

Agenda

17th meeting of the International TOSSD Task Force Monday 11, Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13 July 2022

Monday 11 July 2022 (afternoon session)

14:00 Item 1. TOSSD Governance Arrangements – Draft ToRs for the future TOSSD governance entity

Members will be invited to review a new version of the TORs of the future TOSSD governance entity. The draft takes into account the comments made by the Task Force at its April meeting and subsequent written comments by a few members. A number of new sections have also been added. **Members will be invited to review and comment on the document.**

- *Paper: Draft Terms of Reference for an International Forum on TOSSD*

16:00 Coffee break

16:30 Item 1. TOSSD Governance Arrangements – Draft ToRs for the future TOSSD governance entity (cont.)

17:00 Item 2. Update on financing of the TOSSD framework

The Secretariat will inform the meeting of the conclusion of the OECD DAC discussions on its Programme of Work and Budget 2023-24 and their implications on TOSSD. The presentation will be followed by a **tour-de-table where each member will be invited to present an update on its expected contribution for TOSSD for 2023 and beyond, as well as efforts to mobilise resources for TOSSD.**

The Secretariat will also share a breakdown of the estimated TOSSD annual budget by function. **Members will be invited to comment on this itemised budget.**

- *Presentation: Update on the financing scenarios, including a breakdown of the TOSSD annual budget*

18:30 Meeting adjourns

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Tuesday 12 July 2022

9:00 Item 3. Reporting issues

- **Further guidance on sustainability:** In the context of TOSSD, an activity is deemed to support sustainable development if it directly contributes to at least one of the SDG targets and if no substantial detrimental effect is anticipated on one or more of the other targets. At its April 2022 meeting, the Task Force discussed a proposal for operationalising the ‘do no harm’ principle embedded in this definition, including concrete steps that data reporters could take to test the compliance of an activity with this principle. The Secretariat has updated the proposal (figure 1 in the issues paper to the 16th Task Force meeting) taking into account members’ comments. **Members will be invited to express their views on the updated proposal and a mechanism for dealing with possible questions on the sustainability of activities reported as TOSSD.**
 - *Paper: Further guidance on sustainability – updated proposal*
- **Reporting on the donations of COVID-19 vaccines in TOSSD:** The Secretariat will propose a practical solution for reporting on the donations of COVID-19 vaccines in TOSSD. **Members will be invited to agree on the proposal and, where possible, implement it as from this year’s reporting (data on 2021 activities).**
 - *Paper: Reporting on the donations of Covid-19 vaccines in TOSSD*

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 Item 3. Reporting issues (cont.)

- **Data submission for indicator 17.3.1:** The Secretariat will update the Task Force on the first submission of TOSSD data to the UN Statistics Division in April/May 2022 for the newly agreed indicator 17.3.1. The Secretariat will draw particular attention to issues around the sub-indicator 17.3.1.e on mobilised private finance which is included in the indicator framework on an experimental basis.
 - *Presentation*
- **Use of a deflator to produce TOSSD time series:** Members will be invited to express their views on the need and means for producing TOSSD figures in constant prices to facilitate trend analyses.
 - *Paper: Facilitating trend analyses in TOSSD*
- **Anonymisation of TOSSD data in specific crises:** In follow-up to an initial discussion at the meeting in April 2022, the Secretariat will propose guidelines for the reporters on data anonymisation in specific crises, seeking balance between the pursuit of transparency inherent to TOSSD and the safety of implementing partners and beneficiaries.
 - *Paper: Guidelines on data anonymisation in TOSSD*

12:30 Lunch session: Demonstration of the SDG Keyword Algorithm

The Secretariat has developed a keyword-based algorithm that suggests relevant SDG targets based on activity descriptions. The Secretariat will demonstrate the functioning of the algorithm and its use in TOSSD data quality assurance. **Discussion will be invited on the utility and potential further development of artificial intelligence in statistical reporting and quality assurance.**

Lunch boxes will be provided for this session.

14:00 Item 4. Updating the TOSSD recipients' list

At its April 2022 meeting, the Task Force discussed a proposal by Mexico to use multi-dimensional criteria for updating the TOSSD recipients' list in cases where countries had reached high-income status. Task Force members agreed to develop a broader list of TOSSD recipients but requested further discussions on the methodology. In response to this request, the Secretariat has consulted with members that commented on this item and will present an updated proposal for the list of TOSSD recipients. **Members will be invited to comment on the new proposal and decide on the way forward.**

- *Paper: Options for further development of the TOSSD recipients' list*

15:30 Break

16:00 Item 5. Eligibility rules for Pillar II and tracking of activities with transnational benefits

The Task Force will be invited to pursue discussions started at the April 2022 meeting on the practical challenges in applying the general TOSSD eligibility criteria for Pillar II and, more generally, improved tracking of the reach of benefits of TOSSD activities. The Secretariat will make a number of proposals to address these issues, including on the way to present Pillar II data in the TOSSD online database and on the creation of a new field in the TOSSD format for reporting on the reach of benefits of the activity, in addition to the current 'recipient' field.

- *Presentation: Pillar II – Eligibility and data presentation*
- *Paper: Tracking of activities with transnational benefits*

18:00 Meeting adjourns

18:30 Social Event

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Wednesday 13 July 2022

9:00 Item 6. Main findings of the data pilots and possible TOSSD data validation mechanism

The Secretariat will present the main findings of the data pilot. Representatives of the countries involved (Bangladesh, Cameroon and Colombia) will be invited to participate in a discussion on the comparison between the data collected on incoming support at the country level and in TOSSD. The possibility of implementing a TOSSD data validation mechanism for recipient countries will also be discussed.

- *Presentation*

10:30 Coffee Break

11:00 Item 7. Main findings of the Chile pilot and TOSSD provider perspective

Representatives from Chile and the Secretariat will present the main findings of the TOSSD pilot study, including specific recommendations to the TOSSD Task Force for example on the Reporting Instructions.

- *Presentation: Main findings and recommendations from the Chile pilot*

A specific objective of this pilot was to explore issues related to the development of the TOSSD provider perspective i.e. definition of a methodology, for providers that wish to do so, to communicate on their support. The Secretariat has started exploring the options and will present to the Task Force its first thinking. Subject to views of the Task Force, work to test the technical feasibility could be carried out during the second semester of 2022. Members will be invited to comment on the proposals.

- *Paper: TOSSD provider perspective – preliminary considerations*

12:30 Item 8. TOSSD Communications and outreach (Lunch session)

The Secretariat will present the activities carried out on communications and outreach in the last year. Furthermore, the Secretariat will provide an update on the overall strategy in this area and present how Task Force members and observers can be involved in its implementation. **Members will be invited to provide their comments and suggestions, as well as volunteer to support these communications and outreach efforts.**

- *Paper: Communications and outreach*

Lunch boxes will be provided for this session.

13:45 Any other business and wrap-up

14:00 Close of the meeting