9th meeting of the TOSSD Task Force
Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
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Room Felipe Herrera 2
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Draft agenda

Wednesday, 2 October

9:00  Item 1. Welcome

The co-Chairs and the hosts will welcome participants and recall the objectives of the meeting. Participants will be invited to approve the agenda. By way of introduction, the Secretariat will provide a short update on the implementation of the TOSSD work plan since the last Task Force meeting.

9:30  Item 2. TOSSD data survey – Main results

The Secretariat has finalised the processing of data received through the TOSSD Data Survey, which illustrates with concrete facts and figures the TOSSD framework. The data, even if collected on a pilot basis, provide a proof of concept demonstrating the feasibility and usefulness of TOSSD. The Secretariat will present the main results of the Survey – participation rate, TOSSD estimates, main findings arising from the reporting on Pillar I and Pillar II as well as data on mobilisation – and various illustrations of the value added of TOSSD for different communities. The Task Force will be invited to provide feedback on the key findings and comment on the main messages that should be conveyed during the TOSSD Data Survey launch scheduled on 4 October in New York.

10:30  Coffee

11:00  Item 3. TOSSD data survey – detailed analysis of the results and lessons learnt

The Survey provides a source of unique data on areas not covered so far in international statistics on development finance. During this session, the Secretariat will share findings and lessons learnt on the topics listed below:

- Key eligibility criterion of sustainable development: assigning SDG targets and examples of activities considered sustainable / non-sustainable.
- New activities reported in TOSSD: Pillar I (including South-South co-operation) and Pillar II.
- Peace and security.
- Treatment of activities channelled through multilateral institutions and how to avoid double-counting inflows to and outflows from multilateral institutions in TOSSD.
- Reporting on specific fields (external link, financing arrangement, framework of collaboration, concessionality, salary cost).

Task Force members will be invited to provide feedback on a number of substantive and technical issues related to the above topics. They will also be invited to reflect on future TOSSD data collection starting 2020 and, in particular, comment on whether the examples provided help Task Force members to engage with institutions beyond the traditional development community.

12:30  Lunch
14:00 Item 4. TOSSD data visualisation tool and data disclosure

The Secretariat will make a demonstration of the proof of concept of the TOSSD data visualisation tool, developed with the Tableau software. The tool displays various aggregates by pillar, recipient, sector and SDGs and gives access to the list of underlying activities, to achieve maximum transparency.

Task Force members’ will be invited to comment on the presentation of TOSSD data and to confirm that the Survey results can be disseminated online as presented in the proof of concept. Once the proof of concept is validated by the Task Force, the Secretariat will develop the TOSSD online data portal – most likely using the openaid open source solution - with the aim of launching it early 2020.

Exemptions to the disclosure of TOSSD data at the activity level will be a specific point for discussion in this session. The Reporting Instructions (paragraph 25) instruct that “All TOSSD data will be made publicly available, also at activity level. Any information linked to TOSSD activities subject to confidentiality regimes (e.g. company names) should be filtered out upstream by the data providers.”

Task Force members will be invited to confirm that the data they have transmitted through the Survey can be disclosed at activity level, and to share their views on how to best deal with confidentiality constraints by some providers around amounts mobilised from the private sector.

16:00 Coffee

16:30 Item 5. Outreach and dissemination of TOSSD survey results

The Secretariat will provide a stock-take of recent and upcoming outreach activities. Participants will be invited to agree on a list of outreach activities that the Task Force should participate in or organise (e.g. IAEG-SDGs meeting on 21-24 October 2019; a regional consultation; briefings with regional and specific coalition groups in NY; strategy for the UN Statistical Commission meeting in 2020). Task Force members will be invited to volunteer to support the organisation of specific activities. This support could take the form of them participating as speakers or discussants in TOSSD-related meetings, take the lead in organising specific events or by mobilising relevant officials of their countries in support of TOSSD.

18:00 Close of day 1, followed by social event

Thursday, 3 October

9:00 Item 6. TOSSD governance issues and preparing for 2020

In line with the objective of increasing ownership of TOSSD at the global level, the Task Force in its new Terms of reference has agreed to expand its membership. Task Force members will be invited to discuss the expansion of the Task Force based on a presentation circulated ahead of the meeting. Participants will also be invited to react on the paper presenting the various options for a future business model for the TOSSD Task Force.

10:30 Coffee

11:00 Item 7. Highlights of the Indonesia pilot

In this session, preliminary conclusions of the pilot carried out in Indonesia from 19 to 30 August 2019 will be presented. Task Force Members will be invited to discuss these conclusions and exchange with a representative from the Ministry of National Development Planning of the Republic of Indonesia who coordinated the country mission.
11:45  Item 8. Update on the peace and security pilot

The Secretariat will provide an update on the pilot including TOSSD estimates on Peace and Security and further information on expenditures by specific bilateral and multilateral providers in this area.

12:30  Lunch

14:00  Item 9. Feedback on the Reporting Instructions since the 8th Task Force meeting

In this session, the Task Force will take stock of comments on the Reporting Instructions received since its 8th meeting. Task Force members will be invited to review these comments and decide on a way forward.

15:30  Coffee

16:00  Item 9. Feedback on the Reporting Instructions since the 8th Task Force meeting (continued)

16:30  Item 10. Wrap-up

17:00  End of day 2

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Kindly note that those attending the Launch of the results of the TOSSD Data Survey on 4 October will travel from Washington DC to New York on the evening of 3 October.