

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

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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) (Room Document 4).
- To consider initial proposals to improve the Rio marker definitions (Room Document 5).
- To review the status of reporting, identification and measurement "green" multilateral finance within the DAC statistical system. This will provide an update on collaboration between the OECD DAC and Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs), and consider the findings of the review of multilateral funds within DAC statistics (Room Document 6).
- To discuss proposals for improved future communication, user access and outreach on Rio marker data, including options for user training sessions and improved online tools and data visualisation (Room Document 7). This session will discuss user needs from both providers' (OECD DAC and non-DAC providers) and recipients' perspectives.
- To discuss emerging findings from existing approaches and exploratory analysis for transforming Rio marker data for the purposes of reporting quantitatively to the Rio conventions (Room Document 8).

Meeting Documents^{1,2}

- *Room Doc 4:* Considerations and status for reporting on Rio-marked disbursements and OOF.
- *Room Doc 5:* First proposals for improvements to the Adaptation and Mitigation Rio Marker definitions (Options 7-9, 11).
- *Room Doc 6:* Consolidated review of multilateral funds and retroactive reclassification of the CIFs as multilateral (Option 17-18).
- *Room Doc 7:* Improved communication, user access, outreach and transparency of the Rio marker data, including user training sessions (Proposals 2-6).
- *Room Doc 8:* Emerging findings from existing approaches, evidence and exploratory analysis for drawing on Rio marker data for quantitative financial reporting to the Conventions (Option 19).

Background Documents

- [Main points of discussion](#), First Experts' meeting of the ENVIRONET-WP-STAT Task team, March 2014.
- Overview of options to improve the OECD DAC Environment and Rio markers (*Revised Room Doc 3*).
- Latest OECD DAC statistical flyers on climate-related aid, aid to mitigation, aid to adaptation and aid to biodiversity (See [Rio marker website](#)).

¹ Meeting documents, background and related documents will also be available for members on the [community space page](#).

² Room document numbering continues from the first Task Team meeting, which presented Room Documents 1-3.

Tuesday 3rd June	
8:45	Registration
9:00	<p>1. Welcoming remarks and introduction</p> <p><i>Co-facilitators: Dr. Amal-Lee Amin, ENVIRONET Member (E3G) & Ms. Shanti Bobin, member of the OECD DAC Working Party on Development Finance Statistics (France).</i></p>
9:15	<p>2. Round table: Progress report from members on reporting to OECD DAC on environment-related ODA and OOF</p> <p>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 (options 1-6). 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.</p> <p>This session will take stock of progress by members in reporting to the OECD DAC on the Rio and environment markers, including discussing the status of reporting. Members will be invited to make interventions in this session to report on progress and to share experiences and lessons.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief presentation of considerations and status of reporting on Rio-marked disbursement and OOF data (<i>Room Doc 4</i>), (Ms. Julia Benn, <i>OECD Secretariat</i>). • Presentation of preliminary findings from a European Commission study on the application of Rio markers (Mr. Jens Fugl, <i>European Commission</i>). <p>Discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members to highlight progress in reporting to the DAC on 2013 data, including Rio marker data, by the official deadline of 15 July (<i>noting that the Secretariat has committed to undertake a special reporting exercise to present 2013 data for the UNFCCC COP in December based on data reported by September</i>). • Comments on the comprehensiveness of Rio-marked disbursement data reported to the DAC and views on the possible publication of these data alongside commitment data (see <i>Room Doc 4</i>). • Comments on the comprehensiveness of Rio-marked OOF data (see <i>Room Doc 4</i>). • Updates from members on internal quality assurance mechanisms.
10:15	Tea & Coffee
10:45	<p>3. First proposals for improvements to the Rio marker definitions</p> <p>This session will seek participants' initial views and discuss the first proposals for improvements to the Rio marker definitions and methodologies (outlined in <i>Room Document 5</i> and related to options 7-9 and 11). These relate to the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adaptation marker, • Mitigation marker, and • Automatic marking against the Environment marker. <p>This will be an initial discussion of the proposed options. Based on members' feedback, a final proposal will be prepared for consideration at the Third Task Team meeting. Recommended changes to the methodology and statistical reporting directives will need to be endorsed by WP-STAT and the DAC thereafter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the first proposals for core improvements to the Rio marker definitions (<i>Room Doc 5</i>), (Ms. Valérie Gaveau, <i>OECD Secretariat</i>).

	<p>Discussion points (Room Document 5):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Views on proposed amendments to the eligibility criteria for the adaptation and mitigation markers; • Brainstorming on the needs for clarification for distinguishing between <i>principal</i> and <i>significant</i>; • Brainstorming of indicative examples and typical sectors that would and would not qualify for <i>principal</i> and <i>significant</i> scores; • Views on the proposed guidance on automatic marking against the Environment marker.
12:15	<p>4. Identification and measurement of “green” multilateral flows within DAC statistics</p> <p>This session will provide an overview of the latest developments in reconciling “green” multilateral flows within DAC statistics. This will include a brief presentation of how these flows are treated in DAC statistics, followed by an update to participants on the collaboration between the Secretariat, MDBs and other international financial institutions to improve reporting.</p> <p>The session will also present and discuss a summary of the review of the multilateral funds included on the List of ODA-eligible international organisations (Annex 2 of the Reporting Directives) in terms of their environmental relevance, the need to identify a number of other environmentally-focused funds through channel codes and the task of revising data on the CIFs (classified as multilateral funds as from 2013) retroactively. The session will consider priorities and next steps for future work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on a recent World Bank study comparing the World Bank and Rio marker methodology for estimating climate-related flows (<i>Mr. Eduardo Ferreira, World Bank</i>). • Presentation on treatment of multilateral flows in DAC statistics, status report and summary of the review of multilateral funds within OECD DAC Statistics, (<i>OECD Secretariat</i>). <p>Discussion points (Room Document 6):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there need to distinguish between climate adaptation and mitigation? Is this feasible or is there a trade-off between more details/accuracy and more difficulty in communicating the data? • The CIFs are treated as two separate funds (CTF and SCF) but is there need to distinguish between the four windows to support consistency? • Do participants agree with the proposed priority-list approach? • Do participants agree with the proposed methodology for determining “green” coefficients? • Does the Task Team agree with the proposed approach to submit to WP-STAT in September a short list of possible new multilateral funds for inclusion on Annex 2 and short list of bilateral funds for which channel codes should be created?
13:00	<p><i>Lunch</i></p>
14:15	<p>5. Communication, user access, outreach and transparency of Rio marker data</p> <p>This session will provide a short update by the OECD secretariat on the latest communication activities and proposals for future improvements (outlined in Room Document 7), intended to improve understanding, access, transparency and trust in the Rio marker data. A research institute and user perspective, including initial views on the options for improvement under discussion through the Task Team, shall also be provided. Participants will be asked to reflect on the current activities, and discussion will be invited on further scope for improvement and for future outreach opportunities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on latest communication activities and proposals for future improvements (<i>Room Doc 7</i>), (<i>Ms. Stephanie Ockenden and Ms. Anna Drutschinin, OECD Secretariat</i>). • Presentation on “The Rio Markers in Practice” (<i>Ms. Smita Nakhooda, Overseas Development Institute (ODI)</i>).

	<p>Discussion points (Room Document 7):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants are invited to suggest future communication, outreach and training opportunities where Rio marker data and the work of the Task Team could be usefully disseminated. • Participants are invited to comment on the proposals for further improvements and highlight their priority areas.
15:15	<i>Tea & Coffee</i>
15:45	<p>6. Drawing on Rio markers for reporting to the Rio conventions</p> <p>This session will consider how Rio marker data are being drawn on to date for reporting to the Rio Conventions and for broader analysis. This will include a presentation outlining the use of the Rio markers under the UNCCD and analysis that the Rio markers enable the UNCCD to undertake.</p> <p>Recognising the quantitative nature of some reporting requirements, the Task Team agreed to explore the options and basis for developing a harmonised methodology for how to use Rio marker data for reporting to the Conventions. During this session the Task Team will consider the emerging findings and evidence for drawing on Rio markers for reporting quantitatively. This will first include consideration of the need and rationale for making quantitative adjustments, before reviewing the findings of existing approaches and available evidence. The Task Team shall then consider evidence gaps and views from members will be sought to inform the approach for further analysis and the development of initial options or recommendations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on the use of the Rio markers under the UNCCD (<i>Mr. Simone Quatrini, Global Mechanism Secretariat and Mr. Matthias Haeni, University of Zurich</i>). • Presentation on emerging findings and exploratory analysis for the use of Rio markers in reporting to the Conventions (<i>Room Doc 8</i>), (<i>Ms. Stephanie Ockenden, OECD Secretariat</i>). <p>Discussion points (Room Document 8):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What rationales and perspectives support further quantification of Rio marker data? Is it to estimate financial inputs? To avoid double counting? • Do participants agree to prioritise work on quantification on a methodology to address activities Rio marked with a <i>significant</i> score? • Participants are invited to highlight further evidence where available and to share this with the Task Team to support future work. • Participants are invited to provide views on the next steps for taking forward the development of the evidence base and future analysis.
17:00	7. Meeting summary, next steps and closing remarks
17:15	<i>Meeting Close</i>

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