

National Youth Consultation on Financing for Development (FfD4): Shaping a Resilient Economic Future

Goal

The goal of the National Youth Consultation on FfD4 is to amplify the voices of Nepali youth in the global discourse on development finance. By bridging the gap between local economic challenges and international financial policy, the initiative aims to draft a unified "Youth Position Paper" to influence the 4th International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4) in Seville, Spain (2025).

Description

The poster is for a side event at the 4th International Conference on Financing for Development (FFD4) in Seville, 2025. The event is titled "[Youths as Architects of Equitable Financing: Local Innovations, Global Impact]" and is scheduled for FIBES 2 on 1st July, 2025, from 8:30-10:00 A.M. It features three speakers: Er. Nishchal Baniya (Chairman, Board of Directors, Bagmati UNESCO Club), Ms. Savyata Poudel (Co-Chair, Board of Directors, Bagmati UNESCO Club), and Dr. Jenny Lind Elmaco (Permanent Rep. to UN Vienna and UNESCO, BFW International). The event will feature the launch of a Digital Archive for Cultural Heritage Protection by Bagmati UNESCO Club, a Panel Discussion on Women in Entrepreneurship and Local Innovation at LDC's, and Story Telling and Product Exhibition by Leaf Plus Private Limited. Logos for UNDP, BFW International, and Bagmati UNESCO Club are at the bottom.

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Organized by the Bagmati UNESCO Club in collaboration with the Nepal Youth Council (NYC) and supported by international partners like UNDP, this consultation serves as a strategic platform for young leaders to critique and contribute to the global financial architecture. As the world prepares to review the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, Bagmati UNESCO Club ensures that the unique perspectives of youth from the Global South—specifically regarding debt distress, climate finance, and sustainable investment—are integrated into the national and international agenda. This initiative fosters global citizenship by aligning local youth movements with United Nations economic mandates.

Key Features of the FfD4 Initiative:

- **National Youth Policy Dialogue on Finance:** High-level sessions where youth delegates engage with officials from the Ministry of Finance and the National Planning Commission to discuss domestic resource mobilization and international aid effectiveness.
- **Global Financial Architecture Reform Workshops:** Intensive technical tracks focused on understanding the "Addis Ababa Action Agenda," SDR (Special Drawing Rights) allocations, and the need for a more equitable international tax system.
- **Climate Finance & Green Investment Incubator:** A specialized focus on how youth-led green enterprises can access climate funds, addressing the specific vulnerabilities of mountainous regions like Nepal.
- **Gender-Responsive Budgeting Track:** In alignment with BPW International's objectives, this track explores how financing for development can specifically empower women and ensure social protection for the most marginalized.
- **The Kathmandu Declaration on FfD4:** The drafting of a comprehensive youth manifesto to be presented at the UN headquarters and the Seville Summit, outlining demands for debt transparent governance.

Outcome

- **Global Representation:** Successfully secured a pathway for Nepali youth delegates to present their findings at the International FfD4 Conference in Spain (June 2025).
- **Capacity Enhancement:** Over 300 young leaders gained advanced literacy in macroeconomics, international trade, and development finance mechanisms.
- **Policy Roadmap:** Developed a clear set of recommendations for the Government of Nepal regarding the localization of the "Financing for Development" framework.
- **Institutional Synergy:** Established a multi-stakeholder coalition involving civil society, the private sector, and international agencies to monitor development spending at the provincial level.

Expected Audience

- **Youth Economists and Activists (Aged 18–35):** Students of economics, finance, and international relations, alongside grassroots activists.
- **Policy Makers:** Representatives from the Ministry of Finance, the Central Bank (NRB), and international development partners.
- **Private Sector & Social Entrepreneurs:** Leaders interested in Impact Investing and Public-Private Partnerships (PPP).

Relevance to the United Nations Mandates

The FfD4 Consultation aligns directly with the 2030 Agenda:

- **SDG 1 (No Poverty) & SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities):** By advocating for a global financial system that supports low-income nations.

- **SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth):** By linking development finance to job creation and youth entrepreneurship.
- **SDG 13 (Climate Action):** By pushing for increased "Loss and Damage" funding and accessible climate finance.
- **SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals):** By fostering a collaborative ecosystem between the Bagmati UNESCO Club, the UN system, and national governments.

Strategic Insight for 2025 Report:

- [Bagmati UNESCO Club Hosts Successful High-Level Youth Empowerment Event at FIBES](#)
- [Global Leaders Unite at FfD4 Sevilla to Champion Youth, Women, and Gender-Just Climate Finance](#)



Digital Linkage:



[A Comprehensive Report on Nepal's Youth Contribution to FfD4 - Seville 2025](#)