



Financing the Sustainable Development Goals International Conference

17–18 March 2015

La Palm Royal Beach Hotel
Accra, Ghana



Financing
the Future

Fresh perspectives
on global development

Conference day one

08.30 Coffee and registration

09.00 Welcoming remarks

Seth Terkper, Minister of Finance, Ghana

Edward Hedger, Director, Centre for Aid and Public Expenditure,
Overseas Development Institute

09.15 High level opening session

The conference will be opened by a 'political cafe' style debate which will:

- Update participants on key debates and policy processes related to financing the SDGs, particularly in the run-up to the FfD and SDG Summits;
 - Provide an overview of recent and likely future trends in the purpose, use and impact of international public finance, and;
 - Provide alternative perspectives on IPF and its use.
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SESSION CHAIR

Edward Hedger,
Director, Centre for Aid and
Public Expenditure, ODI

SESSION SPEAKERS

Dr Samura Kamara, Minister of Foreign Affairs
and International Cooperation, Sierra Leone
Mahmoud Mohieldin, World Bank Corporate Secretary
& President's Special Envoy on the Post 2015 Process
Fanwell Bokosi, Executive Director, African
Forum and Network on Debt and Development
Shari Spiegel, Chief, Policy Analysis &
Development Branch, Financing for
Development Office, UN-DESA
Esteban Pérez-Caldentey, Chief, Financing
for Development Unit of the Economic
Development Division, UN ECLAC

11.00 Networking coffee break

11.30 Technical session

Examining the comparative advantage of international public finance in relation to other forms of development finance. In this technical session, speakers from a range of specialised backgrounds will unearth comparative advantages of IPF in brief snapshot presentations followed by an in-depth and interactive discussion.

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Amadou Sy,
Senior Fellow, Africa Growth
Initiative Brookings Institution

SESSION SPEAKERS

Susan Fine, U.S. Agency for International
Development Mission Director in Senegal
Joe Amoako-Tuffour, Senior Advisor at African
Centre for Economic Transformation and
a Professor of Economics at St. Xavier University
Romilly Greenhill, Team Leader Development
Finance, Overseas Development Institute
Paul Steele, Chief Economist, International
Institute for Environment and Development
Leslie Nelson, Chief Executive Office, GE Ghana

13.00 Networking lunch

Optional lunchtime session – Innovations in development finance

SESSION SPEAKERS

Development impact bonds: Peter Vanderwal, GRM International Futures Group Impact investing
Impact investing: Godfrey Mwindaaire, Director, Acumen West Africa
Innovations in BMGF programmes: Carol Welch, Senior Program Officer, Global Policy
& Advocacy, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

14.15

**Role-play session:
Adapting financing plans to positive and negative country level shocks**

In this session four separate country role-play scenarios will be acted out, each representing a hypothetical country from the following groups: i) fragile state, ii) LDC/LLDC/SID, iii) LIC and iv) LMIC. Each scenario will feature select people acting out the role of government and finance providers (donors, private investors etc) who will be asked to respond to a number of shocks (see below). At various points in the scenarios the audience will be asked to discuss the proceedings and vote on how the country should respond.

Positive and negative shocks to be considered will include:

- A natural disaster
- A global economic crisis that reduces exports
- An interest rate rise on global financial markets
- A change in approach/ interest from major donors
- A major new private investment
- Entrant of a new donor

FACILITATORS

Matthew Martin, Director, Development Finance International

Juan Carlos Vilanova Pardo, Programme Manager, Development Finance International

16.00

Networking coffee break

16.30

Plenary discussion on country financing scenarios and dilemmas and implications for the Financing for Development agenda

In this session we will be reflecting on the discussions and insights that emerged from the technical role-play session, including identifying the implications for the Financing for Development process. The presenters will also draw on the issues that have emerged from their country financing strategy discussions and their emerging financing policies for responding to the SDGs.

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Matthew Martin,
Director, Development
Finance International

SESSION SPEAKERS

Mamadou Moustapha Ba, Director General of Finance
Ministry of Economy, Finance and Planning, Senegal
Sahr Lahal Jusu, Director of Debt, Ministry
of Finance and Economic Development, Sierra Leone
Adelino Santiago Castelo David, Advisor to the
Minister of Finance and Public Administration,
São Tomé and Príncipe
Alimatou Zongo Kabore, Director of the
Coordination and Effectiveness of Official
Development Assistance, Ministry of the
Economy and Finance, Burkina Faso

18.00

Drinks reception, entertainment and gala dinner

Conference day two

08.30

Coffee and registration

09.00

Emerging research on post-2015 financing challenges and initiatives

In this session a range of organisations will be presenting ideas from their ongoing research projects focused on post-2015 financing challenges, including sharing their policy proposals for the Financing for Development process.

SESSION CHAIR

Susan Nicolai, Head of Project
Development Progress, Overseas
Development Institute

SESSION SPEAKERS

Andrew Rogerson, Research Associate,
Overseas Development Institute



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Amadou Sy, Senior Fellow, Africa Growth Initiative, Brookings Institution
Charles Lwanga Ntale, Regional Director East and Central Africa, Development Initiatives
Peter Chowla, Economic Affairs Officer, Financing for Development Office UN-DESA

10.30 Networking coffee break

11.00 'Speed-geeking' session: What should go into the FfD agreement?

In this interactive 15–20 'speed geeks' will move around the room spending 5 minutes presenting and discussing their priority proposal to be included in the FfD agreement to each of 15–20 small groups of participants. At the end of the session conference participants will be asked to vote on the FfD proposals and policy agendas they would prioritise.

FACILITATOR

Gideon Rabinowitz, Research Officer, Overseas Development Institute

13.00 Networking lunch

Optional lunchtime session – How development finance can better target poverty and help us 'get to zero'

SESSION SPEAKERS

Chiara Mariotti, Research Officer, Overseas Development Institute
Albert Kan-Dapaah, Financial Accountability and Transparency-Africa
Jon Lomøy, Director of the Development Cooperation Directorate, OECD
Gregory Adams, Director of Aid Effectiveness, Oxfam USA

14.15 Results of the voting on priorities for the FfD agreement

In this session the results of the voting on 'priorities for the FfD agreement' will be presented and discussed.

15.00 Networking coffee break

15.15 Interactive panel discussion: Influencing the FfD and SDG summit agendas

In this high level panel leading actors in the FfD process will be invited to take questions in the form of a 'Question Time' style debate from an interviewer. Questions from the audience, generated over the previous sessions in the summit will be posed to the high level panel in a bid to influence discussions and key take-aways to be explored further at FfD and SDG summits.

SESSION CHAIR

Philipp Schönrock, Director, Centro de Pensamiento Estratégico Internacional (CEPEI)

SESSION SPEAKERS

Annalisa Prizzon, Research Fellow, Overseas Development Institute (Rapporteur)
Ambassador George Talbot, Permanent Representative of Guyana to the UN and Co-Chair of the Financing for Development process
Michael Atingi Ego, Deputy Director, African Department, International Monetary Fund
Jon Lomøy, Director of the Development Cooperation Directorate, OECD
Martín Rivero, Executive Director Uruguay Agency for International Cooperation and Executive Secretary of the Ibero-American Program to Strengthen South-South Cooperation

17.00 Chair's closing remarks

17.15 End of conference

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