IAEG-SDGs Working Group on Measurement of Development Support

PROGRESS REPORT TO THE 11TH MEETING OF THE IAEG-SDGS 3 NOVEMBER 2020

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Background

- ** Monthly Web-ex meetings 
- First meeting 27 May and last (fifth) meeting 20 October 
  - The next meeting is scheduled to the week of 16 November 
- 21 member countries, 1 observer (Brazil) plus OECD and UNCTAD 
- High attendance at the meetings 
  - 42 attended the first meeting, gradually increasing to 59 delegates at the last meeting
How to get everyone on-board ….

• Need to bring everybody on-board on a technically very challenging and very broad topic

• Use of round-table discussions

• “Free” discussions at web-ex meeting can be more challenging mainly due to
  ◦ Time restrictions
  ◦ Technical issues
.... and what have we done to get involvement?

• Started with a background paper identifying 8 key questions for discussion and with later follow up surveys

• Very high response rate to the surveys, including that many have provided further detailed comments in their written responses on the wiki platform

• In August: launch of a research agenda on the wiki platform
  ◦ Global public goods (IPG)
  ◦ South-South cooperation (SSC)
  ◦ Mobilized private finance
Results so far.....

• The written comments and discussions at the meetings reflect a diverse set of views

• A large majority of countries favour having indicators for both inflows to recipient countries and outflows from provider countries

• Less agreement on the issue of gross versus net flows and on the measurement of South-South flows, IPGs etc (ref also research agenda)

• However, there is a broad agreement that SSC is important to take into account, and the WG should try to identify common elements and a possible way forward
Results cont.....

• Overall, a consensus started to emerge that not all components of development support will be ready and finding sufficient support for inclusion in the Working Group’s indicator proposal to the IAEG-SDGs in Fall 2021
Further work

• Given different levels of agreement and different needs for further discussion regarding some of the components of development support, the next meetings will continue the technical discussions, starting with SSC

• It is proposed to form a sub-group of South-South cooperation partners to advance the discussion
Thank you!