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Systemic coordination in aligning national and international resources

FiCS and IDFC

Concept Note for Speakers

Date: 17th November

Time: 1:00pm 2:00pm

Location: Special Event room 5, Blue Zone

Brief introduction:

Public Development Banks (PDBs) play a critical role in financing development and aligning global climate goals with local priorities. There is growing political consensus around their ability to mobilize both public and private capital for sustainable development. This was reaffirmed at the Finance in Common Summit (FiCS) in Sevilla, where the *Compromiso de Sevilla* firmly positioned PDBs within the international financial architecture.

Background:

First acknowledged in 2023 by the Indian G20 through the Technical Assistance Action Plan, and now mentioned 54 times in 2025 by the Financing for Development Conference's Outcome Document, technical assistance and capacity building stand at the very core of solutions to reform the financial architecture— filling the quality gap of our investment for transformational finance.

Since 2020, as the global network of public development banks (PDBs), Finance in Common (FiCS) has worked to strengthen institutional capacities for financing sustainable development.

In anticipation of COP30 in Belém, we are pleased to announce the launch of the **FiCS Technical Assistance Hub**, designed to meet the growing demand for technical assistance (TA) and capacity building (CB) among PDBs and their partners. The Hub is built around four complementary pillars:

- **Technical Assistance Offering** – equipping PDBs with the tools to align their operations with the Paris Agreement and the SDGs.
- **Technical Assistance Catalogue** – a global platform of 30+ TA programs connecting PDBs with providers worldwide.





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- **Knowledge Component** – producing harmonized knowledge on TA & CB for PDBs and identifying their evolving needs.
- **International Advocacy** – positioning TA & CB at the center of global development discussions and elevating their importance for PDBs.

Objectives:

This session aims to:

- Increase global understanding of the importance of technical assistance and capacity building for PDBs in catalyzing climate and sustainable finance.
- Foster collaboration among development partners and strengthen the connection between TA providers and PDB beneficiaries.
- Present innovative tools and models to improve efficiency, impact, and coordination across the financial ecosystem.
- Present the impact of a coordinated TACB at a national approach within the country platform framework.
- Identify strategies for centralizing TA resources and establishing a more integrated, streamlined approach.

This session is closely aligned with the objectives of the UN Climate Change Secretariat and the PCCB Capacity-building Hub. It will focus on both the available means and the outstanding needs for implementing integrated, climate-aligned investment strategies, developing bankable projects, and engaging stakeholders effectively. Special attention will be given to the importance of gender responsiveness, with insights drawn from the work of the IDFC Gender Working Group.

Furthermore, the event contributes to advancing the Baku to Belem Roadmap forward looking objectives, including fostering high-level commitments of achieve the SDGs, of supporting the engagement of the Compromiso de Sevilla and the SPA platform, supporting initiatives like the G20 TAAP and MDB Roadmap.

Capacity-building gaps and needs:

PDBs, particularly smaller national and local institutions, sometimes struggle to scale successful pilot projects due to limited financial and technical resources. For transitioning from policy to practice, and to unlock the full potential of PDBs, FiCS and IDFC invite MDBs, TA providers, International Organizations and all sustainable finance stakeholders to discuss a coordinated approach at the national and international level.





Structure			
Time/Duration	Segment	Speaker & Affiliation	Materials needed for the segment
5 minutes	Keynote	Uolli Briotto, Partnerships Coordinator, Brazil MoFs (pending) <i>Framing the session and highlighting the strategic importance of technical assistance and capacity building for PDBs in the global climate finance architecture.</i>	
Moderator		Constant Harbonn, NUCA Program Manager, IDFC Secretariat	
On leveraging blended finance and technical assistance for scaling up climate action			
5 minutes	Panelist	Jens Sedemund, Head of the Environment and Climate Change, OECD (confirmed) <i>On blended finance, climate-related development finance and green investment TA&CB.</i>	
On coordinating existing TACB resources at national and international level			
5 minutes	Panelist	Zeph Nhleko, Chief Economist, DBSA (confirmed) <i>Presentation of the Country Platform approach and the impact of a coordinated TACB at a national level. (+ FiCS Lab Incubator)</i>	
5 minutes	Panelist	Jean Van Wetter, CEO, ENABEL (pending) <i>Presentation of the Practionners Network presidency and impact of a coordinated TACB at a regional level.</i>	
On supporting transformative changes within the institutions and the practices thanks to TACB tailored programs			
5 minutes	Panelist	Joaquim Leite, Head of Climate Finance, NDC Partnership (confirmed) <i>On the PDB Guarantee Hub and the NDC Partnership role within FiCS community.</i>	
5 minutes	Panelist	Kyosuke Inada, Director General for Sustainability Management, JICA (confirmed) <i>Experience in implementing gender equality tracking tools within a development finance institution.</i>	PPT





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Guiding questions:

To Jens Sedemund, Head of Environment and Climate Change, OECD

“Blended finance and green investment require robust technical assistance and capacity building. From the OECD’s perspective, what are the most critical gaps in the current TA landscape for PDBs, and how can international organizations like the OECD help address them? How can standards be harmonized to simplify access to blended finance for PDBs?”

To Zeph Nhleko, Chief Economist, DBSA

“The Country Platform approach aims to centralize technical assistance and capacity building at the national level. Could you share how DBSA is helping implementing this approach in practice? What have been the key challenges in coordinating TA resources among multiple stakeholders, and how FiCS can contribute to overcoming these challenges?”

To Jean Van Wetter, CEO, ENABEL

“As the current president of the Practitioners Network, how does ENABEL facilitate regional collaboration on technical assistance and capacity building for PDBs? What are the main barriers to harmonizing TA programs across regions, and how can the Practitioners Network help address these gaps?”

To Joaquim Leite, Head of Climate Finance, NDC Partnership

“The PDB Guarantee Hub and the NDC Partnership play a crucial role in de-risking climate investments. How can these mechanisms be better aligned with the technical assistance needs of PDBs to accelerate the implementation of NDCs? What are the key priorities for the NDC Partnership in supporting PDBs through the FiCS community?”

To Kyosuke Inada, Director General for Sustainability Management, JICA

“As a signatory of the 2X Challenge and an active member of the IDFC Gender Working Group, JICA has been at the forefront of promoting gender mainstreaming in climate finance. Could you share how JICA’s gender finance tracking technical assistance has helped PDBs integrate gender responsiveness into their operations? What are the key findings from your studies, and how do they inform the design of gender-inclusive climate projects, particularly in the energy sector? »

Room Setup:

Roundtable dialogue

Relevant Links:

<https://financeincommon.org/technical-assistance>

<https://www.idfc.org/idfc-facility/>

<https://www.idfc.org/idfc-facility/idfc-climate-facility-nuca-programme/>

