



A new statistical measure for the SDG Era

TOSSD (Total Official Support for Sustainable Development)

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1. What is TOSSD?

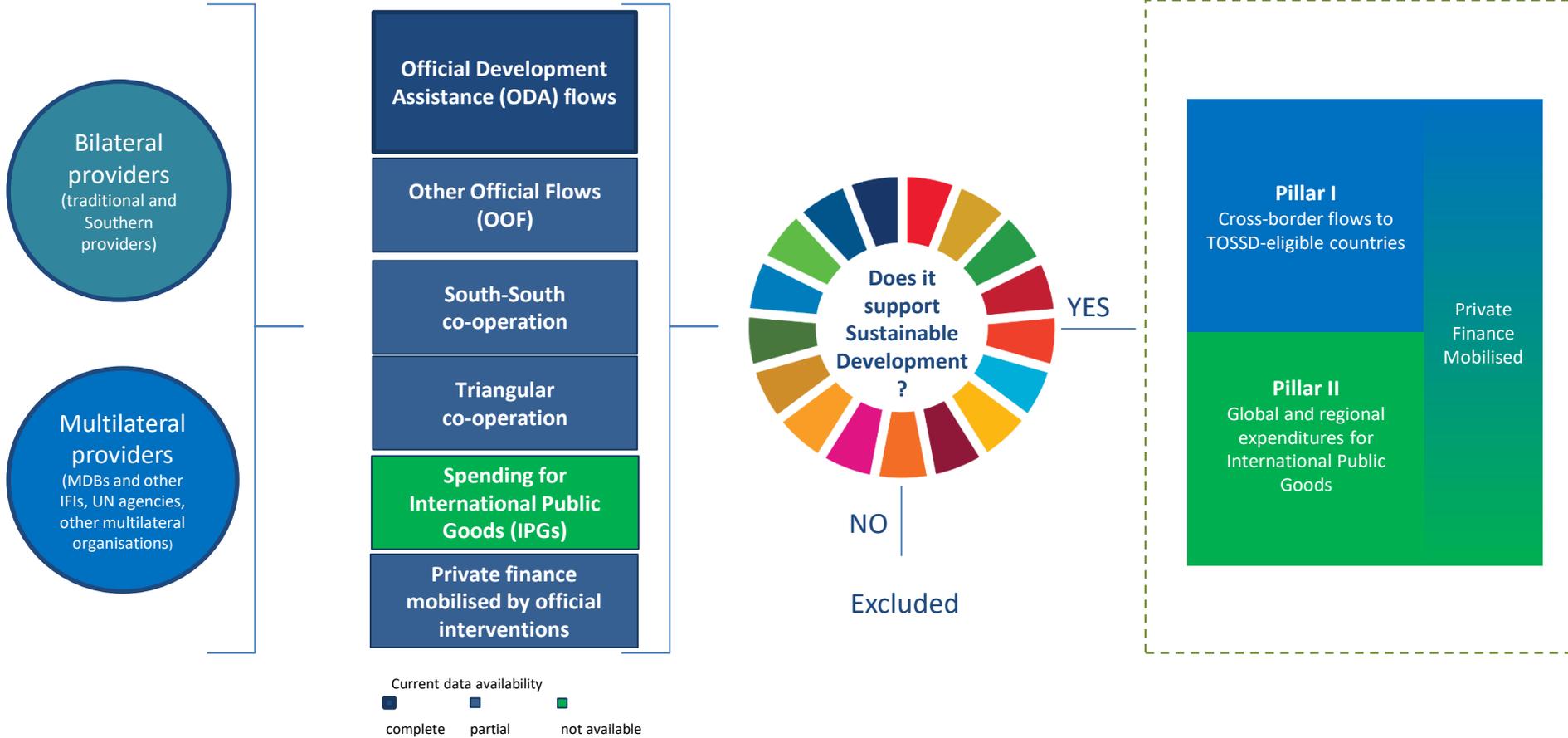
A framework to measure resources in support of sustainable development

TOSSD reporters

Components considered in TOSSD

Sustainability test

TOSSD framework



An activity is deemed to support sustainable development if it directly contributes to at least one of the SDG targets and if no substantial detrimental effect is anticipated on one or more of the other targets.



1. What is TOSSD?

Key milestones

- **2015:** The international community called for the development of TOSSD in an “open, inclusive and transparent manner” in the [Addis Ababa Action Agenda](#) (paragraph 55) in July 2015.
- **2017:** The International TOSSD Task Force was established.
- **2019:**
 - A first version of the TOSSD methodology was developed.
 - A TOSSD Data Survey was carried out.
- **2020:**
 - The UN StatCom mandated a working group at its 51st session on 3-6 March 2020 to develop a measure of development support over a period of 1,5 years for presentation at the UN StatCom in March 2022, taking into account the TOSSD methodology.
 - The first regular TOSSD data collection round is being carried out.



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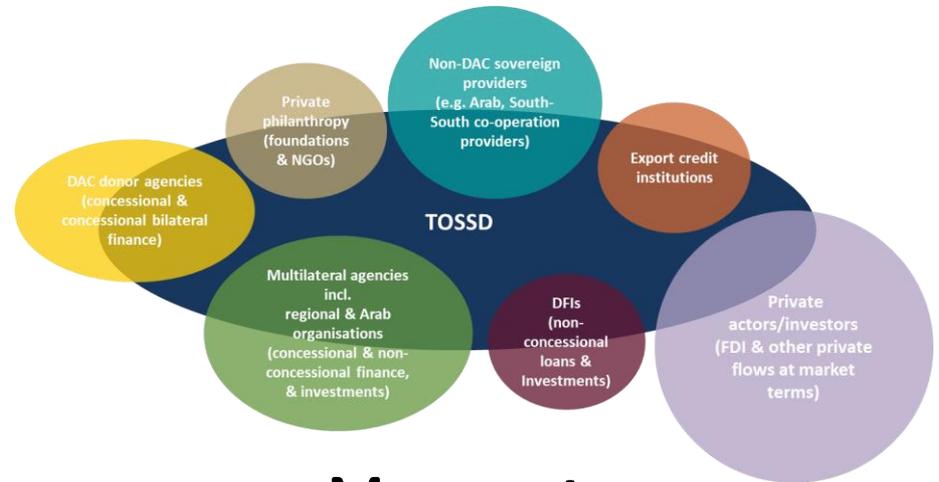
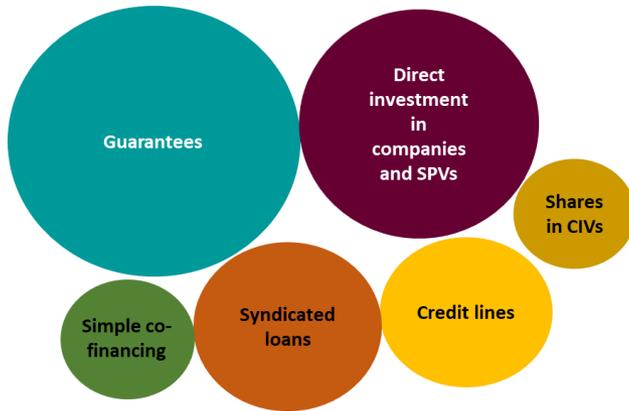


2. Why is TOSSD needed?

Long term trends

The financial landscape for sustainable development has changed drastically. TOSSD will better reflect this complex landscape than existing international statistics on development finance

More instruments



More actors

A greater focus on sustainability

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



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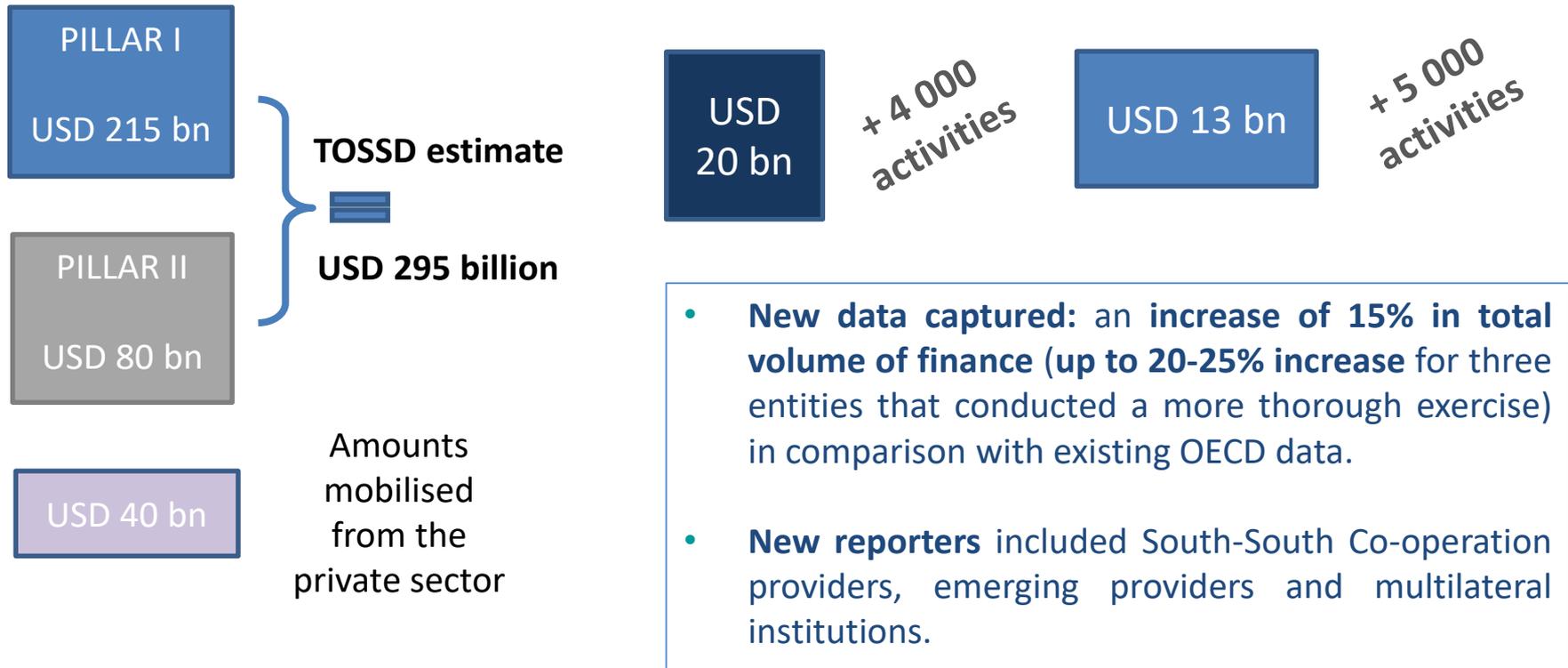
3. Benefits of TOSSD for recipients of development co-operation

- A comprehensive reflection of **global contributions to sustainable development through official interventions**
- An **inclusive international reporting framework** with traditional and South-South Co-operation providers, multilateral institutions and developing countries
- **Better development planning**
- **Improved SDG monitoring**



3. Benefits of TOSSD

Examples of the 2019 Data Survey



Source: TOSSD Data Survey completed by estimates derived from OECD DAC statistics for non respondents.



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4. Work of the International TOSSD Task Force



- Established in 2017 following the call at the **3rd International Conference on Financing for Development** ([Addis Ababa](#) – paragraph 55)
- **Mandate:** to develop and maintain the TOSSD framework (definitions, measurement parameters and methodologies, eligibility criteria) in an open, inclusive and transparent manner.
- **A transparent process:** All documents are posted on [the Task Force website](#) to allow for “open, inclusive and transparent” discussions.
- **The main output of the Task Force:** the TOSSD statistical methodology: called “TOSSD Reporting Instructions”.



4. Work of the International TOSSD Task Force

Co-chairs:

Mr Risenga Maluleke (South Africa) and
Mr Laurent Sarazin (European Union)

29 Members

7 national statistical offices
(all from partner countries)
9 DAC members
10 Partner Countries & Non-DAC
Providers
3 international organisations

5 Observers

CSOs +
Four countries
(Chinese think tank CAITEC,
Norway, Romania, Germany)



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5. Interest for and contribution to TOSSD by Arab countries and institutions

- **Members of the Task Force from the Arab Region:** Egypt, IsdB, SESRIC, Tunisia.
 - **More members are welcome to join** (contact the TOSSD Task Force Secretariat)
- The following countries and organisations **have submitted or are expected to submit their TOSSD data in 2020 on 2019 expenditures:**
 - IsdB
 - Qatar
 - SESRIC
 - Turkey
 - UAE
- **Benefits** perceived by some countries and organisations from the Arab Region:
 - **Provide more information to recipient countries** through international statistics
 - **Valorise their activities** on sustainable development finance in international statistics
 - Contribute to greater **visibility and understanding of the landscape of Islamic Finance** following consultations on how to best reflect Islamic finance mechanisms in TOSSD.



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Data visualisation tool

All TOSSD data are published under the TOSSD data visualisation tool:
<https://tossd.online/>

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6. Recent developments and next steps

- The working group is making progress to develop a measure of development support, taking into account the TOSSD methodology.
- A first comprehensive TOSSD dataset will be available in December 2020.
- We invite all Arab countries and organisations working for sustainable development to support TOSSD by:
 - Providing data to the TOSSD statistical framework
 - Supporting TOSSD at the UN StatCom



References

- **Websites**

- Main website – www.tossd.org
- TOSSD Data visualisation website – www.tossd.online

- **Infographics on TOSSD**

- TOSSD overview - <http://www.oecd.org/dac/tossd/TOSSD-Infographic-2020-ENG.pdf>
- Main findings of the TOSSD Data Survey ([English](#), [French](#), [Spanish](#))

- **Videos**

- TOSSD presentation - <https://youtu.be/wVqW87AWQ2I> (English/French/Spanish subtitles)
- TOSSD strategic vision – Mr. Risenga Maluleke
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=of8ondtj3Z4>
- Gabon perspective on TOSSD - Mr. Jean Nestor Nguema Mebane
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-pXuhhXkVTQ>



References

- **Pilot studies**

- Burkina Faso ([English](#), [French](#))
- Costa Rica ([English](#), [Spanish](#))
- Nigeria ([English](#))
- Peace and Security ([English](#))

- **Key reference documents**

- TOSSD Reporting Instructions – http://www.oecd.org/dac/tossd/TOSSD%20Reporting%20Instructions_February%202020.pdf
- Background documents of the TOSSD Task Force – <http://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-finance-standards/tossd-task-force.htm>
- Addis Ababa Action Agenda 2015 – https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/2051AAAA_Outcome.pdf

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