



International Forum on TOSSD Draft agenda for the Second meeting of the Steering Group

24 - 26 September 2024
Paris, France

Tuesday 24 September 2024

14:00 Introduction and welcome

The Co-Chairs will open the meeting and invite the IFT Steering Group members to approve the agenda.

14:10 Item 1. Update on membership and observership requests and outreach efforts

The Secretariat will provide an update on the membership and observership requests received, as well as the current status of the membership. Steering Group members will be invited to share and discuss their ongoing and planned outreach efforts to increase IFT membership.

- Presentation

14:45 Item 2. Refining TOSSD definitions and reporting methods

The Steering Group will be invited to review proposals aimed at refining TOSSD definitions and reporting methods across three key areas. Firstly, addressing a comment made during the May 2024 Steering Group meeting, the Secretariat will propose edited language concerning the 'pivotal partner' of triangular/trilateral co-operation. Secondly, the Secretariat will present options for tracking multilateral organisations' support to South-South co-operation. Thirdly, the discussion will focus on the split of pillar II into two sub-pillars and the treatment of contributions to the multilateral system within the TOSSD provider perspective, namely the classification of core contributions to multilateral institutions and international NGOs as either II.A or II.B.

- Paper: Refining TOSSD definitions and reporting methods
- Presentation

15:45 Coffee break

16:15 Item 2. Refining TOSSD definitions and reporting methods (cont'd)

17:15 Item 3. Clarification of TOSSD eligibility criteria in the area of biodiversity and proposal for a TOSSD thematic pilot

The Secretariat will demonstrate the use of existing biodiversity-related TOSSD data and analysis within the Convention of Biological Diversity indicator framework. Additionally, it will outline the planned work to define additional eligibility criteria in the area of biodiversity, intended to be included in Annex E of the Reporting Instructions. A proposal for a TOSSD thematic pilot on this topic will also be presented. The Steering Group will be invited to comment on the planned work and agree on the next steps.

- Presentation

18:00 Meeting adjourns



Wednesday 25 September 2024

09:00 Item 4. Constructing the list of TOSSD recipients: defining the boundaries using multi-dimensional criteria

Building upon previous discussions on the topic and a review of existing indicators and indexes, and recipient lists used by multilateral development banks, the Secretariat will present a proposal to define the boundaries of the list of TOSSD recipients using multidimensional criteria (in addition to GNI per capita). The Steering Group will be invited to discuss and agree on the criteria to be used, as well as the timeline for implementing this methodology in TOSSD.

- Paper: Constructing the list of TOSSD recipients
- Presentation

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 Item 5. Preparations for the Fourth International Financing for Development (FfD4) Conference

Steering Group members will be invited to share their latest information on the FfD4 process, agree on the IFT inputs to the process, and discuss the strategy for submitting these inputs.

- **4.a. Outcome of the Addis Abeba Action Agenda (AAAA) stocktake:** Members will brief the Steering Group on references to TOSSD made at the AAAA stocktake meeting held on 22-26 July.
- **4.b. IFT input to the FfD4 process:** The Steering Group will be invited to comment on drafts prepared by the Secretariat regarding i) proposals for using TOSSD data, analysis and evidence as an input to FfD4; ii) concepts, methods or processes of the TOSSD framework that could be promoted in the new FfD Agenda; and iii) language suggestions for potential inclusion in the FfD4 outcome document.
- **4.c. Process for submitting inputs to FfD4:** Following the discussion on IFT inputs to the FfD4 process, the Steering Group will be invited to i) conduct a SWOT analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats); ii) conduct a foresight exercise to define the best-case and worst-case scenarios for TOSSD in the FfD4 outcome document; and iii) agree on an outreach strategy, delineate key actions and the division of labour to ensure a successful outcome on TOSSD in FfD4.

- Paper: IFT inputs to the FfD4 process
- Presentation

12:30 Lunch break

14:00 Item 5. Preparations for the Fourth International Financing for Development (FfD4) Conference (cont'd)

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 Item 6. Update on the testing of the TOSSD data review mechanism

The Secretariat will inform the Steering Group on progress made in the testing of the TOSSD data review mechanism and outline the next steps.

- Presentation



16:45 Item 7. Use of the #Gender keyword in TOSSD and its coherence with reporting on sector codes and SDG 5

The Secretariat will present an analysis of the comprehensiveness of reporting on the #Gender keyword in TOSSD and the coherence of the data with gender-related sector codes and SDG 5 on gender. Members will be invited to further align their reporting practices to improve coherence in future reports.

- Presentation

17:15 Item 8. Preparation of the creation of the IFT Statistical Working Group: composition and practical organisation of meetings

The IFT Terms of Reference set out the role and mandate, composition, and working methods and resources for a permanent Statistical Working Group. Under this item, the Steering Group will be invited to discuss the necessary steps to create the Working Group, including considerations regarding the frequency and format of meetings.

- Presentation

18:00 Meeting adjourns

Thursday 26 September

9:00 Item 9. Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) and sustainable development

The Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) are an interest-bearing reserve asset created and maintained by the International Monetary Fund. Since the [2021 general allocation](#), the SDRs have garnered renewed attention of the international community as a largely untapped financial resource for developing countries. However, discussions surrounding their potential have often remained theoretical due to a lack of ready-to-use evidence. The Secretariat will present a paper exploring how SDRs are or could be used in the context of sustainable development, as well as possible approaches for tracking their use in TOSSD. The IFT Steering Group will be invited to discuss ways in which TOSSD could provide developing countries and the international community with statistical evidence on the volumes and the main characteristics of SDRs used for sustainable development.

- Paper: Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) and sustainable development
- Presentation

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 Item 10. Progress in the implementation of the 2024 Budget and Work Plan and structure of the IFT Annual Report

The Secretariat will present, for comment by the Steering Group, a brief report on progress made in the implementation of the [2024 Budget and Work Plan](#) and outline the first ideas for structuring the IFT Annual Report to be prepared in early 2025.

- Paper: Progress in the implementation of the 2024 Budget and Work Plan
- Presentation: Structure of the IFT Annual Report

12:00 Follow-up on unachieved discussions

The Steering Group will revert to any item that might not have been concluded in the previous sessions and that might require further discussion.

13:00 Close of the meeting