

# Road to Seville: The Local Way

## Youth Consultation towards the Fourth Financing for Development Conference (FFD4)

Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025  
14:00-17:00 CET

### **Background**

The Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FFD4), set for 30 June – 3 July 2025 in Seville, Spain, marks a crucial milestone in assessing progress on the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (AAAA) at its 10-year anniversary and advancing localized finance for sustainable development. As SDG financing gaps persist, global forums such as COP29, the High Level Political Forum, regional finance dialogues and lately the Pact of the future emphasize redirecting climate finance to local adaptation, integrating nature-based solutions, increasing concessional finance, and strengthening subnational fiscal autonomy to better align with local development needs.

However limited access to credit, lack of financial literacy, high-interest rates, and collateral requirements further restrict financial participation particularly for youth, women, and small businesses; limiting their ability to invest, innovate, and scale operations. In the developing world, Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) make up 90 percent of the private sector and create more than 50 percent of jobs in their corresponding economies. With 73% of Gen Z and Millennials prioritizing ESG investments, leveraging blended finance, impact investment, digital innovation, and public-private collaboration is essential to bridge financial gaps, expand markets, and drive sustainable economic growth through inclusive financial systems.

In view of this, the Local2030 Coalition, in collaboration with the UN Youth Office and the FAO World Food Forum are co-organizing youth-led consultations bringing together young representatives, experts and practitioners from public and private sectors to identify practical challenges , lessons learnt and good practices to strengthen youth entrepreneurship, expand access to sustainable financing, and ensure local actors are at the forefront of SDG acceleration.

Please find [here](#) the link to the registration.

### **Objectives:**

- Identify the key challenges hindering youth access to finance at the local level and their expectations from the Finance for Development conference.
- Identify current efforts and gaps in addressing sustainable financing and multi-level approaches to achieving the SDGs.
- Identify innovative financing mechanisms and successful local models in different regions.

### **Main outcomes:**

- Concrete report documenting key challenges, messages, policy recommendations, and best practices to strengthen localized finance strategies and implementation.
- Database of the different participants to the event for follow-up.

### **Template Agenda**

General Moderator: Lucia Graf, Portfolio, Knowledge Management Associate and Youth Focal Point, Local2030 Coalition Secretariat

#### **1. Opening and welcome remarks by the organizing entities: UN Local2030, UN Youth Office, FAO WFF (15 min)**

- Felipe Paullier, Assistant Secretary-General for Youth Affairs, UN Youth Office (5 min)
- Nakita Aboya, PhD Researcher in Economics and Youth Representative of the UN Local2030 Coalition Steering Committee (5 min)
- Victor Muiru, Head of Local Youth Action at UN FAO 's World Food Forum (5 min)

#### **2. Setting the scene: The Role of Youth in Local Finance and the SDGs in different regions (30 min)**

Moderator: Lucia Graf Rojo, Knowledge Management Associate and Youth Focal Point, Local2030 Coalition Secretariat

Thematic Focus:

- The importance of youth and local finance in achieving the SDGs
- Key barriers young people face in accessing finance and investment opportunities
- How youth-led solutions contribute to financial sustainability and inclusion

Panelists:

- Marco Fayet, Deputy Manager of the World Bank Youth Summit, World Bank, Washington DC (10 min)
- Vicent Ssenyondo, Monitoring and Evaluation specialist, Ministry of Finance, planning and economic development, Uganda (10 min)
- Ana Erika Lareza, Chair of EvalYouth Global Network (10 min)

**3. Consultations - Open space for the voluntary presentation of recommendations, best practices and innovative financing mechanism for youth (1.30 hours)**

Facilitator: Nakita Aboya, PhD Researcher in Economics and Youth Representative of the Local2030 Coalition Steering Committee

Guiding question: What are the best practices on local finance from your organization/territory perspective and how can youth contribute to that? What are your key expectations for FfD4 towards the promotion of these practices?

- Maria Caterina Migliorero, Economic Affairs Officer, Sustainable Finance Lead, UN DESA (8 min)
- Patricia Longwani, YOUNGO representative and Financial professional (8 min)
- Bruno Ernesto Ferreira Crespo, Representative, Food Bank of Bolivia (8 min)
- Afruza Tanzi, Founder and CEO, H30 Bangladesh (8 min)
- Pragya Devkota, Lead of the Nepal WFF National Chapter, Nepal (8min)
- Sapphire Alexander, Coordinator of Transform Education, UNGEI (8 min)
- Kiary Kea, Hawai'i SDG Youth Council member (videoremarks)

**4. Keynote listener by Álvaro Díaz Duque, Deputy Director General for Multilateral and European Development Policies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, EU and cooperation, Spain (10 min)**

**5. Discussion moderated by Ms. Nakita Aboya and Q&A (30 min)**

**6. Closing Remarks & Next Steps (5 minutes)**

- Sebastian Vauzelle, Head of the Local2030 Coalition Secretariat (5 min)