

# Launch of the Ethiopian Integrated Sustainable Financing Framework (E-ISFF)

Ethiopian Skylight Hotel, Abyssinia Ball Room C | April 24 2026, 9:00 am - 11:45 am

## BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT



Ethiopia is pursuing a comprehensive financing reform to align investments with development goals and address high demand, fiscal pressures, climate risks, and resource use. This requires an integrated framework that links reforms, platform coordination, and institutional coherence. A coordinated strategy covering planning, budgeting, revenue, debt, external resources, climate, gender, investment, and the private sector is essential to ensure alignment with national priorities and improve implementation. The Ethiopian Integrated Sustainable Financing Framework (E-ISFF) and the Country Platform – its implementation arm - are designed to translate the Integrated National Financing Framework (INFF) into actionable steps and foster coordination among all stakeholders and activities.

Progress is being made in implementing Homegrown Economic Reform (HGER) 2.0, including, amongst other areas, public finance management, improved alignment of taxes and expenditures, climate budget tagging, and gender-responsive budgeting, emphasizing inclusiveness. Coordination has strengthened across revenue, debt, and resource mobilization, with sector plans becoming operational, pipeline approvals advancing, and efforts underway to promote investment. Ethiopia is moving from strategy formulation to practical investment actions.

Launching the E-ISFF and Country Platform now is timely, as key foundations are in place and greater coherence and support are required. These initiatives demonstrate strong commitment, bring stakeholders together, and promote coordinated implementation.

## RATIONALE AND PURPOSE

This event aims to officially launch the Ethiopian Integrated Sustainable Financing Framework (E-ISFF) and to publicly introduce the Country Platform as Ethiopia's coordination body for sustainable financing reform, bankable project pipeline preparation, and private sector engagement. It will serve as a shared platform for government agencies, development partners, the private sector, and other stakeholders to align implementation priorities and future actions, particularly aiming at expanding and diversifying sources of finance in support of national development priorities.

The event will showcase key reform achievements to date and emphasize the support and synergy required for the upcoming implementation phase.

## EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The launch is expected to boost awareness, ownership, and stakeholder alignment around the E-ISFF and the Country Platform. It should lead to a shared understanding of their respective roles, agreement on immediate next steps, and increased visibility for Ethiopia's sustainable financing reform agenda.

### The event seeks to advance five objectives:

- Present the E-ISFF as Ethiopia's guiding framework for integrated sustainable financing.
- Introduce the Country Platform as the institutional mechanism for coordinating and implementing pipeline preparation and deal catalysis.
- Strengthen alignment among stakeholders.
- Communicate key messages, priorities, and upcoming steps.
- Mobilize the partnerships and technical support necessary for effective implementation.

# EXPECTED OUTPUTS

## The launch event will have the following expected outputs:

- Official launch of the E-ISFF and introduction of the Country Platform
- Shared articulation of the framework's core concepts, objectives, and priority entry points
- Agreement on immediate follow up actions for the next phase of implementation and coordination

## KEY MESSAGES TO BE COMMUNICATED

### ETHIOPIA IS MOVING TOWARD A MORE INTEGRATED FINANCING ARCHITECTURE

Ethiopia is enhancing coordination among financing policies, instruments, and institutions to support national development. The launch signifies moving from fragmented efforts to a unified, strategic financing framework, aiming to boost effectiveness and alignment.

### THE E-ISFF BUILDS ON REFORMS ALREADY UNDERWAY

The E-ISFF builds on progress in public financial management, climate budget tagging, gender-responsive budgeting, finance coordination, and investment planning. It offers a common framework to connect and deepen these reforms, serving as a consolidation and acceleration tool, not a standalone initiative.

### THE COUNTRY PLATFORM IS AN IMPLEMENTATION AND COORDINATION MECHANISM FOR PIPELINE PREPARATION, DEAL ACCELERATION, AND PRIVATE SECTOR ENGAGEMENT

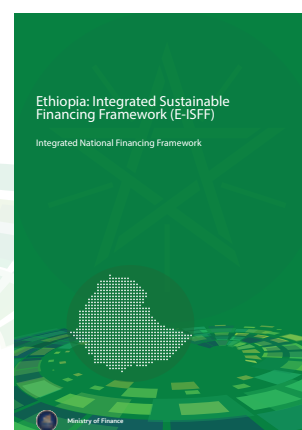
The Country Platform is a practical mechanism supporting E-ISFF implementation through dialogue, coordination, and follow-up. It brings government, development partners, the private sector, and stakeholders together around pipeline preparation, deal acceleration, and private sector engagement.

### THE E-ISFF PROCESS CONTRIBUTES TO CLIMATE ACTION (INCLUDING THE NDC 3), GENDER EQUALITY, INCLUSION, AND RESILIENCE

The E-ISFF should be seen as more than a financing reform; it also advances national goals. By improving resource planning, prioritization, and alignment, it supports climate, gender, social inclusion, and resilience. This broader role will be clearly communicated.

### COUNTRY PLATFORM IN RELATION TO THE E-ISFF IMPLEMENTATION ARCHITECTURE AND THE BROADER AID COORDINATION FRAMEWORK:

The Country Platform supports the E-ISFF by facilitating coordination, engaging the private sector and other stakeholders, and advancing private-sector engagement, pipeline preparation, and deal acceleration. Rather than creating new structures, the E-ISFF integrates the actions of existing actors and processes supporting the implementation of the Homegrown Economic Reform 2.0, particularly those related to promoting sustainable financing for national development, thereby reducing fragmentation and strengthening coherence. This includes encouraging the integration of sustainable financing considerations within existing DPG Sector Working Groups.



# MAIN THEMES/CONTENT AREAS FOR THE LAUNCH

- Public Finance and Fiscal Reform
- Climate Finance
- Gender-Responsive Financing
- Private Sector Engagement
- Pipeline Development and Bankable Investment Preparation
- Debt and Financing Strategy
- Cross-Government Coordination
- Implementation Tracking and Accountability

## TARGET PARTICIPANTS

Targeted group of high-level and technical stakeholders with responsibilities or interests relevant to sustainable financing reform in Ethiopia. The following table guides the invitation:

Participant Category	Description
Senior government officials of key ministries and agencies	Senior government leadership will be invited to demonstrate high-level ownership and signal political commitment to the E-ISFF and the Country Platform. This will include main public institutions responsible for financing, planning, regulation, and investment coordination, including the Ministry of Finance (MoF), the Ministry of Planning & Development (MoPD), the National Bank of Ethiopia (NBE), the Ethiopian Capital Market Authority (ECMA), the Ethiopian Investment Commission (EIC), Ethiopian Investment Holdings (EIH), the Ministry of Revenue (MoR), and other relevant bodies.
DPG Sector Working Groups' (SWGs) Co-Chairs	DPG co-chairs of Sector Working Groups (as sector working groups will be requested to consider sustainable financing of their respective sectors in their activity and policy dialogue).
Private sector and financial institutions	Ethiopia and Addis Ababa chambers of commerce, Euro Cham

## EVENT FORMAT

The event is designed to combine formal remarks and strategic presentations. It will feature an opening session, keynote talks, presentations on the E-ISFF and the Country Platform, stakeholder reflections, a discussion on implementation priorities and support needs, and a closing session marking the official launch. This format aims to provide policy visibility and foster meaningful engagement on implementation.



Lead Organizer



Co-organizers

# AGENDA

The agenda will cover registration, welcoming and opening remarks by government leaders, presentations on the E-ISFF and the Country Platform, stakeholder feedback, a discussion on priorities and support needs, closing comments, and a formal launch with media coverage.

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**HOST** MoF and MoPD

**ATTENDEES** Senior government officials of key ministries and agencies, staff of sectoral Ministries, DPG Sector Working Groups' (SWG) Co-Chairs, and private sector actors

Time	Topic	Presenter
09:00 - 09:30	Registration and coffee	Organizing committee
09:30 - 09:40	Opening remarks by MoPD	H.E. Bereket Feshatsion (State Minister of MoPD)
09:40 - 09:50	Opening remarks by UNDP	Dr. Samuel Doe (Resident Representative, UNDP Ethiopia)
09:50 - 10:00	Welcoming remarks by MoF	H.E. Semereta Sewasew (State Minister of MoF)
10:00 - 10:20	INFF and Country Platform global experience	Mr. Moortaza Jiwanji (UNDP Sustainable Finance Hub)
10:20 - 11:00	Overview of E-ISFF and the Country Platform	Wondwosen Getaneh (PhD)
11:00 - 11:10	Sector Working Groups milestone tracker	Consultant
11:15 - 11:35	Interventions by Partners (6 minutes each)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mr. Sahele Fekede (Programme Manager, African Climate Foundation - ACF)</li><li>Mr. Mario Fanjul (Director, Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation - AECID)</li><li>Mr. Johan Romare (Head, Swedish Development Cooperation Agency - SIDA)</li></ul>
11:35 - 11:45	Closing remarks	Ms. Paula Schindeler (DPG cochair, Netherlands)
11:45	Official Photo Session and Lunch	Communications Team (MoF)