

Joint capacity-building webinars on Total Official Support for Sustainable Development (TOSSD)

Objectives and organisation

What is TOSSD?

A new framework capturing the full array of financing for sustainable development

In the last two decades, the development finance landscape has seen major changes with the emergence of **new actors** (e.g. emerging providers, the private sector), **new financial instruments** used in development co-operation (e.g. guarantees, sukuk, mezzanine finance), and a **greater focus on sustainable development**. The TOSSD concept first emerged in 2014 based on the recognition that international statistics needed to reflect this new reality.

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”¹. Later that year, with the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the 2030 Agenda called for mobilising more resources in support of sustainable development, including from the private sector.

Before TOSSD, **there was no way to effectively measure official support, either financial or in-kind, towards the sustainable development of developing countries**. Recipient countries in particular demanded more transparency on activities carried out in their countries and more international action to address challenges that affect the lives of their citizens. This **implied the need to establish a global standard for measuring the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda, including external financing**. TOSSD has been developed for this purpose and to fill existing information gaps.

An inclusive and transparent tool providing a more accurate recipient perspective

TOSSD is a two-pillar framework that tracks officially-supported i) **cross-border resource flows** to developing countries and ii) global and regional expenditures, in support of **development enablers, International Public Goods and global challenges**. TOSSD covers both **official resources and private finance mobilised** by official development finance interventions. It was from the start thought of as an inclusive

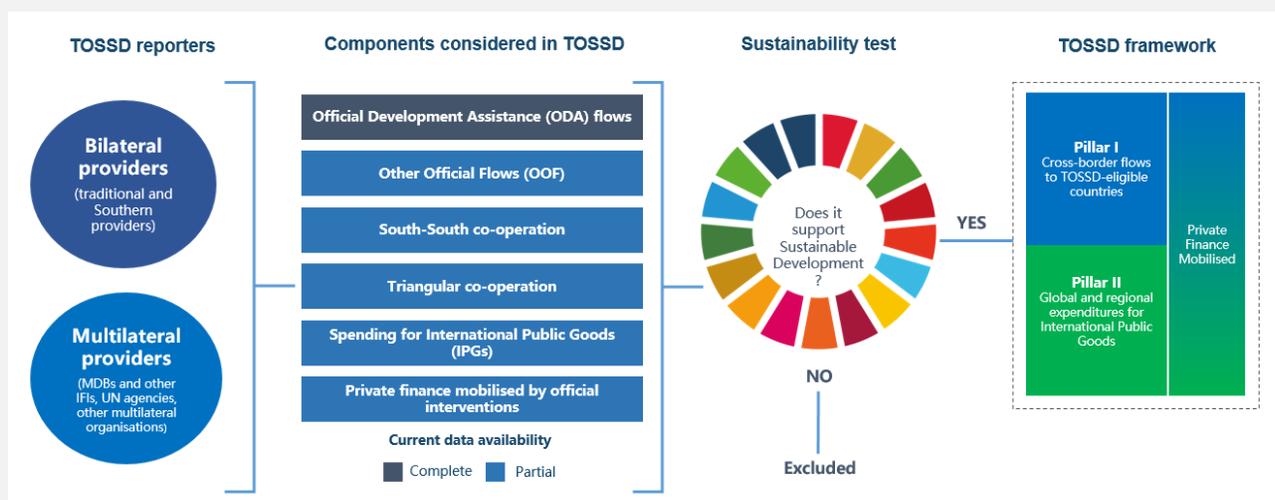
¹ See Paragraph 55 in: https://www.un.org/esa/ffd/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/AAAA_Outcome.pdf.

international reporting framework addressing the information needs of recipient countries.

The inclusivity of TOSSD is also reflected in the governance of the framework. The TOSSD statistical methodology (called “Reporting Instructions”, comprising the statistical definitions, measurement methods and taxonomies) has been developed and is maintained by an International TOSSD Task Force. This Task Force is comprised of **Southern providers, recipient countries, traditional providers and multilateral organisations** who collectively agreeing on the scope and technical features of the statistical framework. The Islamic Development Bank is a key member of the TOSSD Task Force.

TOSSD promotes greater transparency and accountability in development co-operation by covering the full array of resources for sustainable development, including through **South-South co-operation**. TOSSD also represents a major opportunity to build an international database on support to sustainable development and **a first ever comprehensive picture of Islamic finance**.

Figure 1. TOSSD covers a wide range of flows from bilateral and multilateral providers in support of sustainable development



Capacity-building webinars on TOSSD

In this context, the TOSSD Task Force Secretariat and the Islamic Development Bank are organising a series of capacity-building webinars* with the following objectives and organisational details:

- **Webinar 1 - General introduction to TOSSD** (1h30) on **10 February 2022 at 10:00 am Paris Time / 12.00pm Jeddah Time**.

The specific objective of this first webinar is to provide participants with a **general presentation of the TOSSD framework**, including its political anchorage, scope, main features and benefits, as well as the recent developments related to the

framework. The IsDB will also introduce the relevance of TOSSD in the context of Islamic Finance and South-South Co-operation. Staff from all relevant government ministries and agencies are welcome to attend this webinar.

- **Webinar 2 - TOSSD reporting methodology** (2h) on 16 February 2022 at 10:00am Paris Time / 12:00pm Jeddah Time.

This second webinar will provide **concrete guidance as to how TOSSD reporting is carried out**, thereby contributing to the establishment of a global database on sustainable development finance, including Islamic finance. This webinar will target development co-operation providers and in particular staff in charge of reporting on development finance in the Ministries of Planning and Finance and National Statistical Offices.

- **Webinar 3 – Making the best use of TOSSD data** (1h30) on 17 February 2022 at 10:00am Paris Time / 12.00pm Jeddah Time.

This last webinar is to build capacities, in particular in beneficiary countries, on the **use of the TOSSD data** which is available online at <https://tossd.online>. This webinar will be particularly useful for staff in recipient countries that are monitoring the financing of the SDGs, are involved in development planning processes or carrying out analyses on development finance.

In addition to presentations by the TOSSD Task Force Secretariat, each webinar will include Q&A sessions to allow participants to ask specific questions. The webinars will take place virtually on Zoom and in **English**. Interpretation in **Arabic and French** will also be provided.

More information on TOSSD is available at www.tossd.org.

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