

Feminist Forum for and beyond the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4)

Ushering an economic system based on care, justice and equality

27-28 June 2025
Hotel Giralda Center
Seville, Spain

With preparatory webinars on 4, 11, 19 June 2025

Context

The Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4) takes place at a time when intersecting global crises — economic, ecological, and social — are exacerbating inequalities, particularly for women in all their diversity and structurally excluded communities in the Global South. While governments and institutions revisit the international financial architecture, dominant responses continue failing to address the root causes of structural, social, racial, environmental and economic injustice. The upcoming 4th Conference presents a key moment to drive socio-economic change by simply prioritising all women and girls. It offers a once-in-a-decade opportunity for Member States to deliver systematic reforms, placing all women and girls at the heart of the financing agenda. However, Member States need collaborative efforts to achieve this. Enhancing the scope of the FfD4 process, therefore, necessitates strengthening a genuine multilateralism based on equality between countries and duty bearers' accountability to peoples. This requires bolstering the role and leadership of civil society and the women's movement, in shaping a feminist agenda that will lead to a robust outcome at FfD4. Moreover, the Conference presents a unique opportunity to build multi stakeholder partnerships amongst Governments, CSOs, Youth, International Organisations, the private sector and philanthropies to prioritise gender financing and mainstreaming women's human rights and gender equality in implementing the FfD4 outcome document.

Feminist movements have long exposed the colonial, patriarchal, racist and neoliberal foundations of the current economic order. We call for a just and transformative economic system rooted in care, redistribution, with a gender perspective, reparations, and human rights—one that centers the leadership and lived realities of women and gender-diverse people and brings together intergenerational collaborations across regions.

The Feminist Forum, convened just before the CSO Forum and official FfD4 proceedings, serves as a vibrant political commons where feminist advocates, activists, researchers, and organisers from every region converge to refine collective positions, forge unified strategies, and assert a powerful feminist voice within, and beyond, the Financing for Development process.

Designed to cultivate solidarity and strengthen feminist engagement, the gathering will weave together regional and thematic dialogues, apply a feminist lens to macroeconomic challenges, and debate transformative alternatives, giving us time to reflect, connect, and coordinate with collective unity, and formidable power for and beyond FfD4. It will bring together the voices of diverse women, including women political leaders, women in civil society, rural, women of African descent and indigenous women and those from structurally marginalized communities, and to connect these voices with key actors in the FfD4 process.

Objectives

1. To assess the progress in integration of feminist perspectives in financing for development since FfD3 and share common demands and build synergies around advocacy positions, including to amplify Global South and unified feminist perspectives on financing for development for and beyond FfD4.
2. To build intergenerational, intersectional and cross-regional feminist solidarity, shared analysis and capacity for feminist macroeconomic advocacy.

Proposed Programme

There will be three (3) preparatory webinars that will be organised before FfD4 for the Feminist Forum.

Webinar #1 (90 min) | 4 June 2025 | 9:00-10:30 AM NY

What is FfD4?

- Brief overview: Demystify the FfD process & institutions
- Where are we now? Current status of negotiations, outcome doc status, civil society entry points at this junction.

Why is it a feminist issue?

- Issue Carousel on the 9 key issues [i. the current situation of the issue (debt/tax etc), ii. feminist analysis of the problem, iii. political demands)].

Issues and concerns:

- Debt, Public/Private Finance & Systemic Reform
- Tax Justice, Trade & Innovative Finance
- Climate, Militarism & the Care Economy

Webinar #2 (90 min) | 11 June 2025 | 9:00-10:30 AM NY

Deep dive dialogues on the feminist perspectives, demands and recommendations. Three parallel 25 min break out sessions. Each room tackles one of the set of issue areas below with a facilitator, then back to plenary to share back refined demands and recommendations. Outputs will be converted into a living Google Doc that will become the Forum's Key messages brief.

- Debt, Public/Private Finance & Systemic Reform
- Tax Justice, International Trade & Innovative Finance
- Climate, Militarization & the Care Economy

Webinar #3 Strategy Lab (90 min) | 19 June 2025 | 9:00-10:30 AM NY

Collective strategies for feminist futures (at the local, national, regional and global levels | formal advocacy spaces and community mobilising)

Part 1

- Mapping of past and ongoing strategies
- Potential strategies for future

Part 2

- Strategy plan for Sevilla including key messages/demands document review and refinement and action plan for the key messages doc
- Mapping out roles in Sevilla
- Media / Advocacy strategy and messages
- Agree on points for the political statement

Side note, but may be a good idea to collate information on the above before the Feminist Forum, and once there, display it at the space to facilitate conversations during sessions and build on from what has been discussed/worked upon already

In Sevilla, there will be a two-day in-person gathering to build from the cross-regional, intergenerational and intersectional learning exchanges.

27 June, 13:00-17:30

Time	Session
12:30-13:00	Registration
13:00-13:30	Opening and Welcoming Remarks
13:30-13:45	Keynote and objective setting: Building a united feminist movement against economic injustices
13:45-15:15	<p>Plenary #1</p> <p>Scene setter: Why is FfD a feminist issue? <i>The interlinkages of addressing gender-based violence, gender equality and women's human rights to achieve economic justice.</i></p> <p>Where are we today and where we are heading: Feminist issues and concerns in FfD4</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The burden of debt and austerity measures to women and girls and interlinkages to structural injustices in the global south and the need to transform the international financial architecture 2. Illicit financial flows, tax avoidance and impact to labour and women's human rights, and the need for a just and equitable UN Tax Framework Convention 3. Reframing Women's Economic Empowerment and the narrative of private sector role in development for feminist economic justice 4. Care at the core of development finance to unlock gender

	<p>equality, women's human rights and reshape economic and feminist futures</p> <p>5. Intersection of climate, militarism and the need for reparative justice in the global south</p> <p><i>This session will present key recommendations and collective reflections on key issues and concerns in FfD4 in a feminist lens</i></p> <p>Q&A</p>
15:15-15:30	Tea Break
15:30-17:00	<p>Plenary #2</p> <p>Building a feminist world: Learnings from cross-regional, intergenerational and intersectional approaches</p> <p><i>It will analyse the context, while providing concrete examples of resistance, strategies and good practices -from campaigns, education work, movement building and feminist accountability action aimed at achieving feminist and economic justice demands.</i></p> <p><i>The session will be opened by perspectives from each region sharing good practices of feminist interventions. After the plenary, the session will transition into a World Cafe to allow deeper conversations on feminist vision and alternatives.</i></p> <p>Q&A</p>
17:00-17:30	<p>Closing of day 1 and logistical announcements for day 2</p> <p>Solidarity photo</p>

28 June, 9:00-12:30

Time	Session
8:30-9:00	Registration
9:00-9:45	<p>Discussion on follow-up and monitoring</p> <p>Adoption of the Feminist Forum Political Declaration</p>
9:45-11:15	<p>High Level Panel</p> <p>Gender-transformative solutions and strategies for and beyond FfD4</p> <p><i>The session will discuss the gaps and challenges in the current state of</i></p>

	<p><i>affairs in the FfD negotiations and future advocacy, and present the strategic feminist recommendations to FfD4 and present the solutions that amplify the critical role of women, in all their diversities, in transforming and democratising the global economic governance.</i></p> <p>Reactions from the floor</p> <p>Q&A</p>
11:15-11:30	Tea Break
11:30-12:00	<p>Briefing on the FfD4 Official Sessions, civil society conduct and feminist workstream coordination</p> <p>Q&A</p>
12:00-12:30	Closing and logistical announcements for the CSO Forum
12:30-14:00	Lunch break and move to CSO Forum
14:00 onwards	CSO Forum

29 June, 19:30 - The big civil society **March**