

GEF CEO Remarks

Financing for Development Roundtable 5

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I have a few observations and one concrete suggestion to kick off the discussions.

I am so pleased that we are finally having the right set of conversations. For too long now, we have seen the three dimensions of sustainable development being treated separately or in isolation from one another. It is rewarding to see the realization of the need for integration of three dimensions as a requirement to achieve sustainable development. This comes not only from governments but also among business, CSOs, and development partners.

I am also excited with quite a number of initiatives that are being proposed to provide solutions. Many of those proposals take the form of partnership among diverse stakeholders.

But even here, we may be fragmenting ourselves into many conversations in side events and round tables dealing with the very same subjects that at the end of the day do not yet seem to be coming together easily.

The real challenge is how to translate those good proposals into concrete and

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Second, in order to catalyze transformation, multi-stakeholder platform approach has great value, as it can bring all key actors together under coherent framework.