

# TOTAL OFFICIAL SUPPORT FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (TOSSD) A NEW STATISTICAL MEASURE FOR THE SDG ERA

## Financing for Development Forum Side-Event

Tuesday 16 April 2019

1:15 – 2:30 pm

Conference Room C – UN Headquarters, New York

### *Update on TOSSD: the new measurement framework to track resources in support of sustainable development*

Co-hosted by the Governments of Costa Rica and Sweden on behalf of the International TOSSD Task Force<sup>1</sup>

#### Filling a data gap on sustainable development financing

The adoption of the 2030 Agenda has outlined a strategic path for fundamentally transforming development across the world. Implementing this ambitious global agenda requires the mobilisation of a broader array of development finance, both public and private.

In July 2015, 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)<sup>2</sup> that aims to capture all official and officially supported resources targeting the SDGs. The concept of TOSSD emerged from the recognition that there is a gap in international statistics on flows to developing countries in support of sustainable development. This gap is mainly due to the fact that the data do not cover all actors, nor all flows and instruments available for sustainable development.

#### How is TOSSD developed

In 2017, an International Task Force<sup>3</sup> was set up to develop the TOSSD measure. The Task Force is comprised of about 25 experts from developing countries, provider countries (both from emerging and more advanced economies) and international organisations. It includes both statisticians and development policy officials. The Task Force also includes observers, such as representatives from Brazil (ABC and IPEA)<sup>4</sup> and from the People’s Republic of China (through its think tank CAITEC).

#### Objectives of the event

The overall objectives of the event are to share **the latest developments on TOSSD** and **provide an opportunity to respond to questions and feedback**. Recent developments include:

- **The TOSSD Task Force completed the methodology<sup>5</sup> for measuring cross-border resources to recipient countries** in January 2019.
- **Several country and thematic pilots have highlighted the potential contribution of TOSSD to monitor resources in support of sustainable development**. Conclusions of recent pilots carried out in Nigeria and Costa Rica, and preliminary results of the pilot in Burkina Faso and the thematic pilot on Peace and Security, will be presented.
- **All provider countries and institutions are invited to participate in the TOSSD data survey** which aims to present first figures in time for the HLPF in July 2019.

<sup>1</sup> See: <http://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-finance-standards/tossd-task-force.htm>

<sup>2</sup> See paragraph 55 of the [Addis Ababa Action Agenda](#).

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<sup>4</sup> Brazilian Cooperation Agency (ABC) and Institute for Applied Economic Research (IPEA)

<sup>5</sup> The TOSSD methodology is currently being defined by the Task Force and the latest version can be found at: [http://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-finance-standards/Emerging-Reporting-Instructions%20-V1.3-validatedbyTF\\_WEB.pdf](http://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-finance-standards/Emerging-Reporting-Instructions%20-V1.3-validatedbyTF_WEB.pdf)

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## Panel discussion

### Introductory remarks by the co-hosts

- **Ambassador Christian Guillermet**, Deputy Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the United Nations
- **Ms Carin Jämtin**, Director General, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), Sweden

### Presentation and interventions by TOSSD Task Force members and stakeholders

- **Ms. Alimatou Zongo-Kabore**, Director, Aid Coordination and Effectiveness, MINEFID, Burkina Faso
- **Mr Risenga Maluleke**, Co-Chair of the TOSSD Task Force, Statistician-General and Head of Statistics South Africa
- **Mr Laurent Sarazin**, Co-Chair of the TOSSD Task Force, Head, Unit for Financing for Development, European Commission
- **Mr Jorge Moreira da Silva**, Director of the OECD's Development Co-operation Directorate
- **Ms Åsa Thomasson**, Policy and advocacy coordinator, CONCORD Sweden

**Potential additional speakers to be confirmed from the Federal Republic of Nigeria and emerging economies.**

## Q&A / Discussion

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