ECOSOC Financing for Development Forum

The annual ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development (FfD) is an intergovernmental process with universal participation mandated to review the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (Addis Agenda) and other financing for development outcomes and the means of implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The FfD Forum results in intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations that are submitted to the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development — an important step forward in reinvigorating and strengthening the United Nations FfD follow-up process.

High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

The United Nations High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) is the main United Nations platform on sustainable development and has a central role in the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the SDGs at the global level. The Forum is an intergovernmental body of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) with a unique feature: it is the only high-level ministerial meeting of United Nations bodies established by the General Assembly with a public-governance agenda, including for around 55 UN forums.

UNEP FI Global Roundtable for Sustainable Finance

The UNEP FI Global Roundtable for Sustainable Finance is the biennial global agenda-setting event for the banking, insurance and investment industry, focused on financing the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and the SDGs. The event focuses on building knowledge and best practice on integrating Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) factors across financial instruments to contribute to mobilizing private sector finance for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

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PRI in Person

PRI in Person is a leading global conference on responsible investment, which offers a platform for PRI signatories and other investment professionals from across the world to network and collaborate in person over a three day period. The annual event allows attendees to discuss topical issues and share experiences from their own organization and region with peers from around the world.

World Investment Forum

The World Investment Forum is a high-level, biennial, multi-stakeholder gathering designed to facilitate dialogue and action on the world’s key emerging investment-related challenges. Organized by UNCTAD and other supporting partners, its mission is to provide a platform where a debate on “investment for development” can take place and where investment stakeholders from the public and private sector, academia, civil society, and other actors come together to drive action on investment in the SDGs. The Forum is the only UN forum that can bring together and engage a broad range of actors to achieve a common investment agenda for development.

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Early estimates show that it will take $5–7 trillion USD of annual public and private investment globally to scale up activities as wide ranging as education, clean energy, agriculture, and healthcare, to achieve the 2030 Agenda. Significant public support will be needed to create these opportunities in the short term, but the importance of this moment has never been clearer. As we commit to a journey of SDG implementation, every actor will have a role to play in securing the future we want for people and the planet.

**Actions to Scale Up Private Sector Finance and Investment in Sustainable Development**

- **Develop the capacity of institutional investors and banks** to support SDG finance by building a financial system that advances sustainable development through improved corporate reporting of quality strategy and ESG and SDG risks and investment decisions.
- **Increase visibility for various SDG themes** through the development of independent sell-side macroeconomic research, financial modelling for new business models, and updated risk analysis for new financial systems.
- **Develop sell-side investment research** on private sector SDG activities, including the SDGs, and increase visibility for various SDG themes at different levels.
- **Align SDG financing** with sector-specific sustainability frameworks for the financing of sustainable development benefits, minimizing risks and other negative social and environmental impacts.
- **Incorporate the SDGs into human needs** and core business models, such as sustainable impact bonds or loans, in order to achieve positive impact, social or environmental goals.
- **Establish effective regulatory and enabling environments** in order to create a fertile soil for innovative SDG finance.
- **Develop joint platforms among institutional investors** to advance sustainable development incentives in pay, performance, and corporate culture.
- **Proactively engage with other private sector leaders** to support the Sustainable Stock Exchanges Global Initiative. Including through actions laid out in PRI’s Ten Year Blueprint for Responsible Investment.
- **Create an enabling environment** to mobilize new generations of investment promotion initiatives, including the use of pension and equity funds in line with the UN SDGs.
- **Create an enabling environment** to mobilize private sector SDG finance, including through engaging with the SDGprivate sector global convening and match-making platform.
- **Engage with private and public-regulated pension funds** to support the SDGs and its implementation.
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**Actions for Governments**

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