



OECD / South Africa Workshop on A New Measurement Framework for Financing the SDGs Total Official Support for Sustainable Development Pretoria, 7 October 2019

Background

In September 2015, the world's leaders agreed on the most ambitious development agenda ever designed, the 2030 Agenda, comprised of 17 goals and 169 targets. Earlier that year, at the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, the international community committed to hold "open, inclusive and transparent discussions" on a new measure of Total Official Support for Sustainable Development (TOSSD)¹ that aims to capture all official and officially supported resources targeting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The concept of TOSSD emerged from the recognition of gaps in current international statistics on development finance, which do not take into account all actors (e.g. Brazil, China, India, South Africa), nor all flows and instruments available for sustainable development.

The new statistical framework of TOSSD² aims to measure resources in support of sustainable development provided by both bilateral and multilateral organisations. It is comprised of two pillars:

- **Pillar I**, which tracks all cross-border resource flows to developing countries.
- **Pillar II**, which tracks resources in support of International Public Goods and development enablers, or that aim to address global challenges.

TOSSD will include:

- **Activities that support sustainable development.** In practice, this means that only activities with a direct link to an SDG target and where no substantial detrimental effect is anticipated on one or more of the other targets will be included in the framework.
- Both **concessional** and **non-concessional** resources.
- Finance flows **from a wide range of providers**, including **South-South co-operation providers**.
- Finance flows **to a large group of beneficiary countries**, including developing countries and, potentially, high-income countries in vulnerable situations.

In 2017, an International Task Force³ was set up to develop the TOSSD measure. The Task Force membership, comprised of about 25 experts, strikes a balance between developing and developed countries and between statisticians and development policy officials. The Task Force also includes a number of observers (Brazil and Chinese Think Tank CAITEC). South Africa, as co-chair of the TOSSD Task Force has a very strong role in the Task Force.

In this context, the OECD, which acts as the Task Force Secretariat, and South Africa are organising together a workshop in the margins of the OECD week in Pretoria. The main objectives of the event are to:

- Inform relevant South African stakeholders about the new TOSSD statistical measurement framework;
- Increase knowledge and awareness on the main concepts and measurement methods of TOSSD among the South African administration; and
- Exchange views on how to increase knowledge of TOSSD more broadly in the African continent.

¹ See paragraph 55 of the [Addis Ababa Action Agenda](#).

² For more information about TOSSD, see <http://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-finance-standards/tossd.htm>

³ Work undertaken by the Task Force is available online at: <http://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-finance-standards/tossd-task-force.htm>



Draft agenda

10:00 Opening remarks

- Mr Risenga Maluleke, Statistician General of South Africa and co-Chair of the International TOSSD Task Force
- Ms Marisa Berbegal, TOSSD Task Force Secretariat

Representatives from South Africa and from the TOSSD Task Force Secretariat will welcome participants and provide introductory remarks on the context and objectives of the workshop.

10:20 Item 1. Overview of TOSSD

Marisa Berbegal from the TOSSD Task Force Secretariat will present the rationale and status of development of the TOSSD statistical framework. The objective of the session will be to familiarise participants with TOSSD and its main concepts and definitions, and to exchange views on its possible advantages for a country like South Africa.

Q&A

11:00 *Coffee break*

11:15 Item 2. Introduction to Pillar I of TOSSD & resource flows covered

Pillar I of TOSSD aims to track all cross-border resource flows to developing countries in support of sustainable development. The TOSSD Task Force Secretariat will present its main features (scope, eligibility criteria and measurement methods), with examples of TOSSD to South Africa.

Q&A

12:15 Item 3. Introduction to Pillar II of TOSSD

Pillar II of TOSSD aims to track resources in support of International Public Goods and development enablers, or that address global challenges. The TOSSD Task Force Secretariat will present the main features of this pillar, with examples of regional and global expenditures in support of sustainable development.

12:45 Item 4. Introduction to South Africa's Development Co-operation

A representative of South Africa (department of international relations and co-operation or other relevant unit within South Africa's administration) will present an overview of South Africa's development co-operation.

Q&A

13.15 Lunch Break

14:15 Item 5. Reporting on TOSSD

In 2019, the Task Force carried out the first TOSSD data survey. From 2020 onwards, TOSSD data will be collected on a regular basis. In this session, the TOSSD Task Force Secretariat will present the main results of the data survey and the TOSSD reporting format. Discussion will be invited on whether the TOSSD framework would be appropriate for reporting on South Africa's development co-operation.

Q&A

14:45 Closing remarks

15:00 End of the workshop