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24-26 September 2024, Paris, France

Agenda Item 10. Implementation of the IFT Budget and Work Plan 2024: Progress report January – June 2024

[For discussion]

This document presents the progress report on the implementation of the IFT Budget and Work Plan 2024, covering the period from 1 January to 30 June.

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Implementation of the IFT Budget and Work Plan 2024 Progress report January – June 2024

1. The IFT Budget and Work Plan 2024 was approved by the Interim Governing Body through written procedure on 16 April 2024.¹ According to the IFT Terms of Reference, reporting on the budget and work plan is done through standard progress reports every six months in line with the financial regulations of the organisation hosting the IFT Secretariat.²
2. The IFT Secretariat is hosted by the OECD. Whilst it is an independent forum in terms of financing and the content of its work programme, it carries out its functions in accordance with all relevant rules and procedures of the OECD. Reporting on the implementation of the budget and work plan is done through the Committee Progress Report (CPR). The IFT is included in the OECD Programme of Work and Budget under Output Result 5.1.1.7 'International Forum on TOSSD' which falls under Output Area 5.1.1 'Development Co-operation'.
3. The progress report for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2024 was circulated to the IFT Steering Group by email on 7 August 2024, and was approved by written procedure on 4 September 2024. The report will be included in the CPR document, under 5.1.1, for information, and issued in the last quarter of 2024 under the OECD document service O.N.E. and classified For Official Use. Given the timeline of the OECD CPR process, it was necessary to seek the IFT Steering Group approval of the progress report prior to its meeting of 24-26 September 2024.
4. Meeting participants are now invited to share their comments on the work carried out by the IFT in its first six months and any reflections on the implementation of the work plan, looking back and preparing for the future.

For discussion

The Steering Group is invited to share their views on:

- the implementation of the IFT work plan for the period January to June 2024.
- how to ensure successful completion of the 2024 Work Plan by the end of the year.

¹ See [IFT Budget and Work Plan 2024](#) available on www.tossd.org.

² See [IFT Terms of Reference](#), paragraph 90.

Background

The International Forum on TOSSD (IFT) and its Secretariat were created on 1 January 2024 following the OECD Council decision of 13 September 2023 [C(2023)100; C/M(2023)12] to host the IFT Secretariat and the subsequent signature of the Memorandum of Understanding on the hosting on 19 December 2023. The IFT governance bodies – the General Assembly and Steering Group – were established in May 2024. Until then, an Interim Governing Body acted as the IFT Steering Group. The IFT [Budget and Work Plan for 2024](#) and [2025-26](#) were approved on 16 April and 23 May 2024 respectively, the activities planned for 2026 being subject to availability of funds.

Transition from the International Task Force supported by DCD, as an output of the DAC PWB, to the International Forum on TOSSD

As of 30 June 2024, 25 countries and organisations have confirmed their membership (19) or observership (6) in the IFT, confirmation is still pending from seven members and observers of the Interim Governing Body. The first **General Assembly** was held on 21-22 May 2024 in Oslo, Norway, with participation from 36 countries and organisations (in-person and online), including IFT Members, Observers and TOSSD Data Reporters. In line with the [IFT Terms of Reference](#), the General Assembly appointed the Co-Chairs and the Steering Group. The **Steering Group** held its first meeting on 22-24 May 2024, in Oslo, and a virtual meeting on 26 June 2024.

The agendas, discussion papers and summary records of the meetings of the IFT General Assembly, 21-22 May 2024, the IFT Steering Group, 22-24 May 2024, and the IFT Interim Governing Body, 20 and 22 February 2024, can be found on the [webpage of the International Forum on TOSSD](#).

Communication on the transition has taken place through:

- i) presentations by the IFT Secretariat in various meetings of the UN, other multilateral organisations and the G20;
- ii) bilateral meetings with countries and organisations potentially interested in IFT membership;
- iii) updates of the TOSSD website;
- iv) a social media campaign.

The technical and administrative set-up of the IFT Secretariat was completed. The TOSSD data collection processes and data management workflows were re-organised in co-ordination with DCD.

Maintaining and improving the TOSSD statistical standard

The TOSSD Reporting Instructions (or 'Methodology') were updated and published on www.tossd.org in [English](#), [French](#) and [Spanish](#), in May 2024. The main updates related to the split of TOSSD pillar II into two sub-pillars, inclusion of specific guidance on the reporting on support for global health and international normative instruments, inclusion of a keyword on biodiversity and addition of a new data field to capture multiple entities involved in the implementation of South-South co-operation. The Steering Group discussed the application of multidimensional criteria to the updating of the list of TOSSD recipients in February and in May - see [Working paper on updating the list of TOSSD recipients](#). For further details, see also: [Experience in TOSSD reporting on 2022 activities](#) and [Working paper on the delineation of TOSSD Pillar II](#)

Collecting and analysing TOSSD data, and continuously improving their quality

Data for 2022 were published on the [tossd.online](#) platform in February 2024 and updated in April 2024, with metadata on Environmental and Social Safeguards applied by TOSSD reporters and an improvement to the platform (new filter) to facilitate the analysis of South-South and triangular co-operation activities. Data for the SDG indicator 17.3.1 were transmitted to the UN for inclusion in the SDG global indicator database. The data collection on 2023 activities was launched in April 2024. TOSSD capacity building

activities included: a) collective seminars, one organised for TOSSD data users and another for UN entities; and b) information/training sessions for six individual countries and organisations. A methodological proposal for the TOSSD data review mechanism was prepared by the Secretariat for testing in Q3-Q4/2024 - see [A proposal for operationalising the data review mechanism](#).

Actively promoting TOSSD and the use of TOSSD data within government agencies and internationally

In line with the [Communications and Outreach Strategy for 2024](#) approved by the Steering Group, the IFT Secretariat has undertaken numerous promotional activities through:

- i) **organisation and participation in high-level events:** IFT side-event at the Financing for Development Forum held in New York in April 2024; Dialogue of High-Level Authorities on Cooperation of the Organization of the American States, Inter-American Council for Integral Development, held in Washington DC in April 2024; Spring meetings of the IMF and the World Bank in Washington DC in April 2024; meeting of the Finance and Budget Network of the United Nations Chief Executives Board for Coordination held in Geneva in June 2024; meeting of the G20 International Financial Architecture Working Group in June 2024 (online);
- ii) **development of communication materials** e.g. TOSSD [Brochure](#), new data story [Data Story TOSSD 2022 data builds indicator 17.3.1](#), infographics on 2022 TOSSD data;
- iii) **updates of the TOSSD website, [tossd.org](https://www.tossd.org);**
- iv) **dissemination of information through social media** (LinkedIn posts) – see the TOSSD LinkedIn page: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/tossd-secretariat/>

The next progress report, covering the period July to December 2024, will be made available to the Steering Group in Q1 2025.