Working Party on Statistics

Draft agenda

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This document presents the draft agenda for the WP-STAT informal meeting on 2 February 2009 and the WP-STAT Workshop on convergence and on-line databases on 3 February 2009.

Participants are asked to register for both events by contacting the Secretariat (jean.mcdonald@oecd.org).

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09h30 Welcome

09h45 

**Item 1.**
Implementing the new typology of aid: Proposal for a revised Table DAC1
[DCD/DAC/STAT(2009)1]

11h00 Coffee break

11h30 Item 1. (cont.)

13h00 Lunch

14h30 

**Item 2.**

16h00 Coffee break

16h30 

**Item 3.**
Progress in multilateral agencies' reporting to the DAC

17h00 

**Item 4.**
Purpose codes for water supply and sanitation
[Note from members]

17h30 

**Item 5.**
Updates on ongoing work (for discussion in May 2009)
- Clarification of reporting directives with regard to UN peace missions
- Statistics on the tying status of aid
- Rio markers: establishment of ENVIRONET-WP-STAT Joint Task Team
- Sectoral study 2009: Aid to agriculture

18h Close
WP-STAT Workshop on convergence and on-line databases on 3 February 2009

09h30 Aid effectiveness, the Accra Agenda for Action (AAA) and the International Aid Transparency Initiative

10h15 Coffee break

10h45 Convergence

12h00 Secretariat missions to capitals to advance convergence and the implementation of the new typology

12h30 QWIDS

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Annotations

WP-STAT Informal meeting on 2 February 2009

Item 1. Implementing the new typology of aid: Proposal for a revised Table DAC1

In June 2008, WP-STAT agreed on a new classification by types of aid to be implemented in 2011 CRS/DAC reporting on 2010 flows. The Secretariat will present a proposal for revising reporting forms and directives accordingly. Members will be invited to comment on 1) a new Table DAC1 and a mapping with the current version; 2) revised CRS and CRS++ reporting forms; and 3) schedule of tasks over 2009-2010, for members and the Secretariat, to prepare implementation in 2011. Based on comments received, a revised proposal for reporting forms and directives will be submitted for approval during the formal WP-STAT meeting in May 2009, with the objective of finalisation by end 2009.

Item 2. Criteria and procedures for making changes to the List of ODA-eligible international organisations

Eight members and Turkey commented on the proposal in DCD/DAC/STAT(2008)22/PROV circulated on 27 October. The note DCD/DAC/STAT(2009)2 summarises the comments received and invites discussion on six issues: 1) assessment of ODA-eligibility of agencies with normative functions; 2) treatment of assessed contributions and unearmarked voluntary core contributions; 3) system of thresholds; 4) impact of the proposal on the current List; 5) timing of changes to the List; and 6) draft template for submitting proposals to the List. The objective is to clarify the concepts on which the proposal is built, reconsider the system of thresholds in light of the clarifications and develop a revised proposal for consideration at the WP-STAT meeting on 5-6 May 2009.

Item 3. Progress in multilateral agencies' reporting to the DAC

The note DCD/DAC/STAT(2009)3 informs members of the Secretariat’s work in 2008 to improve multilateral agencies’ reporting to the DAC. It presents the current status of reporting, highlights the improvements made in 2008 by agency and outlines work planned for 2009. “Guidance for Multilateral
Agencies Reporting to the DAC** [DCD/DAC/STAT(2008)21] defines key terms and explains in detail the reporting elements requested from multilateral agencies. Members will be invited to support the Secretariat’s efforts, in particular to obtain sectoral data in a form that can be mapped against CRS purpose codes.

**Item 4. Purpose codes for water supply and sanitation**

[Possible note from the United Kingdom]

A proposal to introduce separate purpose codes for “water supply” and “sanitation” was presented at WP-STAT in June 2008. Members favoured having disaggregated data on water and sanitation in principle, but requested revisions to the proposal for practical reasons. Members will be invited to comment on the revised proposal put forth jointly by Austria, France and the United Kingdom.

**Item 5. Updates on ongoing work (for substantive discussion in May 2009)**

The Secretariat will give oral reports on its ongoing work to clarify reporting directives with regard to UN peace missions, improve the quality of statistics on the tying status of aid and analyse aid to agriculture. Papers on all three issues will be presented for members’ consideration at the May meeting.

The DAC Senior Level Meeting expressed strong support for joint ENVIRONET-WP-STAT work on the Rio markers, in particular with regard to adaptation to climate change. Members will be informed of the establishment of a Joint ENVIRONET-WP-STAT Task Team and the plan to hold its first meeting back-to-back with the WP-STAT in May. Comments will be invited on the draft agenda for the first Task Team meeting.

**WP-STAT Workshop on convergence and on-line databases on 3 February 2009**

**Aid effectiveness, the Accra Agenda for Action and the International Aid Transparency Initiative**

The Chair will outline his recent contacts with the aid effectiveness community and possibilities for aid statistics to contribute to the aid effectiveness agenda.

**Convergence**

The Secretariat will give an oral presentation on the status of convergence and CRS++ reporting. Members who have not converged yet will be asked to give detailed information on their plans to do so.

**Secretariat missions to capitals to advance convergence and the implementation of the new typology**

Members may alert the Secretariat to their interest in receiving a mission in 2009-10 to help with this technical work.

**QWIDS**

The Secretariat will give a detailed presentation on how the QWIDS project was carried out, followed by a training session.