IAEG-SDGs Working Group on Measurement of Development Support

Progress report to the IAEG-SDGs Open Meeting

22nd September 2021
1.1. General Context

**Background**
- The Working Group was established in May 2020 (first meeting 27th May)
- **14th Meeting** held on 14, 15 & 20 of September, 2021 (Meetings on a monthly basis)

**Objective**
- Further develop and refine the measurement of development support in line with the 2030 Agenda under target 17.3 “Mobilize additional financial resources for developing countries from multiple sources”.

**Reporting to the IAEG-SDG’s**
- **1st**: IAEG-SDG’s Open Meeting (October 2020)
- **2nd**: 11th Meeting of the IAEG-SDG’s (November, 2020)
- **3rd**: Written report as an input for the 52nd United Nations Statistical Commission
- **4th**: Report to the IAEG-SDG’s Open Meeting (March 2021)
- **5th**: Report to the IAEG-SDG’s Open Meeting (June 2021)
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* Members of the IAEG-SDG's
^ TOSSD International Task Force Members or Observers
Member/observers of the SSC Sub-group

**Observers**
- Brazil
- The Netherlands
- Republic of Korea
- Germany

**Observers/Secretariat Support**
- United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
2. UNWGMDS Timeline

Open Consultation
- 15 questions were asked regarding the discussions held within the UNWG-MDS until 20th August 2021.
- Extended the deadline until 27th August 2021.
- 121 responses were received

13th Meeting
- Review of the draft proposal for consultation and the consultation process.
- Report of the SSC Sub-Group.

7th Meeting SCC Sub-Group
- Report of the general work done by the Sub-Group.
- Presentation and discussion of the latest version of the SSC conceptual framework.
- 4 countries offered to participate in pilot studies: Brazil, China, Colombia and Mexico

14th Meeting
- Overview of the results of the Open Consultation.
- Discussion over further refinements to the overall proposal.
- Integration of the SSC conceptual framework into the overall proposal.
- Results of pilot study conducted with OECD.

Briefing G77 & China
- Presentation of the SSC conceptual framework.
- Requested for support over planned pilot studies on the application of the SSC conceptual framework.
- General support of the attendants to the conceptual framework.
3. Results of the Open Consultation
(16th July – 27th August)

**Total responses:** 121
- Duplicated and accidental responses: 9

**TOTAL REMAINING RESPONSES:** 112
- Non-Governmental Organizations: 44
- Governmental entities: 41
- NSO’s: 31
- Other entities: 10
- International and Regional Organizations: 9
- Private sector: 9
- Academia: 4
- Local and Regional Governments: 2
- Major Groups: 2
- Central Bank: 1
- Other: 1

Large variety of stakeholders responded

Geographic representation of every region and sub-region.

**GENERAL SUPPORT TO THE PROPOSAL**

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- Central America
- Eastern Africa
- Eastern Asia
- Eastern Europe
- Melanesia
- Micronesia
- Middle Africa
- Northern Africa
- Northern America
- Polynesia
- South America
4.1. South-South Cooperation Conceptual Framework

**Chair:** India  
**Secretariat:** UNCTAD  
**Observers:** Russian Federation and the OECD

**Participation of countries of all regions in which South-South cooperation takes place:**
- Brazil, China, Colombia, Cuba, Egypt, Ghana, India, Mexico, South Africa and the United Republic of Tanzania.

**Methodology:**
- Categorized elements of South-South cooperation;
- Identified categories which are appropriate for i) measurement and ii) monetization; and
- Investigated and agreed on categories and groups to be included in the measure of SSC.

**Work plan** executed:
- Brazil and Mexico prepared a matrix of alternatives for grouping SSC modalities, then refined with contributions of China.
- Invited the OECD to present the TOSSD methodology to build upon existing experiences.
- The sub-group achieved a wide agreement on the conceptual framework of measuring the SS.
4.2. South-South Cooperation Conceptual Framework

Main results:

- The Co-Chairs of the Working Group and UNSD asked UNCTAD to act provisionally as a co-custodian of the new indicator being developed under target 17.3.

- The sub-group created three distinctive categories to classify the different modalities of SSC:
  - Group A: Financial South-South cooperation modalities.
  - Group B: Non-Financial South-South cooperation modalities (suitable for monetization).
  - Group C: Non-Financial modalities of South-South cooperation (quantification through non-monetized methodologies).

- Some challenges remain related on an acceptable international comparison methodology of measuring SSC.
  - A pilot to test is requested to refine the methodology based on country experience.

The G77+China (NY) was briefed on 17th September, 2021. Overall support was expressed towards the SSC Conceptual Framework.
5. 14th Meeting of the UNWG-MDS

14th September
- Discussion on the integration of the SSC conceptual framework into the proposal
- Results of the pilot study conducted by the OECD
- Overview of the results of the Open Consultation

15th September
- Discussion over the main concerns reflected on the Open Consultation
  - Mobilized Private Finance
  - Distinction between “Northern” and “Southern” providers.
  - Other exclusions (Peace and Security and Export Credits).

20th September
- The Secretariat and the Co-Chairs presented a new proposal based on the discussions.
- Further refinements were suggested.
- The Secretariat presented the timeline for the presentation of the proposal to the IAEG-SDG and the UNSC.

Outcomes:

Consensus over the integration of the SSC Framework into the proposal

General support to the last amendments made by the Secretariat and the Co-Chair.

The last refinements to the proposal will be discussed through the Wiki platform (21.09-24.09)
6. Future work - Timetable

- **October 2021**: Submission and review of the proposal by the IAEG-SDG’s

- **16 November 2021**: 15th Meeting of the UNWG-MDS
  
  Input to IAEG report to the UNSC

- **December 2021**: Report to the UNSC containing IAEG-SDG’s final proposal
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