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AMBITION AND MOMENTUM – FINANCING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR GLOBAL JUSTICE

From June 30 to July 3, 2025, the fourth International Conference on Development Finance (FfD4) will take place in Seville, Spain. Expectations are high, as the conference aims to mobilize the means to close the enormous financing gap in climate and sustainable development, and to advance the reforms in the international financial architecture.

However, current global developments counteract these goals. The U.S. administration fundamentally questions multilateralism. Several European governments are drastically cutting official development aid (ODA) due to economic pressure or fundamental policy shifts. At the same time, geopolitical tension between the U.S., China, and Russia over spheres of influence, resources, and markets are intensifying. In this new landscape, the EU and Germany seek to assert themselves as key actors. FfD4 offers Germany and the EU an opportunity to strengthen partnership with countries in the Global South and to build alliances to tackle global financing shortfalls. It could be a milestone in strengthening Germany's and the EU's role as a reliable partner for sustainable development.

Systemic reforms must be central to these efforts. Financial contributions should not be seen as budgetary burdens but as strategic investments in sustainable development, enabling long-term, equitable partnerships. German and EU development policy must be guided by values —beyond economic and security interests—to promote human rights and sustainable development for the well-being of all.

Our conference brings together leading political and civil society representatives to discuss the challenges and opportunities of FfD4 amid current geopolitical shifts.

Please register [here](#) for the Live Stream and [here](#) for in-person participation. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Nadine Mezger (n.mezger@venro.org).

We are very much looking forward to your participation!

WHEN AND WHERE?

25 June 2025, 13:00
pm to 5:30 pm
(CEST)

ZOOM (you will receive the Link with your registration)

REGISTRATION

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PROGRAMM

Moderation: Natasha Walker

13.00 **Registration and Light Lunch (in-person participation)**

13.30 **What FfD4 needs to deliver!**
Video Messages of the Conference Organizers and Conference Co-hosts

13:35 **Welcome Address**

Carsten Montag

Deputy Board

Association of German Development and Humanitarian Aid NGOs (VENRO)

13:40 **Interview - International financing for sustainable development - What challenges does civil society face?**

Harsh Jaitli

Chief Executive Director

Voluntary Action Network India (VANI))

14:00 **Addressing Global Challenges – FfD4 as a Blueprint for a Partnership-Based Multilateralism for Sustainable Development?**

Dr. Bärbel Kofler

Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

Henrique Frota

Executive Director

Associação Brasileira de ONGs (Abong)

Carsten Montag

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15:30 **Coffee Break**

16:00 **Enforcing Human Rights – Sustainable Development Requires ODA and Debt Cancellation**

Maria Ron Balsera (Online)

Executive Director

Center for Economic and Social Rights (CESR)

Sale Wale Gethahun

Head of Department Resources and Partnerships

The Consortium of Christian Relief and Development Associations (CCRDA)

Malina Stutz

Policy Adviser

erlassjahr.de (Jubilee Germany)

17:30 **End of Conference**

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