IAEG-SDGs Working Group on Measurement of Development Support

PROGRESS REPORT TO THE OPEN VIRTUAL IAEG-SDG MEETING 23 JUNE 2021

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Objective

a) 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”;

b) Consider different components of development support, understanding development support in a broad sense of the term and including components other than ODA, such as other official flows, private finance, international public goods for sustainable development, and South-South and triangular cooperation; the working group will consider, but not be limited by, work already conducted to develop measures of these components;

c) ... (about case studies and pilot)

d) Develop a final proposal including the various components considered in the methodological work, for which the group was able to define and test validity and feasibility based on the IAEG-SDG criteria for indicators, including for data reporting3, (see Annex 2), for consideration by the UN Statistical Commission at its 53rd Session in 2022;
Objective cont....

(e) Develop recommendations for the implementation of the measurement in line with the needs for global, regional and national monitoring;

(f) Make recommendations or suggestions on further work required at the end of its current two-year term.

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• The Working group was established on May 2020 (first meeting 27 May 2020)
  ◦ Monthly meetings and the 12th meeting was held 8-10 June

• 21 member countries participating in the WG
  ◦ In addition 4 observer countries, UNCTAD and OECD
Towards a core proposal – issues with strong support

• A strong majority is in favour of only including flows that promote sustainable development
  ◦ The criteria for operationalizing sustainable developments is broadly agreed on
  ◦ Recipient countries can object to the characterization as supporting sustainable development

• Showing data by recipient only

• Gross flows - however some countries also want to include net flows

• Separate indicators for different flows
  ◦ the AAAAA recognised that there are different benefits, risks and impacts associated with different financing flows, hence we agreed to avoid aggregation
Selection of financing flows

- **Official grants, official concessional and non concessional loans**
  - It is recommended to exclude debt reliefs, in-donor refugee costs, general administrative costs not allocated to specific development activities, and peace and security expenditures beyond what is reportable to ODA

- **Inclusion of foreign direct investments (FDI)** as normally will enhance growth and innovation in the recipient country

- **Mobilized private finance** – might be included as a memorandum item

- **Private grants** – strong support, but issues with availability of data sources
South-South Cooperation (SSC) and international public goods (IPG)

- **South-South Cooperation**
  - The Sub-group on South-South cooperation (SSC) has been developing a conceptual framework for the reporting of South-South.
  - The Sub-group is expected to indicate a need for further methodological work and pilot studies.
  - The conclusions of the Sub-group will be part of the overall proposal.

- **International public goods**
  - Expected to provide recommendations or suggestions on further work required, given the importance of IPGs for sustainable development.
Time table - 2021

• **July 6** (13th meeting in WG): Completion of a draft proposal

• **August /September**: Open consultation

• **September 14-16** (14th meeting): Review results from the consultation, completion of the proposal and addressing open issues

• **October**: Submission and review of proposal by the IAEG-SDGs

• **November 16** (15th meeting): Input to IAEG report to UNSC

• **December**: Submission of the Commission report containing IAEG’s final proposal
Thank you!