THE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE: ENABLING EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT

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1. Convergence between the OECD DAC agenda for modernising its statistical system and the requirements of the post-2015 system

Backdrop: Create incentives for mobilising additional resources (including from private sources) and more finance to countries most in need and ensure fit-for-purpose systems for tracking development finance in the post-2015 era.

Objectives:

- 1. Promote transparency and accountability of development finance
- 2. Enhance the reach, effectiveness and catalytic potential of scarce concessional finance
- 3. Establish sound international benchmarks and standards, including tracking of resource flows beyond ODA through TOSSD, but safeguarding the role of ODA (terms, conditions and allocation)

Target: By end-2016 all technical, policy and engagement work should be fully implemented and contributing to international mechanisms, including the FfD follow-up track of the HLPF.



2. Process to-date for shaping the TOSSD measurement framework

• Strengthened international engagement and buy-in:

AAAA: "We will hold open, inclusive and transparent discussions on the proposed measure of TOSSD and we affirm that any such measure will not dilute commitments already made"

Building on the inclusive approach set out by the OECD DAC ministers in 2014

- Dialogue and engagement beyond the OECD DAC through global outreach activities (run-up to FfD3)
- Advancing technical development through testing/piloting (DK, UAE, EU, Kenya) and undertaking multi-stakeholder expert workshops
- ⇒ Emerging guiding principles and inclusiveness (recently endorsed by the OECD DAC Senior Level Meeting)



3. TOSSD measurement framework: emerging core principles and new ideas

- **Coverage:** all resources to developing countries and multilateral organisations originating from official sources and interventions, regardless of the types of instruments
- **Scope:** the motivation underpinning the finance provided will be essential for TOSSD eligibility e.g. TOSSD expenditure must support sustainable development as defined by Agenda 2030 (GPGs and development enablers)
- Principles: alignment with partner countries' priorities and with international commitments and disciplines (e.g. no "hidden" subsidies)
- Transparency: the framework will include both "provider" and "recipient" measures (resource inflows) and monitoring efforts will highlight TOSSD volumes in relation to ODA (targeting to countries most in need, use of ODA etc.)



4. Way forward and milestones

Aim for international consensus on the scope, features and definition of TOSSD by end-2016

- Scope of work: Conceptual underpinnings, building blocks, statistical features, implementation arrangements and initiate thinking about future inclusive governance
- Method of work: International consultations including with UN Member States, pilot studies, expert workshops, OECD WP-STAT discussions and learning from other processes (e.g. climate finance)
- Stakeholders: OECD DAC members, other UN Member States and groups, multilateral organisations – UN, MDBs (WBG, regional banks), public and private development finance institutions, CSOs, etc.



4 contd. Way forward and milestones

UN and other international processes

- UNGA 2nd Committee Briefing
- ECOSOC DCF
- COP21
- World Bank /IMF Meetings
- 1st FfD Forum April 2016 tbc
- HLPF July 2016
- Other meetings?

OECD DAC

- OECD DAC Senior Level Meeting
- 16 Nov. Expert Technical Workshop
- Council on Development January
- 2016 DAC HLM February
- 4 expert workshops throughout 2016
- OECD Global Forum on Development
- Multi-stakeholder policy dialogue (Q4 2016)
- Other meetings?



5. Questions for consideration

- 1) How could the TOSSD measure contribute to and underpin follow-up processes to reinforce the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda?
- 2) What are the possible ways forward to strengthen international collaboration with all relevant stakeholders in developing TOSSD to improve the use and impact of development finance tools, arrangements and instruments beyond ODA?



Backup slides



HLM Mandate on targeting ODA to countries most in need

We agree to allocate more of total ODA to countries most in need, such as least developed countries (LDCs), low-income countries, small island developing states, land-locked developing countries and fragile and conflictaffected states...

.. and commit to reversing the declining trend of ODA to LDCs. Those members who have committed to the specific UN target of 0.15-0.20 per cent of GNI as ODA towards these countries reconfirm their commitment.

... and recognise the importance of complementary measures to help countries most in need... such as incentivising more ODA and ensuring softer terms and conditions for finance

... we underscore the importance of collective action and individual steps to better target ODA towards countries most in need. We will monitor progress in line with each member's commitments through the OECD peer review process, and additionally on an aggregate DAC level at our senior level meetings.

