

## **Africa Regional Training on Integrated National Financial Framework**

### ***Deep Dive into INFF Building Block 2 “Financing Strategy”***

Wednesday, 25 August 2021; 15:30 – 17:00 hrs (Addis Ababa Time: UTC+3)  
Virtual Meeting

#### **CONCEPT NOTE**

### **Overview**

An integrated financing strategy ([INFF Building Block 2](#)) can provide an effective instrument to chart a clear and coordinated path towards financing national development objectives, as identified in either the country’s national development plan or at the sectoral, thematic, or sub-national levels. It is at the core of an integrated national financing framework, building on the systematic assessment of policies, institutions and capacity that govern each type of public and private finance. It puts in place a framework for bringing together and strengthening existing policies and the institutional structures and capacity for delivering them, to become an effective, holistic financing strategy for building forward better in support of the development plan. Current fiscal constraints due to the Covid-19 pandemic in many countries have further underlined the need for such a holistic and integrated framework.

The [INFF global guidance](#) developed by the Inter-Agency Task Force on Financing for Development puts forward a step-by-step approach to formulate financing strategies that are coherent (i.e. making trade-offs and integration explicit), sustainable, and risk-informed. While this process is not linear, this section outlines a sequenced approach to understanding the steps policymakers could take. The four steps outlined are: i) establishing scope and financing policy objectives; ii) identifying policy options; iii) policy prioritization; and iv) operationalization. National and local government officials are the primary audience for this material, but it can also be useful for regional development partners and other stakeholders supporting governments in their efforts.

### **Overall goals and learning objectives**

Drawing on the [INFF global guidance](#) developed by the Inter-Agency Task Force on Financing for Development and the experience of countries in the ECA region, the training session on Building Block 2 will sensitise participants on the key steps and considerations for designing and implementing integrated financing strategies.

The objectives of the training session are:

1. To enhance participants' understanding of the value of developing an integrated financing strategy, including its role in contributing to more effective and efficient mobilisation and use of financing for sustainable development;
2. To introduce the various steps and components required to design such a strategy, as well as typical entry points and roles and responsibilities;
3. To identify and share lessons from countries in the region that are already advancing with a financing strategy.

The training session will allow for discussion and participant feedback to enable knowledge sharing and peer-learning. It will also inform the work of UNDESA, UNECA and UNDP going forward.

## Tentative Agenda

<b>Wednesday, August 25th</b>	
<b>Session: Deep Dive into INFF Building Block 2 "Financing Strategy"</b>	
Moderator: Ms Orria Goni, SDG Finance Regional Advisor, Africa Finance Sector Hub	
<p><b>Part 1: Introduction to the methodology of Block 2 "Financing strategy"</b></p> <p>UN DESA will introduce the overall approach and methodology for designing an integrated financing strategy.</p> <p><b>Presenter: Mr Yanis Kühn von Burgsdorff, Financing for Sustainable Development Office, UNDESA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Q&amp;A</li> </ul>	<p>15:30-15:45 (15min)</p>
<p><b>Part 2: Country Peer Learning</b></p> <p>This session will highlight the experiences of countries that have elements of an integrated financing strategy in place, or that are planning to establish such elements.</p> <p>Suggested countries (10 min per country):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ghana to share its District Level INFF recovery plans</li> <li>- Namibia to share its early steps in drafting the financing strategy aligned with the NDP 6<sup>th</sup></li> <li>- Nigeria to share its progress in the Financing Strategy work and setting the INFF architecture</li> </ul> <p>•Q&amp;A</p>	<p>15:45-16:25 (30 min + 10 min)</p> <p>16:25-16:30</p>

<p><b>Part 3: Group discussions</b></p> <p>Building on the country presentations and the experiences shared, this session will create the space for discussing in smaller groups the different elements of the Financing Strategy Building Block.</p> <p>The following questions can help guide the discussions in each group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How are financing policies/ strategies developed in your country? What processes are involved? What are the key roles and responsibilities?</li> <li>• Are trade-offs between different financing policy areas (e.g. public, private, macrosystemic)<sup>1</sup> taken into account when defining financing policy reforms? If so, how? Which stakeholders are typically involved?</li> <li>• Did recent constraints in fiscal space due to the Covid-19 pandemic change the recognition of a need for an integrated approach to financing? If a momentum was built, how can it be sustained?</li> <li>• How can development partners most effectively support government’s efforts to enhance integrated policy making in the area of financing?</li> <li>• What are the main challenges in articulating integrated financing strategies? How can the IATF guidance on Building Block 2 help overcome them?</li> </ul> <p>Report back to plenary – key take away from each smaller group</p>	<p>16:30 - 16:55 (20 min discussion, 5 min reporting back)</p>
<p><b>Closing:</b> wrap up and overview of UN support  (By moderator; closing for the day)</p>	<p>16:55 – 17:00 (5 min)</p>

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<sup>1</sup> Please refer to Table 1 in the INFF global guidance on Building Block 2 Financing Strategy for more details about each of these financing policy areas, including types of finance and typical policies/ frameworks considered under each. Accessible at: [https://inff.org/report/financing-strategy-report#mainHeading\\_5](https://inff.org/report/financing-strategy-report#mainHeading_5)