

Third Conference on Financing for Development
Panel discussion on Financing for Equity and making an Investment Case for Children

15 July 2015: 1.15 pm – 2.45 pm

Hotel Radisson BLU, Sholla 2 (100 seats)

Event summary and objectives

Investing in children and youth is critical to achieving inclusive, equitable, and sustainable development for present and future generations. The event will highlight equity-focused investments in children as a cross-cutting and self-standing investment priority for the Post 2015 agenda.

The event provides a platform to focus attention on remaining equity gaps in key areas for children, showcase new and existing initiatives and explore how they respond to the needs of vulnerable children.

The intention is to look beyond Addis, by bringing together powerful voices who will speak about new initiatives to mobilize resources and close equity gaps for children in key areas of the SDG agenda. The panellists are high-level decision makers representing each of the main FFD financing pillars including domestic public/private, and international public / private finance.

Event format

The event will take the format of an interactive panel discussion with high-level participation from UNICEF and other partners, interventions from the floor, and active participation from people around the world through social media and youth representatives. The panellists are high-level representatives of the World Bank, CEOs from private sector and civil society and a high level government representative. The event will open with remarks from the Executive Director of UNICEF, Anthony Lake.

Run of Show (90 Minutes)

- Welcome by Moderator (5 mins)
- Opening remarks UNICEF ED Anthony Lake (5 minutes)
- Potential video on equity and children (2 minutes)

- Panel discussion - Moderator asks an opening question to each panelist, followed by a conversation/debate among panelists (30 minutes).
- Moderator opens floor to participants. Moderator invites 3-4 pre-arranged remarks from the floor including youth representative, followed by Q&A. (30 minutes)
- Moderator reads social media comments and questions to be responded by panel (15 minutes)
- Closing remarks by Moderator (3 minutes)