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IFAD HQ (Plenary Hall)
Moderator:
Ms Sara Pantuliano, Chief
Executive, ODI Global

LEADERS' DIALOGUE

Financing for Development: Working as a system to deliver more and better impact

The Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4), which will take place from 30 June to 3 July 2025 in Seville, Spain, marks a critical juncture in advancing transformative financing solutions for achieving the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Building on the Monterrey Consensus, the Doha Declaration and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, FfD4 aims to evaluate progress on prior commitments, identify barriers, and chart actionable pathways to overcome challenges hindering sustainable development efforts.

As the world grapples with increasingly complex and compounding crises, including food insecurity, economic downturns and climate change, FfD4 presents a unique opportunity to put forward solutions that can unlock and align greater investments from all sources – public and private – towards sustainable development outcomes.

The Leaders' Dialogue will highlight the role of Development Banks at the global, regional and national levels in leveraging financial capacity, fostering innovation, and promoting partnerships to drive inclusive investment and catalyse rural transformation. The dialogue will enable Governors to exchange views and ideas with development finance leaders on inclusive and catalytic approaches to financing the SDGs. Key takeaways will feed into the FfD4 preparatory process by informing discussions and negotiations among United Nations Member States towards a strong and impactful outcome. After a keynote address and high-level round table, an open discussion with IFAD Governors will address three questions:

- In preparation for FfD4, to what extent does your country prioritize needed transformational change for agri-food system investment?
- What specific, systemic changes can the FfD4 and its processes accelerate and/or facilitate to better catalyse investments for agri-food systems and rural development?
- What innovative solutions can work – and have worked in practice – for agri-food systems and rural transformation? What are the challenges faced at the country level since the adoption of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda 10 years ago?

Event Highlights

Keynote address: On the Road to FfD4

- Her Excellency Eva Granados, Secretary of State for International Cooperation, Spain

High-level Round Table:

- His Excellency Muhammad Sulaiman Al Jasser, President, Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)
- Mr Jin Liqun, President, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
- Ms Gelsomina Vigliotti, Vice-President, European Investment Bank (EIB)
- Mr Matteo Patrone, Vice President, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
- Mr Alvaro Lario, President, IFAD