

Financing our Future: High-level policy dinner on innovative resource mobilisation

DINNER—STANHOPE HOTEL, BRUSSELS

PROGRAMME

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Schedule

19.00-19.30
CEST Registration and cocktails

19.30-21.30
CEST **Financing our Future Policy Dinner**

Mid-way through a global ‘super-year’ of elections and in the context of new institutional and programming cycles for the EU and AU, the United Nations is set to host the Summit of the Future in New York in September 2024. Co-led by Namibia and Germany, the Summit is outlined as *“a moment to mend eroded trust and demonstrate that international cooperation can effectively tackle current challenges ...”*

The question of “which challenges” has already been answered time and again in the Sustainable Development Goals and a variety of frameworks, from the recently published ‘Next Decade of the AU Agenda 2063’ to the conclusions and Joint Vision of the previous EU-AU Summit. The Summit of the Future is now an opportunity to look beyond the “what” and focus on the “how” – the rationale for this dinner-debate and the critical domain of cooperation for all of us who will convene together in New York this September.

Sustainable and innovative finance plays a crucial role in future-proofing the global agenda. Bringing together Brussels-based Ambassadors and senior representatives of international partners, this high-level dinner will provide a safe space and intellectually stimulating opportunity for guests to focus on strategies for overcoming the limitations of the existing international financial architecture and ‘low hanging-fruit’ when it comes to accelerating the implementation of our shared sustainable development goals.

With increased global attention on a post-2030 agenda, now is the time to ensure international partnerships are underpinned by equity and foresight in action. By leveraging innovative financing mechanisms to create a robust toolkit and funding pool that is characterised by accessibility, flexibility and endurance, the global community can simultaneously advance common goals while addressing unforeseen shocks.

This dinner-debate provides a platform to engage in meaningful dialogue, leverage collective expertise and chart a course towards a more inclusive and resilient global financial system tailored to meet country needs.

- In preparation for the UN Summit of the Future, what are the priorities when it comes to cross-continental cooperation on Sustainable Finance (from domestic resource mobilisation and combatting illicit financial flows to commitments on adaptation finance and the reform of the international financial systems)?
- What are the main changes we are advocating for together when it comes to the framework and rules for accessing finance? How can the current system be adapted in anticipation of the challenges of tomorrow at the nexus of climate, health and economic development?
- Conclusions from recent global gatherings (from the Paris Pact for People and the Planet to the IMF/World Bank Spring Meetings) all outline potential financing tools for a way forward, from global taxes to debt reform. Which are the “best-bet” tools you believe have the most potential to deliver?
- How can innovative financing solutions be tailored to address the specific requirements and challenges faced by local communities? In which way could tools be more adaptable and flexible?



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