

IAEG-SDGs Working Group on Measurement of Development Support

PROGRESS REPORT TO THE 11TH MEETING OF THE IAEG-SDGS 3 NOVEMBER 2020

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Background

- **Monthly** Web-ex meetings
- First meeting 27 May and last (fifth) meeting 20 October
 - The next meeting is scheduled to the week of 16 November
- 21 member countries, 1 observer (Brazil) plus OECD and UNCTAD
- **High attendance** at the meetings
 - 42 attended the first meeting, gradually increasing to 59 delegates at the last meeting

How to get everyone on-board

- Need to bring everybody on-board on a technically very challenging and very broad topic
- Use of round-table discussions
- “Free” discussions at web-ex meeting can be more challenging mainly due to
 - Time restrictions
 - Technical issues

.... and what have we done to get involvement?

- Started with a background paper identifying 8 key questions for discussion and with later follow up surveys
- Very **high response rate** to the surveys, including that many have provided further detailed comments in their written responses on the wiki platform
- In August: launch of a **research agenda** on the wiki platform
 - Global public goods (IPG)
 - South-South cooperation (SSC)
 - Mobilized private finance

Results so far.....

- The written comments and discussions at the meetings reflect a **diverse set of views**
- A large majority of countries favour having indicators for both inflows to recipient countries and outflows from provider countries
- Less agreement on the issue of gross versus net flows and on the measurement of South-South flows, IPGs etc (ref also research agenda)
- However, there is a broad agreement that SSC is important to take into account, and the WG should try to identify common elements and a possible way forward

Results cont.....

- Overall, a consensus started to emerge that **not all components of development support will be ready and finding sufficient support for inclusion** in the Working Group's indicator proposal to the IAEG-SDGs in Fall 2021

Further work

- Given different levels of agreement and different needs for further discussion regarding some of the components of development support, the next meetings will continue the technical discussions, starting with SSC
- It is proposed to form a sub-group of South-South cooperation partners to advance the discussion

Thank you!