**Total Official Support for Sustainable Development (TOSSD) - Indicator Proposal Summary**

**Full name of the Indicator:** Total Official Support for Sustainable Development (TOSSD)

**Custodian Agency:** Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), on behalf of the International TOSSD Task Force.

**Goal and target addressed:**

Goal 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development

Target 17.3 Mobilize additional financial resources for developing countries from multiple sources

**What type of proposal (replacement, refinement, adjustment and addition), for replacement, refinement and adjustment, please list the original indicator and its number**:

**Replacement of indicator 17.3.1** Foreign direct investment (FDI), official development assistance and South-South cooperation as a proportion of total domestic budget. Alternatively, if the IAEG-SDGs deems relevant to maintain indicator 17.3.1 unchanged, it is proposed to introduce TOSSD as an additional indicator under target 17.3.

## 1. Background and rationale for the indicator proposal

The Total Official Support for Sustainable Development (TOSSD) statistical measure includes all official resource flows to promote sustainable development in developing countries and at the regional and global levels. It also covers private finance that is mobilised through official development interventions.[1]

TOSSD promotes greater transparency and accountability about the full array of official and private finance mobilised in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It **improves the measurement of the means of implementation,** especially in relation to Target 17.3 that focuses on mobilizing "additional" resources "from multiple sources". TOSSD provides more **comprehensive and accurate** data than currently available in international statistics:

i. **Some major provider countries** do not currently report on Official Development Assistance (ODA) and are expected to report their South-South and Triangular co-operation in the TOSSD framework.

ii. **Non-concessional resources** are currently not well reflected in statistics on development co-operation and will be present in full in TOSSD.

iii. **Resources mobilised from the private sector by official development interventions** are not well reflected in international measures of development finance and will be included and separately identified in the TOSSD framework. These resources are expected to play a prominent role in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Including them in the proposed indicator will provide for a **better match with target 17.3**.

iv. **All activities carried out by multilateral institutions**, both core and non-core, will be included in TOSSD. Reporting by these institutions will provide more precise and granular data on activities at the country level.

v. **Support for sustainable development at the regional and global levels** (e.g. norm-setting work of the United Nations), which is currently not captured in international statistics, will also feature in TOSSD. While this support does not necessarily involve direct resource transfers to developing countries, it is fundamental to achieving the SDGs.

[1] For further summarised information on TOSSD, see the 4-Page flyer at: http://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-finance-standards/TOSSD-A-New-Statistical-Measure-for-the%20SDG-Era.pdf

In addition, the TOSSD measure provides new avenues to issues encountered with indicator 17.3.1. The OECD indicated at the 9th meeting of the IAEG-SDGs at the end of March 2019 that the indicator is problematic as it currently stands, for various reasons (see here). **Noting that there are no usable data for indicator 17.3.1, the OECD, on behalf of the International TOSSD Task Force, therefore proposes to replace it by TOSSD**, or alternatively to introduce TOSSD as an additional indicator under target 17.3**.**

**2. Information on how and when the methodology has become an international standard and who is the governing body that approves it**

The TOSSD methodology has been developed by an International TOSSD Task Force composed of representatives of traditional and emerging provider and partner countries, from national statistical offices and development co-operation policy bodies as well as international organisations (see terms of reference). **The International Task Force is the governing body for the TOSSD standard.**

**It formally endorsed the TOSSD methodology on 5 June 2019. See the complete set of Reporting Instructions covering both pillar I on country level expenditures and pillar II on regional and global expenditures.**

The TOSSD methodology has been developed in direct response to the Addis Ababa Action Agenda that requested mobilisation of all types of resources for the 2030 Agenda and called for "open, inclusive and transparent discussions" on TOSSD (see paragraph 55). The conclusions of the Financing for Development Forum held in April 2019 reiterated this call (see paragraph 15).

In parallel to the conceptual work by the Task Force, a number of pilot studies have been carried out in developing countries, which confirmed the relevance of the framework and its statistical features.

**3. Data sources and data availability**

TOSSD data that accompany the present proposal (see attached excel file) relate to year 2017. They were produced based on a Survey conducted between February and May 2019, and using the OECD Creditor Reporting System (CRS) data on ODA, Other Official Flows and amounts mobilised as estimates to complement the Survey.

All TOSSD resource flows are reportable at the activity level, which allows the compilation of various aggregates on sustainable development finance (e.g. by recipient, region, sector, financial instrument, SDG focus, concessionality level – or any combination of these dimensions). Amounts mobilised from the private sector are identified separately.

As from year 2020, reporting on TOSSD will be standardised and carried out on an annual basis. TOSSD data will be publicly available through a portal allowing to access activity-level information as well as to query for various aggregates. Data will be collected from provider countries and multilateral institutions. (See the TOSSD Reporting Instructions, the data form and the code lists in the section titled "Resources for Reporters" on the TOSSD Task Force website.)

**4. Confirmation/explanation of joint submission with other partner/co-custodian agencies (if applicable)** Not applicable.

**5. Conclusion**

The UN Statistical Commission at its meeting in March 2019 took note of the suggestion for the IAEG-SDGs to consider TOSSD during the comprehensive review [see reference to TOSSD in paragraph 50/101 (k)]. The OECD, on behalf of the TOSSD Task Force, is pleased to share the present proposal and stands ready to provide any clarification as needed.