

Financing for Development Forum 2022

26 April 2022, 8:00 am – 9:30 am (New York Time/GMT-4)

Virtual meeting

Closing the information gap:

TOSSD as a data source for the SDG global indicator framework

Including a presentation of the recently released 2020 TOSSD data¹

Side-event organised by the Secretariat of the International TOSSD Task Force

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The event will present the main findings of the 2021 TOSSD data collection on 2020 activities on the measurement of development support. It will also showcase the latest developments related to the TOSSD framework, including its recent recognition as an official data source for the SDG indicator framework. Finally, it will call on more countries and organisations to join the TOSSD initiative to further increase transparency through SDG indicator 17.3.1 on the measurement of development support.

In March 2022, TOSSD was adopted as data source for the SDG global indicator framework to measure development support. The inclusion of TOSSD in the SDG global indicator framework completes two years of work to review the TOSSD methodology in an IAEG-SDGs Working Group with wide country and UN-System participation. The “Working Group on Measurement of Development Support”², created at the request of the UN Statistical Commission³, developed a proposal for a new indicator 17.3.1, with TOSSD as a data source. Early March 2022, the UN Statistical Commission approved this new indicator⁴ and requested the OECD and UNCTAD to be its co-custodians. The decision by the UN Statistical Commission represents a major recognition of TOSSD as a global standard and will help to gather more countries around the initiative.

The second comprehensive TOSSD dataset has just been released, with activity-level information from almost 100 provider countries and institutions on their 2020 support for sustainable development, thereby addressing critical sustainable development information gaps. The TOSSD framework increases visibility and transparency on contributions made by traditional providers and countries that dual providers/recipients. It has also started capturing global expenditures for sustainable development with substantial benefits to developing countries (e.g. on the response to the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change, among others). This transparency is required both on support provided directly to countries,

¹ For more information on TOSSD, please see: www.tossd.org.

² For more information on the Working Group, see: <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/iaeg-sdgs/working-group-on-measurement-of-development-support>

³ See paragraph 26 and 27 in: <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/51st-session/documents/2020-2-SDG-IAEG-E.pdf>

⁴ <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/53rd-session/documents/decisions/AnnexIII-Draft-resolution.pdf>

especially the most vulnerable contexts, but also those made at regional and global levels. Without this information, it will remain challenging for the international community to design efficient global, regional and local responses that meet the needs of citizens, ensure equity, and achieve the global Goals.

The TOSSD statistical standard is maintained by an international Task Force⁵ comprised of provider and recipient countries as well as multilateral institutions, working in an open, inclusive and transparent manner⁶. Discussions are ongoing on a transition to a clarified and more formalised governance arrangement for TOSSD from 2023 onwards.

Agenda:

15 mins - Opening remarks:

- **Mr. Laurent Sarazin**, Head of Unit Finance and Contracts for Africa, Directorate-General for International Partnerships, European Commission, and Co-Chair, International TOSSD Task Force.

20 mins - Presentation on recent developments on TOSSD and the measure of development support, and the results of the 2021 TOSSD data collection on 2020 activities.

- **Ms. Julia Benn**, Manager, Statistical Standards and Methods Unit, OECD, and Head of the International TOSSD Task Force Secretariat.

50 mins - Panel interventions by representatives and observers to the International TOSSD Task Force. 5-6 mins per panellist + Q&A session.

- **Ms. Katrine Heggedal**, Assistant Director, Department for Knowledge, Section for Statistics and Analysis, Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation, Norway.
- **Mr. Renato Coelho Baumann das Neves**, Senior Analyst, Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA), Brazil.
- **Mr. Yanuar Nugroho**, Coordinator of Experts, National SDGs Secretariat, Ministry of National Development Planning (BAPPENAS), Indonesia.
- **Mr. Shehu Mohammed**, Acting Director, Administration and Finance, Directorate of Technical Aid Corps (DTAC), Nigeria
- **Mr. Luca de Fraia**, Deputy Secretary-General, ActionAid Italy.
- **Facilitator: Mr. Areef Suleman**, Director, Economic Research and Statistics, Islamic Development Bank Institute.

5 mins - Closing remarks and wrap-up by Mr. Areef Suleman, Director, Economic Research and Statistics, Islamic Development Bank Institute.

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⁵ See: <https://tossd.org/task-force/>

⁶ The 2015 UN Financing for Development Forum took note of TOSSD, see: <https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/801013?ln=en>.