



Draft agenda for the 10th meeting of the International TOSSD Task Force Pretoria, South Africa, 12-13 February 2020

12 February 2020

9h00 Introduction and welcome

The co-Chairs will welcome the participants and outline the objectives of the meeting.

9h15 Item 1. Update on recent developments from meeting of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on the Sustainable Development Goals indicators (IAEG-SDGs) in October 2019.

The Task Force will be updated on the discussion and tentative decision on TOSSD at the IAEG-SDGs meeting in October 2019. This meeting discussed the outcomes of the open consultation on the indicators proposed for replacement/addition/deletion in the context of the 2020 Comprehensive Review of SDG indicators.

As regards the proposal to include TOSSD in the SDG indicator framework, the IAEG-SDGs acknowledged the importance of measuring these flows, but also referred to TOSSD as a “Tier III” indicator for which the methodology is still being refined. The group proposed to form a working group with more country and UN-system involvement to work to finalise the methodology with the Task Force, in particular the components of TOSSD related to South-South Cooperation. This working group would have a duration of two years at which point a finalised methodology for TOSSD would be considered for inclusion as part of the global indicator framework (in 2022).

The IAEG-SDGs will include the proposal to create a working group on TOSSD in its report to the UN Statistical Commission (to be held in March 2020), which will be invited to approve this process.

Task Force members will be invited to reflect on i) how to address the arguments made by some IAEG-SDGs members to delay the inclusion of TOSSD as a new SDG indicator; and ii) the articulation of work and mandates between the Task Force and the IAEG-SDGs working group in charge of finalising the TOSSD methodology.

Documentation:

Tentative decision by the IAEG-SDGs on TOSSD at <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/files/meetings/iaeg-sdgs-meeting-10/10.%202020%20Review.pdf>

[IAEG-SDGs report to UN Stat Com](#)

Comments of Colombia conveyed at the IAEG-SDGs and response by the TOSSD Task Force Secretariat

10h15 Item 2. TOSSD Strategy Paper

The co-Chairs Mr Risenga Maluleke and Mr Laurent Sarazin will present the TOSSD strategy paper that outlines the proposed vision for TOSSD over the next five years, various governance options and related costs for operating the TOSSD framework, including the main functions of the Secretariat, as well as the main outreach activities for the coming months. Task Force members will be invited to discuss the paper and provide guidance on how TOSSD should evolve going forward.

Documentation: Issues paper



11h Coffee

11h30 Item 2. TOSSD Strategy Paper (Cont.)

13h Lunch

14h30 Item 3. Adjustments to the TOSSD Reporting Instructions

The Secretariat will present an updated version of the TOSSD Reporting Instructions, based on certain items already agreed in previous Task Force meetings, such as the reporting on administrative costs, scholarships and imputed student costs as well as the updated definition of Triangular Co-operation. The updated version will also include draft text for Task Force members' consideration on a number of issues discussed but not concluded at the October meeting (e.g. reporting instructions for debt relief operations, eligibility criteria on peace and security, clarifying footnote on International Public Goods and establishing a unique project identifier).

Documentation: Updated TOSSD Reporting Instructions

15h15 Item 4. TOSSD Classifications

Based on the TOSSD Data Survey, the pilot on peace and security and recent discussions by the Task Force, the Secretariat will make proposals for changes and additions in the TOSSD classifications, including in channel codes, sector codes, financial instruments and modalities.

Documentation: Issues paper, updated TOSSD Code Lists

16h Coffee

16h30 Item 5. Completing the reflection on Pillar II: Global Financial Stability in TOSSD

The Task Force will be invited to discuss the relevance of including activities in support of Global Financial Stability in TOSSD Pillar II. Examples of such activities include economic surveillance at the global level and systemic risk assessments in worldwide financial markets, undertaken by institutions such as the International Monetary Fund, the Financial Stability Board and similar regional initiatives.

Documentation: Issues paper

18h Meeting adjourns

19h Social event

13 February 2019

9h00 Item 6. Operationalising sustainability in TOSSD: criteria for including or excluding activities

Sustainability is one of the defining concepts and a key eligibility criterion of TOSSD. Compliance with this criterion will be fundamental to assure the credibility of the measure. At the same time, providing clear guidance on the specific activities to include (or not) in TOSSD is challenging. Sustainability assessments are complex exercises for which a single, universal metric does not exist. Furthermore, what is considered sustainable development depends on the local environmental conditions, scientific knowledge, current and available technical solutions and capacities, and also economic and societal factors. The Task Force will be invited to reflect on the concept of sustainability and how this could be



translated into clear guidance for data reporters. The focus will be on environmental sustainability as requested by the Task Force at its October meeting.

Documentation: Issues paper

11h Coffee

11h30 Item 7. Biodiversity in TOSSD

Activities supporting biodiversity can be included in both TOSSD Pillar I (cross-border resources to support biodiversity in recipient countries) and Pillar II (promotion of biodiversity at the regional and global levels). The responses to the TOSSD data survey included examples that could be further discussed by the Task Force (e.g. efforts of customs and other inspection services in combating illegal wildlife trade, the Crop Trust, etc.). The Task Force will be invited to discuss biodiversity as an international public good and possible additional guidance on the eligibility of this theme.

Documentation: Issues paper

13h Lunch

14h30 Item 8. Reporting on TOSSD in 2020 on 2019 resources

The Task Force will reflect on the reporting cycle of TOSSD, and on the first TOSSD data collection in 2020. It will also be invited to comment on draft supporting documentation prepared by the Secretariat to complement the Reporting Instructions and facilitate reporting. These explanatory notes, similar to the ones used during the Survey, will summarise TOSSD reporting by describing in a nutshell the elements below:

- background and objectives of the data collection,
- methodology (activity level; Pillar I, Pillar II, amounts mobilised from the private sector),
- input required from reporters (summarising each of the fields in the TOSSD data form, and differentiating between mandatory and optional fields; paying particular attention to harmonising reporting with data already being produced for other reporting frameworks, such as the OECD CRS or IATI),
- format (Excel, web tool),
- documentation on Pillar II, with examples of global and regional activities as well as activities conducted in the provider country (taken from the Survey).

Task Force members, regardless of whether they were able to participate or not in the Survey, will be invited to share their plans and foreseen timeline for reporting on Pillar I and Pillar II in 2020.

Documentation: Explanatory notes on TOSSD reporting, Presentation

15h30 Item 9. Presentation of the TOSSD Data Visualisation Tool

The Secretariat will present the TOSSD data visualisation tool and how data from the TOSSD Data Survey will be presented in this tool. During this session, Task Force members will be invited to test the tool in break-out groups, and provide initial feedback.

The tool will be finalised on the basis of comments received and put into production mid-2020.

Documentation: Presentation, TOSSD on-line tool

16h30 Coffee



17h00 Item 10. Outreach ahead of the UN Stat Com and upcoming events in the first semester of 2020, including on TOSSD pilots

The Secretariat will present a revised version of the outreach plan for the first semester of 2020 taking into account the IAEG-SDGs process. The Task Force will be invited to discuss and agree on this plan and to take the lead on the organisation of some of the events. The Secretariat will also provide an update on TOSSD pilots, including recent publications of the study reports of Burkina Faso and on the theme of Peace and Security, as well as the plan for upcoming pilot studies.

Documentation: Presentation

17h45 Item 11. Wrap-up and next steps

The co-Chairs will conclude the meeting by presenting its main outcomes and outlining the issues for discussion at the next meeting.

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