

# THIRD EXPERTS' MEETING OF THE JOINT ENVIRONET-WP-STAT TASK TEAM ON OECD RIO MARKERS, ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT FINANCE STATISTICS

18 September 2014 (13:30 - 18:00), OECD, PARIS

#### ANNOTATED AGENDA

#### Meeting objectives:

- To review progress and improvements in members' reporting to the OECD DAC on environment-related Official Development Assistance (ODA) and Other Official Flows (OOF), including the special reporting exercise for 2013 flows and to discuss the presentation of disbursement data (Room Document 9).
- To consider next steps to refine proposals to improve the Rio marker climate change adaptation and mitigation definitions so as to improve the quality of data collection, with the specific aim to make a recommendation to the DAC Working Party on Development Finance Statistics on this item (Room Document 10).
- This mini-meeting will also provide an update on progress against the Task Team work programme, and discuss a proposal for the future work programme and extension of the Task Team mandate into 2015.

#### **Meeting Documents:**

- Room Document 9: Status of reporting on Rio-marked ODA commitments, disbursements and OOF.
- Room Document 10: Next steps to refine proposals for improvements to the adaptation and mitigation Rio markers.
- Room Document 11: Update on Task Team work plan on options to improve the OECD DAC environment and Rio markers.

### Background documents (for information only):

Main points of discussion, Second Experts' meeting of the ENVIRONET-WP-STAT Task team, June 2014

13:30	"Mini" Meeting of the ENVIRONET and WP-STAT Task Team on improving Rio markers, environment and development finance statistics
13:30	Welcoming remarks and introduction
	Co-facilitators: <b>Dr. Amal-Lee Amin</b> , ENVIRONET Member (E3G) & <b>Mr. Maher Mamhikoff</b> , Chair of the OECD DAC Working Party on Development Finance Statistics (Canada).
13:40	1. Round table: Progress report from members on reporting to DAC on environment-related ODA and OOF (Room Document 9)
	The stock-take of members' reporting practices and the first Task Team meeting identified a number of improvements to be taken forward by members in their application of the Rio markers and in reporting to the OECD DAC CRS. Undertaking some of these improvements will be a continuous task and the ease of implementing these may vary by member based on differences in reporting approaches and institutional structures.
	This session will review progress by members in reporting to the OECD DAC on the Rio and environment markers, including reviewing the status of 2013 flows reporting against the official deadline of 15 July (noting that the Secretariat has committed to undertake a special reporting exercise to present 2013 data for the UNFCCC COP in December 2014 based on data reported by September).
	Members will be invited to make interventions in this session to report on progress and to share experiences and lessons, and there will also be a discussion on a draft narrative to accompany the presentation of disbursement data.
	• Brief presentation of status of reporting on Rio-marked ODA, OOF and disbursement data (Room Doc 9), (OECD Secretariat).
	Discussion points:
	<ul> <li>Members to reflect on status in reporting to the DAC on 2013 ODA and OOF data, given the official reporting deadline of 15 July and special reporting exercise (Tables 1-3). In particular whether they shall be in a position by end of September to:         <ul> <li>report standard CRS data on 2013 flow (including climate markers), or alternatively,</li> <li>provide an aggregate figure on climate-related aid for the special reporting exercise.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	• Members are invited to comment on the status of their reporting of Rio marked disbursement ODA data (see Table 2).
	<ul> <li>Members are invited to comment on the draft narrative accompanying the presentation of disbursement data in future statistical flyers.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Members are invited to indicate whether they would agree to also publish OOF Rio marked data "by sector category within a recipient from each donor, provided they combine at least three activities".</li> </ul>
	Updates from members on improvements to internal quality assurance mechanisms.
14:50	Tea & Coffee Break

## 15:15 2. Proposals for next steps to "fine-tune "improvements to the Rio markers eligibility criteria, examples and guidance (Room Document 10) This session will take stock of members' comments on the initial proposal for improvements to the Rio markers' eligibility criteria, examples and guidance circulated at the Second Task Team meeting in June (Climate Change Adaptation marker, and Climate Change Mitigation marker). On that basis, participants will be invited to consider next steps for developing a recommendation for changes to the statistical reporting directives to submit to the WP-STAT and DAC thereafter. Presentation of a summary of members' comments on the initial proposals for improvements to the Rio markers, and of proposed next steps (Room Doc 10), (Ms. Valérie Gaveau, OECD Secretariat). **Discussion points (Room Document 10):** Views on proposed next steps regarding the development of amendments, indicative list of examples, clarification for distinguishing between *principal* and *significant*; Views on the possibility to create a sub-group of members to work with the Secretariat on the finalisation of the proposal. 17:00 3. Update on Task Team work programme and discussion on the 2015 work programme (Room Document 11) This session will reflect on the Task Team work programme agreed at the First Task Team meeting in March and the Secretariat will provide a presentation and summary of progress to date. This session will in particular provide a status update on work areas not discussed in detail at the mini-meeting. These include: Measurement of "green" multilateral flows within DAC statistics: and update on WP-STAT discussion on the treatment of Trust Funds in the context of the Annex 2 list of ODA eligible international organisations, Task Team work to improve the identification of "Green" multilateral flows, and status of Green Climate Fund. Update on developing the evidence base and exploratory analysis for more quantitative reporting, drawing on the Rio marker data, for the purposes of reporting to the Rio conventions Recent and upcoming communications and outreach Participants will be invited to reflect on progress to date under the Task Team, outline their future priority areas, and consider the future work programme and extension of the Task Team mandate to 2015 - including a discussion on future ways of working (i.e. through telephone conferences/working sessions/meetings). 17:50 Meeting summary, next steps and closing remarks Comments on the Room documents will be requested from members by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October. 18:00 Meeting Close & Cocktail

For any questions regarding the agenda of the workshop and experts' meeting or for further detail on the Task Team, please contact <u>Valerie.Gaveau@OECD.org</u> and <u>Stephanie.Ockenden@OECD.org</u>