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Background information and recent developments

"The TOSSD statistical measure includes all officially-supported resource flows to promote sustainable development in developing countries, to support development enablers and to address global challenges at regional or global levels."

The Origins of TOSSD

The TOSSD concept first emerged in 2014 in the course of work undertaken by the OECD Development Assistance Committee to align its statistical system with today's development finance landscape.

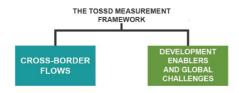
The concept quickly gained traction. The international community took note of TOSSD in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda in July 2015, calling for the development of TOSSD in an "open, inclusive and transparent manner" (paragraph 55).

With the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by the United Nations, there is a need for a global framework for measuring the means of implementation (SDG17) of the 2030 Agenda, including external financing. TOSSD is being developed for this purpose. It could be a statistical input for indicator 17.9.

Scope of the TOSSD framework

TOSSD measures resources provided by both emerging and traditional providers and multilateral institutions, including through South-South and triangular co-operation.

TOSSD is a two-pillar framework that tracks officiallysupported i) cross-border flows to developing countries and ii) finance for development enablers and global challenges at regional and global levels.



Why such a framework?

The primary objective of TOSSD is greater transparency about the full array of officially-supported resources provided in support of the 2030 Agenda, including resources mobilised from the private sector by official development finance interventions.

TOSSD is expected to facilitate learning, coordination and exchange of good practices among developing countries and providers alike about how to access and combine resources most effectively. Importantly, TOSSD will support more informed policy discussions about the ultimate quality and impact of development finance. The measure will also provide insights about how the international community is financing Global Public Goods.

Last but not least, the measure is meant to create incentives to mobilise additional resources above and beyond ODA.

Recent developments

Work to develop TOSSD is ongoing. A special International TOSSD Task Force has been established to elaborate the statistical features of TOSSD and prepare a first set of Reporting Instructions. These draft guidelines will further be presented for feedback by a variety of international bodies and groupings, while work will continue to refine them over the course of 2018.

The emerging TOSSD reporting instructions are scheduled to be presented for possible endorsement by the United Nations Statistical Commission at its meeting in March 2019.

For further information, please visit www.oecd.org/development/tossd.htm.