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**HANDBOOK FOR THE MARKER FOR THE INCLUSION AND
EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

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1.1. Introduction

The Working Party of Development Finance Statistics (WP-STAT) approved in June 2018 the introduction of a policy marker on the inclusion and empowerment of people with disabilities¹ (hereafter referred to as the disability marker). The marker was added to the Reporting Directives in November 2018². Reporting for the disability marker will start in 2019 on 2018 flows.

During the following WP-STAT, in November 2018, one member expressed the wish to work on a handbook to guide reporting on the disability marker³.

After informal contacts with other members that expressed interest on this topic in the margins of the WP-STAT meeting, the Secretariat organised a conference call with governmental and independent experts from the UK, Italy and Austria. Participants agreed on the necessity of developing adequate reporting guidance from the start, to ease the implementation and obtain high quality data on the support of development co-operation activities targeting the inclusion and empowerment of people with disabilities.

Participants to the meeting and the Secretariat agreed to present an outline and a work programme to the February WP-STAT, to receive feedback from members and enlarge the working group to other interested parties.

1.2. Scope

The scope of this project is to create a handbook to support coherent reporting on the disability marker, providing examples and best practices, and support to coding. The long-term objective is to contribute to mainstreaming disability issues into development co-operation activities, raising the awareness in the public debate and providing a comprehensive dataset for analysis.

The official guidance for all the policy (and Rio) markers, including the functioning of the scoring system, is contained in the Statistical Directives and their addenda⁴. In addition to these documents, the OECD Secretariat, with the collaboration of interested members, started to produce several guidance documents to support members' transparency efforts in several policy areas, such as:

¹ See: [DCD/DAC/STAT\(2018\)39/REV1](#)

² See: [DCD/DAC/STAT\(2018\)52](#)

³ See: DCD/DAC/STAT/M(2018) (forthcoming) par. 74

⁴ See: [DCD/DAC/STAT\(2018\)9/FINAL](#), [DCD/DAC/STAT\(2018\)9/ADD2/FINAL](#), and the update [DCD/DAC/STAT\(2018\)52](#)

- **Gender Equality:** Two guidance documents exist to support the implementation of gender equality. The **Handbook on the OECD-DAC Gender Equality Marker**⁵ and the **new minimum recommended criteria for the DAC gender equality policy marker**⁶.
- **Climate Change:** the Secretariat produced **OECD-DAC Rio Markers for Climate Handbook**⁷ covering support for both Adaptation and Mitigation. The Handbook contains also an Indicative table to guide reporting by sector/subsector, making examples of projects that should be classified principal, significant, or not targeted.
- **Biodiversity:** the Secretariat has issued an indicative table to guide reporting, providing examples of projects that should be classified principal, significant, or not targeted in all sectors and subsectors⁸.
- **Desertification:** an indicative table to support coding for the desertification marker is also being produced.

1.3. Proposed outline

Taking into account the experiences acquired in producing the above-mentioned guidance documents, the following outline is proposed for discussion:

- 1) The Marker for the inclusion and empowerment of persons with disabilities.
 - Definition
 - Eligibility Criteria
 - Scoring System including minimum standards for scoring
 - Best practices / examples
 - Example of data use
 - Linkages with SDGs and UN documents on humanitarian aid
- 2) Recommendations for the effective application of the marker.
 - Scoring of projects / programmes
 - Scoring of other types of aid.
 - Implementation from project design to data reporting
- 3) Indicative table for the marker, with examples of project marking for the main sectors/subsectors.

⁵ See: <http://www.oecd.org/dac/gender-development/Handbook-OECD-DAC-Gender-Equality-Policy-Marker.pdf>

⁶ See: <http://www.oecd.org/dac/gender-development/Minimum-recommended-criteria-for-DAC-gender-marker.pdf>

⁷ See: http://www.oecd.org/dac/environment-development/Revised%20climate%20marker%20handbook_FINAL.pdf

⁸ See: [DCD/DAC/STAT\(2018\)26](https://www.oecd.org/dac/STAT(2018)26). The table will be updated with feedback received from members.

1.4. Timeline

The proposed timeline for the development of the handbook is as follows:

- February 2019 – presentation of the initiative to the WPSTAT and formation of the working group.
- February – May 2019 – developing of the first draft of the handbook. One monthly conference call with members of the working group is organised.
- June 2019 – presentation of the first draft to the WP-STAT members for comments.
- July – September – update following feedback from members and production and distribution of the final version.