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Draft Agenda: 4th DAC Temporary Working Group on Refugees

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Draft Agenda: 4th DAC Temporary Working Group on Refugees**Agenda****10 March 2017****OECD Conference Center, Room 6, Paris, France****Background:**

The fourth meeting of the DAC's Temporary Working Group will be a thematic meeting focusing primarily on Objective 2 of the Terms of Reference, which is concerned with 'improving the consistency, comparability, and transparency of ODA-eligible, in-donor refugee costs reported to the DAC, by aligning the respective methods for calculating these costs'. This emphasis will provide members with the opportunity to make significant headway on defining the clarifications to the Reporting Directives.

During this meeting, the Secretariat will present the consolidated findings of the follow-up survey on in-donor refugee costs and a draft proposal for clarifications on the Reporting Directives, based on the orientations discussed at the last meeting and members' written comments. It will also update the TWG on discussions at the DAC Working Party on Development Finance Statistics held on 28 February - 1 March 2017.

With regard to Objective 1, focusing on better programming for in developing countries of origin, transit, and destination, the Secretariat will provide a brief update on the progress of the study, compilation of the Compendium of Good Practice and planning for the Experts Validation Workshop. Members will receive a second draft of the Guidance on Coherent Programming for Refugees prior to the meeting, and will be asked to comment during the session as well as in writing after the meeting. A short update will also be provided by EvalNet on their ongoing study relating to this Objective.

Prior to this meeting there will be an informal lunch on the margins of the DAC meeting on 9th March, which will provide an opportunity for DAC Delegates to exchange ideas with CSO representatives. The Co-chairs and the Secretariat will report back from this exchange.

Objectives:

1. Update on the analysis of the follow-up survey on ODA reporting of in-donor country refugee costs and discussions at the WP-STAT meeting. Seek consensus on the proposed draft proposal for clarifying the Reporting Directives.

2. Provide brief updates on revisions to the second draft for the guidance on better programming to deliver comprehensive solutions to refugee crises, incorporating members' comments, and associated outputs.

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10:00-10:15 **1. Coffee, meet & greet**

10:30 - 13:00 **2. Opening remarks: Brenda Killen, Deputy Director, Development Co-operation Directorate**

Welcome by Co-Chairs: Takuma Kajita (Delegation of Japan to the OECD) and Patrick Rabe (EU Delegation to the OECD)

Session 1) Clarifying the Reporting Directives and improving the consistency and transparency of reporting of in-donor costs

10:30 - 13:00 **3. Presentation and discussion of the draft proposal on the clarification of the Reporting Directives on in-donor refugee costs**

Presenter: Julia Benn, Statistics and Development Finance Division, OECD Development Co-operation Directorate

The Secretariat will present the draft proposal for the clarification to the Reporting Directives, compiled on the basis of members' inputs to the second questionnaire on methodologies for calculating in-donor costs, and incorporating comments and clarifications received from members after the 3rd meeting of the TWG. The 5 key clarifications will be presented in two sessions. Members will be invited to share their reactions to the 5 clarifications after each session. Following this, the Secretariat will prepare a summary of members' comments for validation during the last session of the meeting.

Part One: 10:30 - 11:30

- 1) The rationale for counting in-donor refugee costs as ODA;
- 2) Eligible categories of refugees;
- 3) The twelve-month rule.

Discussion

Part Two: 11:30 - 12:30

- 4) Eligibility of specific cost items;
- 5) Methodology of assessing costs.

Discussion

Part Three: 12:30 - 13:00

The Secretariat will report back on the meeting with CSOs. The Secretariat will also provide a brief update on discussions at the WP-STAT meeting, highlighting the technical inputs received on the implications of the proposal for members' statistical reporting. The Secretariat will also update members on discussions at the WP-STAT regarding proposals by the EU and Switzerland to introduce additional purpose codes or a policy marker specifically dedicated to migration.

13:00 - 14:00 **Lunch break**

Session 2) Addressing priority areas for better programming to deliver comprehensive solutions to the refugee crisis

14:00 - 15:00 **4. Update on Guidance and Good Practice for coherent programming in contexts of forced displacement**

Presenter: Annabel Mwangi, Policy Analyst, OECD Development Co-operation Directorate

The Secretariat will provide a brief update on revisions to the structure of the Guidance for better programming, based on ongoing research and comments received from members. The Secretariat will also brief on information-exchange and collaboration with other OECD Directorates and Networks and planning for the Experts' Validation Workshop on 03rd April. Members will be informed that the meeting on the 15th of May will allow for a more elaborate discussion of the third draft, which will incorporate comments from INCAF, EvalNet and the experts-validation workshop planned at the beginning of April.

15:00 - 15:15 **5. Update: DAC Network on Development Evaluation**

Presenter: Hans Lundgren, Head Evaluation Team, OECD Development Co-operation Directorate

This session will outline the Secretariat's research work on lessons learnt and potential policy implications from members' evaluations of programming and policies in refugee contexts. Relevant feedback from discussions on key messages at the EvalNet meeting on the 22nd of February will also be shared with members.

15:15 - 15:30 **Coffee Break**

Session 3) Clarifying the Reporting Directives and improving the consistency and transparency of reporting of in-donor costs

15:30 - 16:15 **6. Presentation of Consolidated Members' Comments and Proposed Amendments**

Presenter: Julia Benn, Statistics and Development Finance Division, OECD Development Co-operation Directorate

The Secretariat will present a summary of comments and feedback received from the members during the morning session. Based on members' comments, the Secretariat will also present some recommendations, as appropriate, for possible amendments to the draft proposal.

Members will be invited to discuss and, to the extent possible, agree on proposed amendments to the proposal to facilitate the preparation of an updated draft to be tabled for final validation at the next TWG meeting.

16:15 - 16:30 **7. Closing Remarks by Brenda Killen**

16:30 **8. Cocktail Reception**
