GLOBAL FINANCING PLAYBOOK

Fostering Collaboration Across Finance and Development Institutions

What is the Global Financing Playbook?

The 2025 Global Financing Playbook is a joint effort by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), the International Development Finance Club (IDFC), in collaboration with a broad coalition of financial and development institutions. Developed ahead of the 2025 Financing for Development Conference (FFD4), it aims to help translate high-level commitments into coordinated country-level action by surfacing and aligning a set of proven and innovative solutions for sustainable development and climate finance. Grounded in country leadership and informed by national priorities, it serves as a tool to support the implementation of financing strategies aligned with the SDGs and climate goals.

Why does it matter?

US$4 TRILLION
is needed annually to achieve the SDGs
and
$5 TRILLION
by 2030 to deliver on existing NDCs.

$100+ TRILLION
in assets held by institutional investors, but only a fraction goes to developing countries.

The Playbook responds by promoting a more inclusive, aligned and results-driven approach to development finance, focused on key critical development gaps at the national level.

Why now?

FFD4 offers a chance to take stock and realign financing with the 2030 Agenda and climate goals. Despite growing reform momentum—on multilateral development banks, blended finance, Special Drawing Rights and more—investment in developing countries is held back by persistent perceptions on high risk, weak pipelines, fragmented efforts and a lack of alignment with nationally defined priorities.

The critical role of country platforms

- Country platforms—led by national governments and anchored in domestic institutions—can play a key role in aligning financing flows with development and climate goals. They bring together actors such as Ministries of Finance and National Development Banks (NDBs), among others, around a shared country-led strategy, linking policy reforms, investable project pipelines, and financing partners.
- These priorities are often expressed through National Development Plans (NDPs), Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), and National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs). Tools like Integrated National Financing Frameworks (INFFs) help structure these strategies.

The Playbook is structured around four pillars/critical development gaps

Pipeline Development
Enhances project origination and preparation by aligning investments with sustainable development priorities and strengthening technical capacity.

Financial De-risking
Mobilizes private capital through blended finance, guarantees, and risk-sharing mechanisms.

Policy De-risking
Strengthens national regulatory frameworks and aligns policies to create a stable investment environment.



Embedding Impact
Integrating impact measurement and management into investment decisions to maximize sustainability outcomes per dollar invested.

What Does the Playbook Offer?

- A practical operational framework that supports governments and partners to align financing efforts with national development strategies.
- A mapping of global tools and initiatives under each pillar, adaptable to country contexts.
- A platform to support practical implementation of FFD4 outcomes.
- A mechanism to improve coordination through joint planning, co-financing, and shared accountability.

The Playbook is a result of consultations and inputs from more than 20 development and financial institutions. The list of confirmed organizations supporting this initiative is evolving and remains open to any interested partners.

Partners and Supporting Organizations

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), the International Development Finance Club (IDFC), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean (CAF), United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF), Financial Fund for the Development of the River Plate Basin (FONPLATA), Cassa Depositi e Prestiti (CDP), the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) of the World Bank Group, and the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI).

