



Agenda for the 20th meeting of the International TOSSD Task Force Dakar, Senegal Tuesday 7, Wednesday 8 and Thursday 9 March 2023

Tuesday, 7 March

9:00 Introduction and welcome

9:15 Item 1. Reporting issues emerging from the 2022 data collection on 2021 activities

The Secretariat will report on the 2022 data collection on 2021 activities. It will update the Task Force on progress made in relation to the issues identified last year (see report to the Task Force in April 2022 [here](#)). It will also highlight areas where further improvements are needed in TOSSD reporting, such as the inclusion of SDG targets and the assignment of pillar. With the objective of greater comparability and increased transparency in reporting, the Secretariat will make a number of concrete proposals (adjustments to classifications and to the check-list, guidance on the assignment of pillar). Task Force members will be invited to share their perspective on the issues identified as well as on the proposals.

- Paper: reporting issues emerging from the 2022 data collection on 2021 activities
- Presentation

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 Item 2. Main findings from the SDG artificial intelligence tool pilot exercise on 2021 data

At the 19th meeting of the Task Force, the Secretariat presented its work to develop an artificial intelligence (AI) tool to help verify SDG targets in TOSSD reporting files. The Secretariat has tested the tool on 2021 data and will present the outcomes of this pilot exercise. This tool could also serve to assign SDG targets, subject to review by the reporter. The Task Force will be invited to comment on the tool and discuss how it could be used to improve current TOSSD reporting.

- *Paper: Main findings of the SDG AI tool pilot exercise.*

12:30 Lunch

14:00 Item 3. Governance and financing of the TOSSD framework

At its 19th meeting, the Task Force completed its review of the draft terms of reference for the 'International Forum on TOSSD' (see email from the Secretariat dated 16 December 2022). Since then, the Secretariat has pursued work on the proposal to establish the Forum at the OECD and will provide an update on progress. **Discussion will be invited on next steps.**

The Secretariat will also present the latest version of the budget for the possible future Forum and an update on funding pledges as of 7 March 2023. In this context, it will report on progress made on the memorandum of understanding on the hosting of the Forum and its Secretariat at the OECD. A first draft of the text for the "financial provisions" section of the TORs will also be discussed. **Members will be invited to exchange views on these updates, comment on the draft text of the possible financial provisions and share the latest information on their support to TOSSD through financial and in-kind contributions.**



At the end of its 19th meeting (session held on 12 December), the Task Force exchanged on the issue of **when a contribution to the Forum gives right to a seat in the Steering Group**. In Year N for Year N+1, the General Assembly of the Forum would appoint as Steering Group members: i) Members that have contributed financially for year N+1; ii) Members that have pledged to contribute for year N+1 (financially, through a secondment or the organisation of an in-person Forum meeting); and iii) other Members of the Steering Group respecting the balanced composition of the Steering Group as set out in the TORs. As little time was available to discuss this issue, **the Task Force will be invited to confirm its agreement on this aspect of the future financial provisions of the Forum**.

The terms of reference of the TOSSD Task Force expire at the end of July 2023. In light of the timeline for the launch of the future 'International Forum on TOSSD' in 2024, the Secretariat will present, **for members' agreement, an updated version of the TORs extending the mandate of the Task Force until the end of December 2023**.

- *Presentation: update on progress on the governance and financing of TOSSD*
- *Paper: revised version of the TORs of the Task Force*
- *For reference: draft terms of reference for the 'International Forum on TOSSD' as of 12 December 2022*

16:00 Coffee break

16:30 Item 4. Findings of the institutional investors pilot and guidance for reporting public institutional investments in TOSSD

The TOSSD framework covers all official and officially supported resources to promote sustainable development in developing countries, and therefore also investments from publicly-owned pension funds, insurance companies and sovereign wealth funds engaged in the SDGs. The institutional investors pilot aimed to further investigate the relevance and feasibility of capturing in TOSSD more granular information on these particular investments.

The Secretariat will present the findings of the Institutional Investors Pilot carried out in 2022 and highlights of which were given at the 19th meeting of the Task Force. Based on these findings, the Secretariat will propose guidance for reporting on public institutional investments in TOSSD. **Members will be invited to share their views on the findings and the draft guidance**.

- *Paper: report on the pilot study on Institutional Investors in TOSSD*
- *Paper: implications and preliminary guidance for reporting public institutional investments in TOSSD*
- *Presentation*

18:00 Meeting adjourns

19:00 Social gathering (tbc)



Wednesday, 8 March

9:00 Item 1 (continued). Reporting issues emerging from the 2022 data collection on 2021 activities

During this session, the Task Force will continue its discussions started on 7 March.

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 Item 5. Peer learning – reporting architecture and capacity challenges

At the 18th Task Force meeting, members welcomed opportunities for peer learning on TOSSD reporting. Following the common challenges identified in that meeting in terms of reporting, and a request by a Task Force member, two specific questions will be discussed:

- **Regarding your reporting architecture at country / organisation level, what specific issues are you facing?** What **good principles and practices** could you share with the Task Force?
- **How are members dealing with reporting capacity issues** and what **practical solutions** could they offer to help others address these capacity challenges?

The objective of this session will be to share experience and provide concrete answers to these two questions. To help organise this session, **Task Force members are invited to send their first responses to the Secretariat by Friday 24 February (please send email to samantha.proteau@oecd.org and camilo.gambagamba@oecd.org)**. In addition, members can suggest any specific questions related to these topics that they would like to see addressed during the session.

- *Presentation(s)*

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Item 6. Eligibility rules for Pillar II

At its 17th meeting, the TOSSD Task Force noted the need to further discuss the implementation in Pillar II of the TOSSD criterion “**substantial benefits to developing countries**”. In this session, the Task Force will be invited to discuss the operationalisation of this criterion in the area of **biodiversity**, considering global, regional and domestic expenditures as well as recent international agreements the monitoring of which could be informed by TOSSD data. It is recalled that the Task Force had a first exchange on biodiversity at its 10th meeting.

In addition, the Task Force will be invited to reflect on the challenges in applying the **research and development (R&D)** eligibility criteria, using concrete examples of TOSSD data collected so far, and discuss the scope of reporting in this area.

- *Paper: clarifying TOSSD criterion of substantial benefits to developing countries: global, regional and domestic expenditures in the areas of biodiversity.*
- *Paper: experience in applying TOSSD eligibility criteria to research and development*
- *Presentation*

16:00 Coffee break

16:30 Item 6. Eligibility rules for Pillar II (cont.)

During this session, the Task Force will continue its discussions started before the coffee break.

18:00 Meeting adjourns



Thursday 9 March

9:00 Item 7. Keywords in TOSSD

The Task Force has previously discussed the potential of using keywords to track in TOSSD support to specific thematic areas. Based on these discussions, the Secretariat will propose keywords for i) gender equality, ii) refugee and Internally Displaced People (IDP) situations in TOSSD recipient countries, and iii) activities with transnational benefits. **Task Force members will be invited to share their views on these proposals.**

- *Paper: inclusion of a pre-determined keyword on 'gender' in TOSSD.*
- *Paper: tracking support for refugee and IDP situations in recipient countries through the keyword field.*
- *Paper: tracking activities with transnational benefits in TOSSD through the keyword field.*
- *Presentation*

10:45 Coffee Break

11:15 Item 8. Update on the implementation of the TOSSD Communications and Outreach strategy

The Secretariat will update the Task Force on the implementation of the TOSSD Communication and Outreach strategy, presenting the actions already carried out, key performance indicators, successes and challenges in its implementation, and next steps. **The Task Force will be invited to provide feedback on this update.**

- *Paper: update on the implementation of the TOSSD's Communications and Outreach strategy*
- *Presentation*

11:45 Item 9. Development of the provider perspective in TOSSD

In this session, the Secretariat will present proposals on how the provider perspective could look like in TOSSD.online, ensuring that the recipient perspective remains the default approach for the data visualisation tool. **The Task Force will be invited to provide feedback, discuss the pros and cons of the different options and decide on the option to be implemented in TOSSD.online.**

- *Presentation*

12:45 Lunch

14:15 Item 10. Adjustments to the TOSSD Reporting Instructions

At the 17th TOSSD Task Force meeting in July 2022, members agreed on several adjustments to the TOSSD Reporting Instructions and these adjustments were included in a dedicated document, temporarily separate from the Reporting Instructions to avoid generating a new version of the Reporting Instructions late in the year 2022. In this session, the Secretariat will present a new version of the Reporting Instructions that include these adjustments, as well as any other adjustment resulting from the discussions of the 20th Task Force meeting. **Members will be invited to agree on the final version of the Reporting Instructions for the 2023 data collection round on 2022 activities.**

16:00 Coffee Break

16:30 Item 10. Adjustments to the TOSSD Reporting Instructions (cont.)

During this session, the Task Force will continue its discussions started before the coffee break.

17:30 Any other business

18:00 Close of the meeting