

**FfD4 Side Event “Accelerating the Shift – From Dialogue to Action”**  
(as of 18 June)

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Empowering Public Development Banks in Emerging and Developing Economies to Drive Domestic Financial Resource Mobilisation and Private Climate Investment at Scale

Draft Agenda

<i>Segment</i>	<i>Participants</i>
Opening and Framing (5 mins)	- <b>Barbara Buchner</b> , Global Managing Director of Climate Policy Initiative
BMZ Keynote Framing Speech (5 mins)	- <b>Dr. Bärbel Kofler</b> , Parliamentary State Secretary at the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development
Overview: Financial Flows and Domestic Savings Untapped Potential (10 mins)	- <b>Amar Bhattacharya</b> , Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution
Fireside conversation (25 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Admassu Tadesse</b>, President and CEO of Eastern and Southern Africa's Trade and Development Bank</li> <li>- <b>Maria José Naranjo</b>, Vice President Corporate Strategy of Bancoldex</li> <li>- <b>Andrea Hauser</b>, Member of the Management Committee of KfW (tbc)</li> <li>- <b>Boitumelo Mosako</b>, Development Bank of Southern Africa DBSA (tbc)</li> <li>- <b>Ayaan Zeinab Adam</b>, Senior Director at Africa Finance Corporation &amp; CEO of AFC Capital Partners (tbc)</li> </ul>
Reflections (15 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Rémy Rioux</b>, CEO of Agence Française de Développement and Chairman of Finance in Common</li> <li>- <b>Mary Beth Goodman</b>, Deputy-Secretary General of OECD (tbc)</li> </ul>
Emerging Recommendations (10 mins)	- <b>Dr. Ulrich Volz</b> , Professor of Economics and Director of the Centre for Sustainable Finance at SOAS University of London and Senior Research Fellow at German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS)
Q&A (15 mins)	
Closing (5 mins)	

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Concept Note

### **Accelerating the Shift – From Dialogue to Action** 02 July, 08h30-10h00 at UN FfD4, Seville/Spain

#### **Title**

Accelerating the Shift - From Dialogue to Action.

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#### **Short Description**

The High-Level Friends Group Private Climate Finance for Development, convened by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), aims to identify practical, implementable solutions mobilizing private climate finance to help close the significant climate investment gap facing emerging and developing economies (EMDE). Through an informal dialogue among participants from politics, development finance institutions, think tanks and private investors, the group fosters an international network for thematic and political coordination at the highest level and carries these impulses into existing networks and forums, creating a multiplier effect.

The side event will present and reflect key findings and actionable recommendations stemming from the High-Level Friends Group’s Acceleration Dialogues — a global workshop series aimed at enhancing the role of National Public Development Banks (PDBs) in mobilizing domestic and private climate finance in EMDEs.

Acceleration Dialogues were held in Kigali, Rabat and Bogotá and twice in Washington at the WBG/IMF meetings. Each Acceleration Dialogue was co-hosted by a significant proponent of climate investment and brought together local and international expert practitioners to discuss enabling conditions for mobilizing domestic savings and scaling private climate investments. Discussions emphasized the catalytic role PDBs can play in aligning public policy objectives and private capital flows. At the same time, persistent challenges such as high capital costs, currency risks, and underdeveloped financial markets continue to hinder progress.

#### Event objectives

1. **Present findings and ideas worth spreading for action** from the Acceleration Dialogues.
2. **Showcase successful models** of PDBs mobilizing domestic finance for climate action and **explore policy implications** for scaling up private sector investments.
3. **Build political momentum** and share **actionable recommendations**

#### **Relevance to FfD4**

The event provides practical guidance on key aspirations of the FfD4 Conference with regards to mobilizing domestic and international private finance as is outlined in Section II.B of the [Outcome Document](#) (first draft as of 10 Mar 2025). It specifically explores challenges and practical guidance for EMDE on “promoting policy frameworks that create enabling environments for investment in and aligned with sustainable development” (see Article 27 a). A strong emphasis is put on the potential and critical role of PDBs in the process thus addressing another key demand of FfD4 (see Article 25) as well as the “Baku to Belem”-Roadmap’s impetus to “bring the ground to the money” (see [corresponding non-paper](#) as of 12 Mar 2025).