

# Africa Europe Foundation at the 4th International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4)

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The Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4) is a once-in-a-decade global summit bringing together world leaders, international organizations, financial institutions, civil society, and the private sector.

FfD4 serves as a strategic platform for AEF to contribute to discussions and impact commitments in thematic areas on the reform of the international financial architecture, mobilising financing for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and addressing the growing global financing gap, now estimated at over \$4 trillion annually. It also offers a critical opportunity to assess progress since the Monterrey Consensus, the Doha Declaration, and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (2015), which feeds into our priority focus areas.

This moment is a pivotal opportunity for AEF to forge renewed commitments and bold, collective action to build a more inclusive, resilient, and equitable global financial system that truly supports sustainable development, particularly for the world's most vulnerable countries and reshape Africa-Europe partnerships. Strategic areas within the conference that align with AEF's work include of tax, domestic resource mobilisation, illicit financial flows, international cooperation, Debt and debt sustainability and Data and monitoring.

AEF's primary engagement at the FfD4 is through 3 official side events on Intergenerational dialogue, AU/EU Ministerial Dinner Dialogue, Tax reform and combatting illicit financial flows, and Africa-Europe cooperation on carbon pricing and markets. These are in collaboration with AUDA-NEPAD, Team Europe Initiative in combatting illicit financial flows and related transnational organized crime in Africa with the EU, Germany, Finland, France and Sweden; UNCTAD, and Tax Justice Network Africa.

### Our Programme Agenda for FfD4:

Monday 30 June 2025

**4:30 PM-6:00 PM**

**Future Africa-Europe Intergenerational Dialogue: Young Finance Experts Reinventing Africa-Europe Cooperation**

**Venue: Room Side event 24**

An official closed door event of FfD4, organised by AEF.

Connecting youth voice and agency with global leaders to address the interconnected issues of debt, illicit financial flows, remittances, and domestic resource mobilisation, setting the operational blueprint for a paradigm shift in international development-cooperation.

**7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

**Closed Door Ministerial Dinner Dialogue on Re-shaping the Africa-Europe Partnership for Sustainable Finance and Growth**

**Venue: Hotel Don Ramón (address: C. Trajano, 2, Casco Antiguo, Sevilla)**

A closed-door forum organised by AEF and AUDA-NEPAD

In partnership with AUDA-NEPAD, this closed-door meeting provides a safe space for finance leaders to address complex issues of multilateral finance and tax cooperation and identify strategic and pragmatic opportunities for the Africa-Europe Partnership to step up.

## Programme Agenda

Tuesday, 1 July 2025

### **10:30 AM -12:00 PM**    **Illicit Financial Flows, Fiscal Space and Fair Taxation: Advancing Africa-Europe Cooperation for a Unified Measurement and Reform Agenda**

***Venue: Room Side event 5***

An official event of FfD4, organised by AEF, AUDA-NEPAD, Team Europe Initiative in combatting illicit financial flows and related transnational organised crime in Africa, Tax Justice Network Africa and UNCTAD and open to delegates.

Building on the work during 2024/25 of the AEF platform on combatting IFFs, this convening will focus on concrete actions for Africa-Europe, from leveraging technology and AI tools to track and mitigate IFFs to data governance, country reporting and capacity sharing on tax administration.

### **12:30 PM-2:00 PM**    **Africa-Europe Cooperation on Carbon Pricing and Markets**

***Venue: Room Side event 7***

An official event of FfD4, organised by AEF and open to delegates.

With the increasing global demand for carbon markets, and the untapped potential of blue carbon, new research will underpin this strategic workshop on pragmatic opportunities

AEF's programme agenda for FfD4 has been built through a year-long process involving African and European experts and leaders from diverse organisation settings (civil society, the private sector, academia, policymaking, youth leadership). This included the 'Future Africa-Europe' Fora in Addis Ababa (March 2025) and Brussels (November 2024), AEF at Finance in Common in Cape Town (February 2025) and the AEF High-Level Group Forum on 'Reimagining Financing for Development' in Marrakesh (June 2025); in addition to AEF's participation as technical partner to the UN preparation process for FfD4.

