Draft agenda for the
11ᵗʰ meeting of the International TOSSD Task Force

Virtual meeting, 06-09 October 2020

06 October 2020

11h30   Introduction and welcome

The co-Chairs will welcome the participants, in particular the new members and observers in the Task Force, and outline the main objectives of the meeting.

11h45   Item 1. Critical questions emerging from the 2019 TOSSD Data Survey

The Secretariat has recently finalised a report presenting the main lessons learnt from the TOSSD Data Survey. A number of questions, critical to the ongoing data collection, will be presented for discussion. **Task Force members will also be invited to share any general comments they have on the paper.**

> ➢ *Background document: Lessons learnt from the 2019 Total official support for sustainable development (TOSSD) data survey*

13h00   Break

13h15   Item 2. Update on 2020 data collection

The Secretariat will provide an update on the on-going TOSSD data collection, including responses received so far on Pillar I (deadline for reporting = 31 July) and Pillar II (deadline for reporting = 1 October), and key findings emerging from the processing of these data conducted by the Secretariat.

The first round of TOSSD data collection should build on last year's successful data survey, and expand the coverage of the data to more respondents and more resources (e.g. for Pillar II). **Task Force members will be invited to share their experience in reporting,** e.g. in using the material shared by the Secretariat (solicitation letter, reporting form, explanatory notes) or in streamlining their CRS and TOSSD reporting. Task Force members who have not yet reported will be invited to indicate expected dates for sharing their data.

13h45   Item 3. Tracking COVID-19 response through TOSSD

The Secretariat will present a background document on the relevance of TOSSD for tracking COVID-19 response and related eligibility and reporting issues. **Task Force members will be invited to share their perspective, in particular on the measurement of global and regional expenditures, and discuss the steps to be taken in the coming months to ensure that TOSSD comprehensively captures COVID-19 response by next year.**

> ➢ *Background document on the relevance of TOSSD for tracking COVID-19 response and related eligibility and reporting issues.*

14h30   Meeting adjourns

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11h30   Item 4. Update on the IAEG-SDGs working group

The Secretariat will provide a stock-take of the work of the IAEG-SDGs working group on measurement of development support through a background paper and a presentation, which will cover the composition of the group, its modes of working and progress to date. Members of the Task Force that are also members of the IAEG-SDGs working group will be invited to provide their perspective on how the group is functioning and its progress so far. **The Task Force will be invited to discuss how to best coordinate and engage with this IAEG-SDGs working group through members and the Secretariat.**

> ➢ *Background paper: Update on the IAEG-SDGs working group*

12h00   Item 5. TOSSD strategy paper including specific discussion on governance and financing

The co-Chairs will summarise the discussions that have taken place in previous meetings on the strategy paper. As noted in the Action Points of the 10th meeting in Pretoria, the Task Force seemed broadly in agreement with the paper, apart from the sections on governance and funding. The co-Chairs will address any last comments on sections I, II.A, II.B and III of the paper (paragraphs 1-24, 30-34 and the Annex) that Task Force members were invited to send by 30 September. The Secretariat will then present a separate background paper to further inform the Task Force on options for the future governance and funding of TOSSD. **Members of the Task Force will be invited to discuss and possibly agree on these options.**

> ➢ *Background paper: Options for the future governance and funding of TOSSD.*

13h00   Break

13h15   Item 5. (Continued)

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11h30   Item 6. Operationalising sustainability in TOSSD

Following the discussion at the 10th Task Force meeting in Pretoria, the Secretariat will present an updated proposal on how to operationalise the concept of sustainability in TOSSD. The Secretariat will present options on how to identify activities that could raise sustainability concerns in the areas of environment and climate change, and their consequent handling in the TOSSD data collection process. **Task Force members will be invited to comment on these options and decide on the appropriate data treatment that will maintain and reinforce the reliability of TOSSD as a measure of sustainable development support**.

> ➢ *Background paper: Operationalising sustainability in TOSSD*

12h30   Item 7. Pending issues on TOSSD classifications

The Secretariat will present a paper with proposals to complement and adjust the TOSSD classifications. The paper will follow up on members' comments at the 10th Task Force meeting in Pretoria, including on sector codes, financial instruments and a flag to track climate action. It will also

address some classification issues that arose in the compilation of the lessons learnt from the TOSSD Data Survey, in particular on the recipient coding. Finally, the Secretariat will introduce a proposal, which aims at providing a more comprehensive picture of the global response to support refugees worldwide, including through durable solutions. Members will be invited to discuss and agree on these proposals.

> *Background paper: Pending issues on TOSSD classifications*
> *Background paper: Creation of a new modality to capture support for the integration of refugees/protected persons/migrants in the provider country*

13h00 Break

13h15 Item 7. (Continued)

13h45 Item 8. Refining the TOSSD Reporting Instructions on debt relief

The Secretariat will introduce the proposed revised reporting instructions on debt relief, developed based on earlier discussions in the Task Force (9th and 10th meetings) and on a consultation with representatives of developing countries in the Task Force at the end of September. Debt relief is high on the international agenda, which suggests a timely solution should be found for the treatment of these operations in TOSSD. **Task Force members will be invited to discuss the proposal and seek an agreement.**

> *Background paper: Refining the TOSSD Reporting Instructions on debt relief*

14h30 Meeting adjourns

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11h30 Item 9. Presentation of the TOSSD Indonesia Pilot

Preliminary highlights of the TOSSD Indonesia Pilot study were presented at the 9th meeting of the TOSSD Task Force. The Secretariat will present the final recommendations and findings of the report. **Members of the Task Force will be invited to discuss these conclusions and agree on those areas of the Reporting Instructions that could be improved based on the conclusions of the study.**

12h15 Item 10. Communication and outreach

This session will include several short presentations by members and the Secretariat, followed by comments from Task Force members:

> **2-3 presentations by Task Force members on data visualisation tools developed during the COVID-19 crisis:** the COVID-19 crisis has spurred the creation of a number of online visualisation tools notably to track the evolution of the virus, at the country and global levels. The objective of these presentations by Task Force members is to see how TOSSD could benefit from these innovative tools and integrate them in the data presentations on TOSSD in the future.
> **Presentation on future plans to develop the TOSSD website:** the Secretariat will present plans to develop a stand-alone TOSSD website.
> **Presentation of the TOSSD data visualisation tool:** the Secretariat will present the revamped version of the TOSSD data visualisation tool used to disseminate the 2019 Survey results.

> **Presentation of existing communication materials (e.g. videos, flyers):** the Secretariat will present the communications materials available for Task Force members to share information on TOSSD.

13h15   Break

13h30   Item 11. Review of the terms of reference (TORs) of the International TOSSD Task Force

The TORs of the Task Force expired in July 2020. At its 10th meeting in Pretoria, the Task Force unanimously agreed to continue its work until the end of July 2022. One issue remained, which was the possibility for the Task Force to become **an intergovernmental body**. Some members **supported this option** (which would allow the Task Force to benefit from official country positions) while others rather felt that it was **too early** (given that TOSSD was only a nascent framework). Based on the discussion on governance (See Item 5. on 7 October), the Secretariat will present a revised version of the Terms of Reference. **Members will be invited to agree on the new version of these TORs.**

14h15   Item 12. Logistical implications of COVID-19 for TOSSD Task Force meetings

With a protracted COVID-19 crisis, there are chances that the organisation of face-to-face physical meetings of the Task Force will become more challenging. While virtual meetings allow to continue carrying out the day-to-day work, they also tend to limit interactions and may impact negatively the dynamics of the Task Force, which was characterised until now by a strong sense of ownership and "team spirit". **Members will be invited to make suggestions on how to perpetuate these positive dynamics and how to ensure good interaction during virtual meetings. Based on their experience of these virtual meetings, they will be invited to express their views on a proposal to organise a systematic "tour de table" for critical agenda items.**

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