

Fourth Financing for Development Conference - civil society's calls

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We, the undersigned civil society organisations and individuals, urge European leaders to commit to a transformative and ambitious agenda of financial architecture reform at the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4), taking place in Sevilla, Spain in mid-2025.

FfD4 is a pivotal moment for Europe to commit to equitable global economic governance and reforms that are needed to tackle the deep inequality and environmental crises which drive and exacerbate grave problems today and tomorrow. The consequences of the current system are felt across generations.

Critical reforms include how countries deal with the vicious circle of sovereign debt; the development of a fair and inclusive system of international tax cooperation; and the strengthening of development cooperation. Public finance continues to have a proven and distinct role in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the eradication of hunger and poverty, in gender equality and the fight against climate change.

The Financing for Development conference is the only space where global economic and financial matters are discussed in a transparent and inclusive manner and where all countries participate on an equal footing. FfD4, therefore, has the potential to bring fairness and justice into global economic governance.

It is also the first time an FfD conference has taken place on European soil. This gives Europe the opportunity to play a role in reinvigorating trust and cooperation into a rules-based multilateral order. The success of the conference is a matter of Europe's reputation and a test of its value-driven approach to engaging with the rest of the world.

In January 2025, a [civil society letter](#) addressed to European leaders provided a list of key policy demands regarding FfD4. We welcome the openness to dialogue that has been demonstrated in meetings with civil society ever since. We also welcome the [reiteration](#) of European support for the Financing for Development process, demonstrated during the meeting of the European Council and the UN Secretary General on 20 March in Brussels.

At the same time, we are concerned by the lack of visible positive change in the European position in the negotiations of the Conference's outcome. Instead of backing proposals for more democratic decision-making on global economic issues, European countries have so far opposed any meaningful reform, defending an unfair and dysfunctional status quo and limiting the European offer to using scarce public resources to leverage private finance. Indeed, the [official EU position](#) and conduct in the negotiations on the road to Sevilla are highly problematic. While the EU supports ambitious development goals and stands for gender equity and human rights, it blocks the actual means of implementation that are needed to achieve these goals.

In a world where only 17 per cent of the SDGs have been achieved, with only five years to their deadline, this cannot be the European approach to accelerate action. The Sevilla

conference is the last chance to fill the SDG financing gap through meaningful structural reforms. It must not be wasted.

Europe must play its part in a multilateral system that contributes to fair and democratic global economic governance. This would reflect the poverty eradication objective of Article 208 of the Lisbon Treaty.

Aligning with progressive voices calling for meaningful reforms to global economic governance in the negotiations leading up to Sevilla is not only the right thing to do. It will also strengthen Europe's geopolitical standing. It is an unprecedented strategic opportunity and we call on you - European leaders - to seize it.

Signatories

Total Organisations: 183

International organisations

1. Society for International Development
2. Oxfam International
3. ActionAid International
4. Care International

Europe

5. ACT Alliance EU
6. Africa-Europe Faith & Justice Network
7. Caritas Europa
8. Counter Balance
9. Debt4Climate
10. Eurodad
11. Fern
12. Recourse
13. Save the Children
14. SDG Watch Europe
15. SOLIDAR

Austria

16. AG Globale Verantwortung
17. KOO - Co-ordination office of the Austrian Bishops' Conference for international development and mission
18. SDG Watch Austria
19. VIDC

Belgium

20. 11.11.11
21. ACV-CSC
22. BOS+
23. Broederlijk Delen
24. CNCD-11.11.11
25. Entraide et Fraternité
26. FOS - Socialistische Solidariteit
27. Join For Water
28. Monetary Diversity
29. Rikolto
30. Solidagro
31. UCOS
32. Viva Salud

Bulgaria

33. BulgariaCVS
34. Obshtestven Center za Okolna Sreda i Ustoichivo Razvitie
35. Za Zemiata

Croatia

36. Croatian Platform for International Citizen Solidarity (CROSOL)

Czechia

- 37. FoRS - Czech Forum for Development Cooperation

Denmark

- 38. Civil Society in Development
- 39. Global Focus
- 40. The People's Fund for Global Health and Development

Estonia

- 41. Estonian Roundtable for Development Cooperation

France:

- 42. CCFD-Terre Solidaire
- 43. Coordination SUD
- 44. Global Health Advocates (GHA)
- 45. Plateforme Francaise Dette et Developpement

Germany

- 46. Brot für die Welt
- 47. erlassjahr.de
- 48. German NGO Forum on Environment & Development
- 49. Germanwatch
- 50. Global Policy Forum Europe
- 51. Netzwerk Steuergerechtigkeit / Wem gehört die Stadt
- 52. SocDevJustice
- 53. Urgewald
- 54. WEED - World Economy, Ecology & Development

Hungary

- 55. Barn Owl Foundation
- 56. BODROG EGYESÜLET
- 57. Consultants for Sustainable Development
- 58. CSEMETE Association of Nature and Environmental Protection
- 59. E-misszió Environmental Association
- 60. Ecological Studio Foundation
- 61. Éghajlatvédelmi Szövetség / Hungarian Climate Alliance
- 62. Green Action Association
- 63. HAND Association
- 64. HELYES Association (Association for Supporting Local Energies)
- 65. Hungarian Society for Environmental Education (HSEE)
- 66. Inspi-Ráció
- 67. Közép-magyarországi Zöld Kör
- 68. Magyar Természetvédők Szövetsége - Friends of the Earth Hungary
- 69. Mozgalom az Egészséges Város Környezetéért Civil Társaság
- 70. Pécsi Zöld Kör
- 71. Planetrise Foundation
- 72. Reflex Environmental Association
- 73. Towards Sustainability Association

Ireland

- 74. Financial Justice Ireland
- 75. Trócaire

Italy

- 76. ECCO think tank
- 77. Focsiv

Lithuania

- 78. Lithuanian NGDO Platform
- 79. Vartotoju aljansas (Lithuanian Consumers Alliance)

Malta

- 80. SKOP (The National Platform for Maltese NGDOs)

Norway

- 81. Debt Justice Norway
- 82. The Norwegian Forum for Development and Environment (ForUM)

Portugal

- 83. ACEP
- 84. CIDAC
- 85. Plataforma Portuguesa das ONGD

Serbia

- 86. CEKOR- Center for Ecology and Sustainable Development

Spain

- 87. ACCIÓN VERAPAZ
- 88. Action Against Hunger
- 89. Alianza por la Solidaridad - ActionAid Spain
- 90. Amadecul, SCA
- 91. Amani-Laicos Combonianos por el Sur
- 92. Anesvad Foundation
- 93. APDHA-Asociación Pro Derechos Humanos de Andalucía
- 94. ARCORES International
- 95. ASOCIACIÓN PARA LA SOLIDARIDAD
- 96. Bosco Global
- 97. Centro de Estudios e Investigación sobre Mujeres
- 98. Coordinadora Andaluza de ONGD
- 99. Enlázate por la Justicia
- 100. Entreculturas
- 101. Federación de Asociaciones Medicus Mundi en España
- 102. FETS - Finançament ètic i solidari
- 103. Fundación Proclade
- 104. Fundación Savia por el Compromiso y los Valores
- 105. Futuro en Común
- 106. INCIDEM
- 107. JPIC-IBVM Spain
- 108. JUAN CIUDAD ONGD
- 109. Karit, solidarios por la paz
- 110. La Coordinadora de Organizaciones para el Desarrollo
- 111. Lafede.cat - Organitzacions per a la Justícia Global
- 112. Movimiento Por la Paz - MPDL-
- 113. Mujeres en Zona de Conflicto
- 114. Observatori del Deute en la Globalització
- 115. Observatorio UCM 2030
- 116. Oscarte

- 117. PROYDE
- 118. Red Entidades para el Desarrollo Solidario
- 119. REEDES
- 120. SEDRA-Federación de Planificación Familiar

Sweden

- 121. Act Church of Sweden
- 122. Afrikagrupperna
- 123. Diakonia
- 124. PMU

Switzerland

- 125. Global Social Justice

The Netherlands

- 126. Oil Change International
- 127. Wemos

UK

- 128. Amnesty International
- 129. Bond
- 130. Center for Economic and Social Rights
- 131. Christian Aid
- 132. Debt Justice UK
- 133. The Freedom Fund

Global South organisations alphabetically by country

Bangladesh

- 134. Centre for Environment, Human Rights & Development Forum (CEHRDF)
- 135. COAST Foundation

Barbados

- 136. Caribbean Policy Development Centre

Botswana

- 137. Success Capital Africa

Brazil

- 138. Brazilian Campaign for the Right to Education
- 139. Gestos

Congo

- 140. ONG CONSTRUIRONS ENSEMBLE LE MONDE
- 141. Plateforme dette et developpement

Ecuador

- 142. Mujeres Luna Creciente

Ethiopia

- 143. East Action Organization

Ghana	
144.	Abibinsroma Foundation
Haiti	
145.	Groupe de Réflexion et d'Initiative pour l'Avancement de la Grand'Anse (GRIAG)
146.	UNASCAD (Union des Amis So io Culturels d'Action en Developpement)
India	
147.	Nadi Ghati Morcha- India
Indonesia	
148.	Solidaritas Perempuan (Women's Solidarity for Human Right)
Kenya	
149.	Good Health Community Programmes
150.	Women In Democracy And Governance
151.	Global Public Investment Network
Kyrgyzstan	
152.	Nash Vek PF
Liberia	
153.	Liberian Women Empowerment Network
Mexico	
154.	DECA, EQUIPO PUEBLO
155.	Equidad de Género
Morocco	
156.	Espace Associatif pour le développement participatif
Nepal	
157.	LDC Watch
158.	National Campaign for Sustainable Development Nepal
159.	Rural Area Development Programme (RADP)
Nicaragua	
160.	RENICC
Nigeria	
161.	Village Farmers Initiative (VFI)
Pakistan	
162.	Alternative Law Collective
Peru	
163.	Chirapaq/ECMIA President
Philippines	
164.	Ecumenical Institute for Labor Education and Research
165.	IBON International
166.	Reality of Aid - Asia Pacific

Senegal

167. Organisation d'Appui aux Jeunes Opérateurs Économiques pour la
Gouvernance Locale

Sierra Leone

168. RESCUE THE EARTH INTERNATIONAL

Somalia

169. Somali Youth Development Foundation

South Africa

170. ISIZIBA Community Based Organizations of South Africa NPC

Togo

171. Amis des étrangers au Togo: ADET
172. ITUC-AFRICA

Uganda

173. DISABILITY PEOPLES FORUMUGANDA
174. Southern and Eastern Africa Trade Information Negotiations Institute
175. Uganda Debt Network
176. Uganda Peace Foundation
177. Voice Life Health Organization (VLHO)

Yemen

178. National Forum for Human Rights

Zambia

179. Civil Society SDGs Campaign GCAP Zambia
180. Climate Action Network (CAN) Zambia

Rest of the World

USA

181. The Society for Children Orphaned By AIDS Inc. (SOCOBA)
182. WEDO
183. Women and Youth Advancement Inc.

Individual signatories: 47