



2025 Financing for Development Forum
Tuesday 29 April 2025, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (New York Time/GMT-4)
Virtual Event – Register [here](#) for virtual participation

Enhancing transparency in International Development Co-operation: Insights from 2023 data on Total Official Support for Sustainable Development (TOSSD)

Side-event organised by the Secretariat of the International Forum on TOSSD.

Concept note

In 2022, through a resolution of the UN Statistical Commission (UNSC)¹, TOSSD was included in the SDG global indicator framework as a data source for indicator 17.3.1 quantifying development support. The indicator stemmed from the work of the “Working Group on Measurement of Development Support”², with broad engagement from UN Member States. The International Forum on TOSSD and UNCTAD serve as co-custodians of indicator 17.3.1.

In February 2025, the fifth TOSSD dataset was released, featuring activity-level data from 126 provider countries and institutions on their support for sustainable development in 2023. By capturing contributions from both traditional providers and dual providers/recipients, TOSSD offers a comprehensive view to help monitor the delivery, impact and effectiveness of international co-operation in all its forms. Moreover, TOSSD data is a valuable resource for countries presenting Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs)³ and, thanks to the measurement of flows from the recipient perspective, countries working on the Integrated National Financing Frameworks (INFF). It also sheds light on regional and global expenditures dedicated to sustainable development (e.g. R&D to fight against infectious diseases). Such expenditures⁴ are identified separately from cross-border flows to developing countries.

Since January 2024, the TOSSD statistical standard is governed by the International Forum on TOSSD – an independent body with a balanced representation of governments of provider and recipient countries (including dual providers/recipients) and international organisations. The Forum marks a significant milestone, building upon six years of groundwork by the informal International TOSSD Task Force to develop the TOSSD measure. The Forum provides a platform for all countries and international organisations to voice their perspectives on measuring development support. Notably, civil society organisations hold a permanent observer seat in all IFT bodies.

The side event will present the key findings of the [2024 TOSSD data collection on 2023 activities of development support](#), encourage countries and organisations to enhance transparency through TOSSD (including by contributing data to SDG indicator 17.3.1) and demonstrate how countries and organisations can engage with the International Forum on TOSSD. Additionally, the event will showcase the latest developments of the TOSSD framework, as well as how TOSSD can inform the FfD4 process and help monitor the commitments to be agreed upon in Seville.

¹ <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/53rd-session/documents/decisions/AnnexIII-Draft-resolution.pdf>

² The Working Group was established at the request of the UNSC, under the Inter Agency and Expert Group on SDG Indicators (IAEG-SDGs). For more information on the Working Group, see: <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/iaeg-sdgs/working-group-on-measurement-of-development-support>. See also paragraphs 26 and 27 in: <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/51st-session/documents/2020-2-SDG-IAEG-E.pdf>

³ <https://tossd.org/pilot-studies-data-stories/sdg-vnrs-2024.htm>

⁴ TOSSD Pillar II. These data are not included in indicator 17.3.1.



Proposed agenda:

12 mins - Opening remarks – Presentation of the International Forum on TOSSD

- **Mr. Laurent Sarazin**, Head of Unit, Finance and Contracts for Africa, Directorate-General for International Partnerships, European Commission and Co-Chair of the International Forum on TOSSD.
- **Mr. Ashwell Jenneker**, Deputy Director General, Statistics South Africa (on behalf of Risenga Maluleke, Statistician-General of South Africa and Co-Chair of the International Forum on TOSSD).

20 mins - Presentation of the results of the 2024 TOSSD data collection on 2023 activities and recent developments in TOSSD

- **Ms. Julia Benn**, Head of Secretariat, International Forum on TOSSD.

45 mins – How does TOSSD foster transparency of development support? Experiences and reflections for the future.

- **Ms Clarisse Senaya**, Head of the Official Development Assistance Office, French Treasury, Ministry of Economics, Finance and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty.
- **Mr Francisco Castro-y-Ortiz**, Lead Economist, Strategic Planning and Development Effectiveness, Inter-American Development Bank.
- **Dr Niklaus Eggenberger Argote**, Director, Strategic Planning and Performance Department, Qatar Fund for Development.
- **Mr Barnabé Okouda**, Executive Director, National Institute of Statistics, Cameroon (TBC).
- **Mr Luca de Fraia**, Deputy Director, ActionAid Italy; and acting co-Chair of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation (GPEDC).
- **Moderator: Mr Camilo Gamba**, Policy Analyst and Communications Lead, International Forum on TOSSD Secretariat.

12 mins – Q&A and conclusions.

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