session will provide a space to discuss current challenges and opportunities to align finance to life below water.

Opening and introductory remarks

- **Jorge Moreira da Silva**, Director, Development Co-operation Directorate, OECD

Moderator

- **Rodolfo Lacy**, Director, Environment, OECD

Speakers

- **Peter Thomson**, UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Ocean
- **Simon Dent**, Blue Investments Director, Althelia Funds
- **Melissa Garvey**, Global Director of Ocean Protection, The Nature Conservancy (TNC)
- **Alice Gugelev**, Managing Director of Global Development Incubator (GDI), CEO of GDI Africa

Dialogue 3: Private finance for gender equality and women's empowerment (SDG 5) (Auditorium)

Many private finance approaches for gender equality and women's empowerment (SDG 5) come together under broad definitions of gender lens investing (GLI) and social impact investing (SII). GLI links commercial investors and private asset managers with gender equality outcomes through a range of instruments. Publicly listed GLI for example channelled an estimated USD 2.4 billion globally to private companies in 2018, while a scan of private equity and venture capital GLI found 58 funds with USD 1.3 billion invested as of 2017 ([Biegel et al, 2017](#)). According to the OECD 2018 Survey on Blended Finance Funds and Facilities, 55% of funds and facilities were aligned with SDG 5, up from 35% in 2016. This session will build on recent OECD analysis on financing for gender equality and women's empowerment in developing countries and present promising case studies to better align private finance with SDG 5.

Moderator

- **Mayumi Endoh**, Deputy Director, Development Co-operation Directorate, OECD

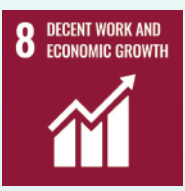
Speakers

- **Alfonsina Peñaloza**, Program Officer, The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation
- **Melinda Wells**, Strategic Partnerships Lead, Equality Fund
- **Jen Braswell**, Director, Value Creation Strategies, CDC group
- **Pearl Uzokwe**, Director of Governance and Sustainability, Sahara Group
- **Royston Braganza**, Chief Executive Officer, Grameen Capital

Dialogue 4: Private finance for inclusive growth, employment and decent work for all (SDG 8) (BB12)

SDG 8 promotes "sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all". The fact that 30 million African youth are expected to enter the labour market every year by 2030 makes this one of the most pressing challenges facing sustainable development. Beyond employment creation, SDG 8 also calls for reducing informal employment, narrowing the gender pay gap and improving working conditions. How can development finance institutions and private actors work better together to direct investment towards SDG 8 while aligning with countries' national priorities? How can they promote quality employment creation in developing countries? And how can they measure the direct and indirect impacts of their investment on the quantity and quality of jobs created?





continued. Dialogue 4: Private finance for inclusive growth, employment and decent work for all (SDG 8)

Moderator

- **Monika Queisser**, Head, Social Policy Division, Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD

Speakers

- **Vic Van Vuuren**, Director, Enterprises Department, International Labour Organisation (ILO)
- **Paddy Carter**, Director, Research and Policy, CDC Group
- **Paola Simonetti**, Deputy Director, Economic and Social Policy Department, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)
- **Admassu Tadesse**, President and CEO of the Trade and Development Bank

15:25 - 15:55

Coffee break 

15:55 - 16:15

Lightning talk – Impact investment

- **Javier Lozano**, Co-founder and CEO, Clinicas del Azucar
- **Bjoern Stuewer**, Founder and CEO, Roots of Impact
- **Peter Beez**, Senior Policy Advisor, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)
- **Priscilla Boiardi**, Policy Analyst, Development Co-operation Directorate, OECD

16:15 - 17:30

The road ahead: A new course for 2030

In 11 years from now, we will be held accountable for our promises. It is time to act. We know where to go, but a significant gap between intentions and action remains. What will it take to set a new course towards more sustainable development in countries most in need?

Moderator

- **Nancy Lee**, Senior Policy Fellow, Centre for Global Development

Speakers

- **José Meijer**, Vice-President of the Board of Trustees at ABP, Netherlands Pension Fund
- **Judith Karl**, Executive Secretary, United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF)
- **Wimboh Santoso**, Chairman, Financial Services Authority (OJK)
- **Drew Smith**, Director General, International Assistance Policy, Global Affairs Canada
- **Gavin Wilson**, Co-Chair, Global Future Council on Development Finance

17:30 - 18:00

Closing

Closing remarks

- **Shin Song Bum**, Minister, Permanent Delegation of the Republic of Korea to the OECD

Forward-looking-statements

- **Susanna Moorehead**, Chair, OECD Development Assistance Committee
- **Jeffrey Schlagenhauf**, Deputy-Secretary General, OECD

18:00 - 19:00

Cocktail reception



SCHEDULE - EXPERT DISCUSSIONS | TUESDAY 28 JANUARY

Room	BB1	BB2	BB3	BB12	Auditorium
8:00 - 9:30	Registration and coffee				
9:30 - 11:00	The role of international pension funds in financing sustainable development		The role of tax in private finance for sustainable development	Market place on triangular co-operation projects	
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee Break				
11:30 - 13:00	Impact measurement and management		The business case for action on biodiversity by investors and businesses	The Kampala principles in action: building better partnerships at country level	The Tri Hita Karana roadmap for blended finance
13:00 - 14:15	Buffet Lunch - conference lounge space				
14:15 - 15:45	Risk mitigation approaches to mobilise investment to developing countries (in collaboration with Convergence & Moody's)	Private philanthropy for the SDGs		Can blended finance fill the gap in the health sector? A CSO perspective (in collaboration with the DAC-CSO Reference Group)	
15:45 - 16:15	Coffee Break				
16:15 - 17:45	Using risk mitigation instruments to raise local currency for infrastructure finance in low-income countries (in collaboration with PIDG)	Blended finance funds and facilities	The role of national development banks (in collaboration with ODI, AFD and IDFC)	Another potential for innovative finance - Japan's insight	
18:00 - 20:00	Cocktail Reception Opening comments by Ms Aya Yoshida Director, Global Issues Cooperation Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan				



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13:00 - 14:15	Lunch				
14:15 - 15:45	Disruptive uses of blended finance to build markets in the agri-SME space (in collaboration with IFAD)	Aligning incentives: enhancing the business and investment impact on the SDGs (14-15h45)	Innovative Financial Instruments in Developing Countries	Bringing blended finance to scale (in collaboration with Convergence and DFID) <i>[by invitation only]</i> (14-15h45)	Can blockchain technology reduce the costs of sending remittances?
15:45 - 16:00	Closing Speech - Sony Kapoor				
16:00 - 18:00	Cocktail Reception sponsored by AON Opening comments by Dominic Christian, Global Chairman of Aon Reinsurance				



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The role of international pension funds in financing sustainable development 9:30 - 11:00, BB1

International pension funds are increasingly engaging in investments with the aim of achieving the SDGs in developing countries. This session will look at emerging examples of international pension funds that are active in the space of investing in sustainable development in developing countries. What are the risks, challenges and opportunities, and how can the model be scaled up?

Market place on triangular co-operation projects 9:30 - 11:00, BB12

Triangular co-operation has proven to be a powerful, inclusive tool to achieve the 2030 Agenda. It combines partners' comparative advantages and complementary expertise in a way that the sum of their efforts is greater than the parts each of them is playing. In this session, representatives from the private sector, multilateral and national development banks, and philanthropy, will present projects and ideas to gather inputs or include new partners for ongoing triangular co-operation initiatives.

The Business Case for Action on Biodiversity by Investors and Businesses 11:30-13:00, BB3

The session will discuss the implications of biodiversity loss and prevention of that loss for businesses and financial organisations including options for scaling up business action and finance for biodiversity. The discussion will cover options and priorities to enable private finance to support biodiversity action, emerging practices from investors and corporations and the role of public finance from MDBs and PFIs to help mobilise institutional investment in support of biodiversity action.

The Tri Hita Karana Roadmap for blended finance 11:30-13:00, Auditorium

The Tri Hita Karana Roadmap for blended finance is a multi-stakeholder platform promoted by Indonesia and the OECD, together with partners from governments, development finance institutions and private entities. The platform supports a shared value system and market-wide coordinated action; crucial in delivering the financing and development impact necessary to meet the SDGs.

The Role of tax in private finance for sustainable development 9:30 - 11:00, BB3

The African Tax Administration forum will highlight the role of tax in private finance for sustainable development, and share the tools they have developed in this respect and the impact it has had on member countries.

Impact measurement and management 11:30-13:00, BB1

In order to harness the full potential of finance the SDGs, we need to work towards a shared understanding of how we measure the impact of our collective investments in sustainable development. This workshop aims at bringing together experts and practitioners from different communities, to discuss the opportunity of developing an impact framework for development, building on the work of the Impact Management Project (IMP) and other initiatives.

The Kampala Principles in action: Building better partnerships at country level 11:30-13:00, BB12

The Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation Kampala Principles provide guidance on the effective use of public resources in establishing partnerships with the private sector at the country level. The principles assist governments, businesses and other actors in improving partnerships for the benefit of people and planet. This event will explore how to translate the Kampala Principles into action, ensuring that investments and operations align to national development priorities and the SDGs.

Risk mitigation approaches to mobilise investment to developing countries (in collaboration with Convergence & Moody's) 14:15-15:45, BB1

The OECD, Moody's and Convergence will host a workshop, in coordination with the THK Practices and Mobilisation Working Groups. The focus will be on blended finance approaches which look to mitigate the risk of investing in developing countries in order to mobilise private investment there. The session is designed for blended finance practitioners from development agencies, philanthropic foundations, multinational development banks/development finance institutions and the private sector.



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Private philanthropy for the SDGs 14:15-15:45, BB2

Private philanthropy has played an increasingly important role in development co-operation, particularly in the context of the SDGs. But what are the main attributes and volume of philanthropy in the current landscape of development finance? What can philanthropy bring to the international debate on advancing the SDGs? This session will convene the largest philanthropic foundations and other stakeholders to exchange views and expertise in this domain, building on OECD statistics on private philanthropy for development.

Blended finance funds and facilities 16:15-17:45, BB2

The OECD Survey on Blended Finance Funds and Facilities represents a major step towards consolidating evidence and providing policy guidance in support of the OECD DAC Blended Finance Principles, whose focus is unlocking commercial finance for the Sustainable Development Goals. Results illustrate to what extent blended finance funds and facilities vary widely in characteristics and functioning and confirms trends observed on the broader blended finance market.

Another potential for innovative finance - Japan's insight 16:15-17:45, BB12

Although global green bond issuance is on the rise, social bond issuance is still low. To bridge the financing gap in areas where the flow of private finance is scanty (such as global health and nutrition), it is indispensable to learn from experiences and best practices on the deployment of diverse innovative financing instruments, such as social impact bonds. Participants will gain insights from one of the biggest Japanese Institutional investors and experts on global health and nutrition and agriculture.

Can blended finance fill the gap in the health sector? A CSO perspective (in collaboration with the DAC-CSO Reference Group) 14:15-15:45, BB12

A multi-stakeholder panel, this side-event will critically explore the potential of blended finance to fill the SDG gap and the opportunities and threats that come with it, looking at the health sector in particular. This will be a dynamic panel discussion aiming to move the conversation on blended finance beyond the usual framing and focus.

The role of National development banks (in collaboration with ODI, AFD and IDFC) 16:15-17:45, BB3

National development banks (NDBs) are poised to play a key role in aligning private finance with the SDGs and the objectives of the Paris Agreement. Their transformative potential goes beyond the sheer volumes of finance provided to their ability to support policy makers and market creation, their provision of local currency financing and intermediating international climate finance. This event will discuss the role of NDBs, collate evidence on challenges to unleash their potential and opportunities to address them.

Using risk mitigation instruments to raise local currency for infrastructure finance in low-income countries (in collaboration with PIDG) 16:15-17:45, BB1

Low income countries continue to face a growing financing gap between infrastructure investments needed and the financial resources available for them. A key driver of this is the significant and need to increase the volume and duration of local currency finance for infrastructure investment. This session will focus on risk mitigation instruments, especially guarantees, to raise local currency for infrastructure finance in low-income countries.



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The role of domestic pension funds in financing the SDGs 8:15 - 9:15, BB3

Domestic pension funds have an important role in generating long-term financial resources and facilitating the growth of capital markets. Ideas are emerging that domestic pension fund resources may be directed towards SDG financing. There is, however, a lot of complexity to using pension systems to support financing of the SDGs. This breakfast meeting will look at some of the risks, challenges and opportunities of using domestic pension funds to finance sustainable development goals.

Innovations to address foreign currency risks 9:30 - 11:00, BB1

Financial and investment flows to low-income countries present significant currency risks which in turn inhibits finance and investments required to meaningfully narrow the SDG investment gap. Most debt investment is denominated in hard currency, exposing local borrowers and beneficiary countries to high currency risk and exposing investors to high credit risk. The session will focus on innovative financing mechanisms reducing foreign currency risk and stimulating investment in developing countries.

OECD DAC blended finance principle 5, building the guidance 11:30 - 13:00, BB2

In 2017, members of the Development Assistance Committee officially adopted Blended Finance Principles for Unlocking Commercial Finance for the SDGs. The OECD Development Co-operation Directorate is currently preparing further policy guidance to support their implementation. In this session, DAC members and blended finance stakeholders are invited to share their views on the future guidance for Principle 5: Monitor blended finance for transparency and results.

Metrics for measuring business impacts on wellbeing and sustainability- an open consultation 11:30 - 13:00, BB12

This session will present a preliminary proposal for a common framework for measuring the impacts of business on well-being and sustainability. Building on the OECD's Well-being Measurement Framework, it is adapted to businesses at the firm level perspective and uses the same concepts of dimensions of current well-being and resources for future well-being, based on the capital approach. This preliminary proposal links with SDGs and the Business for Inclusive Growth platform, identifying six groups of impact.

Aligning private finance to the sustainable use and conservation of the ocean 9:30 - 11:00, BB3

This session will build on the findings from the OECD Sustainable Ocean for All initiative, which provides a review of innovative financial instruments for the ocean. The discussion will provide an opportunity to learn directly from countries and institutions that are at the forefront of developing and implementing these financial innovations and to hear perspectives on the opportunities and challenges of replicating them and scaling them up.

Unlocking Commercial finance for Water and Sanitation projects: SDG 6 (in collaboration with DBSA) 11:30 - 13:00, BB1

Over 2 billion people lack access to safely managed drinking water. 4.5 billion lack access to safely managed sanitation. The annual economic losses due to inadequate water supply and sanitation are estimated at \$260 billion. Despite progress, blended finance has not gained sufficient traction for water-related investments. This session discuss solutions and models of blended finance for water-related investments and discuss next steps to apply the lessons to scale up practical action.

India's private giving: unpacking domestic philanthropy and CSR 11:30 - 13:00, BB3

After four decades of discussions on corporate social responsibility (CSR) the Indian Companies Act of 2013 mandates Indian corporations to fund areas that are crucial for the development – beyond their core business. This panel will unpack the priorities of domestic philanthropy and CSR in India building upon the recent OECD Centre on Philanthropy report and insights from the members of the OECD Network of Foundations Working for Development (netFWD) & the OECD Emerging Markets Network (EMnet).

Role of private sector insurance actors in development finance (in collaboration with AON) 11:30 - 13:00, Auditorium

Private sector insurance products and services allow private finance to flow to underserved sectors and regions. Typically, private sector actors are unable to invest in developing countries because of expected risk-return mismatches. Insurance allows balancing the risk-return relationship. This session will benefit from a Background paper prepared by AON and the OECD examining insurance industry expertise in risk management and mitigation and the untapped potential of the industry in bringing scale to current activity.



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Disruptive uses of blended finance to build markets in the agri-SME space (in collaboration with IFAD)

14:15 - 15:45, BB1

Can blended finance be used in disruptive ways to help create or strengthen markets for more and better finance to agri-SMEs? This session will look at a series of recent experiences that suggest that this may be the case. While many blended finance solutions in the agri-SME space are successful in mobilizing specific amounts of finance, they are rarely if ever designed to have positive impact on the markets in which they operate.

Bringing blended finance to scale (in collaboration with Convergence and DFID) 14:00 - 15:45, BB12 - by invitation only

Although blended finance has demonstrated itself to be an effective development tool, it is not achieving scale and not flowing to low-income countries. DIFD, the THK Mobilisation Working Group, the OECD and Convergence have created a Working Group, under DFID leadership, of development-focused organizations prepared to commit capital to blended finance projects at below-market risk-returns to mobilise investment to the SDGs – to achieve development impact and mobilize investment at scale.

Innovative Financial Instruments in Developing Countries 14:15 - 15:45, BB3

The investment needed to achieve the SDGs are massive – and ODA and countries can't achieve this alone. Innovative financial instruments are ways to attract new forms of capital towards sustainable development. This session aims to innovative financial instruments and how they have been used in development and humanitarian contexts, through cases and examples. context, through cases and examples.

Aligning incentives: enhancing the business and investment impact on the SDGs

14:00 - 15:45, BB2

This session will explore how to enhance the business and investment impact on the SDGs through the theme of aligning incentives, bringing together representatives from firms with policymakers from the investment and development cooperation communities. Interrelated topics will include what drives firm behaviour in developing countries, how donors can support environments conducive to good business behaviour in developing countries and how policymakers can attract SDG-aligned investment.

Can blockchain technology reduce the costs of sending remittances? 14:15 - 15:45, Auditorium

The OECD Development Co-operation Directorate (DCD) is organising this workshop to bring together a diverse group of stakeholders to discuss how policy can best support viable and fit-for-purpose innovation and adoption of Blockchain technology for cutting down the costs of sending remittances. The workshop will convene experts from key actors including Fintech companies, Academia, Think-Tanks, Non-governmental Organizations and other relevant stakeholders from the public and private sectors.

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