

### Agenda

## TOSSD Capacity building seminar (virtual) for countries and organisations in the Middle East and North Africa

**Tuesday 10 September 2024, 9:00 – 11:00 (CET time)**

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**Total Official Support for Sustainable Development (TOSSD)** is an international standard for measuring the full array of resources to promote sustainable development in developing countries. It tracks all official resources flowing into developing countries for their sustainable development, but also private resources mobilised through official means. It also measures contributions to International Public Goods.

**Data on TOSSD are available at <https://tossd.online>.** Before TOSSD, there was no way to measure official support towards the sustainable development of developing countries at the international level. Recipient countries demanded more transparency on activities carried out in their countries and more international action to address challenges that affect the lives of their citizens. This presented the need to establish a global standard for measuring the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda, including external support. TOSSD seeks to fill existing information gaps on financing for development.

The TOSSD Secretariat, the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRI) and the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) host a virtual seminar focused on the Middle East and North Africa region. The seminar will:

- Present a general introduction to the TOSSD methodology
- Show how countries and organisations could present in TOSSD their official support to sustainable development in developing countries and globally, and
- Present [TOSSD data](#) and how it can inform financing for development discussions.

**The target audience** of this training includes officials from i) **Ministries of Planning and Finance** as well as line ministries, in charge of managing external support from traditional or south-south providers and multilateral institutions; ii) **National Statistical Offices** and iii) Multilateral organisations. **The seminar will be held in English.**

**9:00 – 9:03 Presentation and welcome**

**9:05 – 9:08** Qatar's experience reporting to TOSSD? By Ms. Aldana Al Semaity, Monitoring and Evaluation Researcher, Qatar Fund for Development.

**9:08 – 9:40** What is TOSSD? Why is TOSSD helpful? The benefits of TOSSD. TOSSD's history and recent developments, including the presentation of the 2022 TOSSD data.

**9:40 – 9:55** Presentation of the [TOSSD.online](#) database

**9:55 – 10:05** Questions and answers

**10:05 – 10:15** Break

**10:15 – 10:45** How to present support provided to sustainable development in TOSSD? TOSSD data form. Contributions from: Mr. Abdulhamit Öztürk, Senior Statistics Officer, SESRI; and Mr. Abu Camara, Lead Data Scientist, Islamic Development Bank.

**10:45 – 11:00** Questions and answers, wrap-up and conclusions

**11:00** Close of the seminar