

Webinar on Measuring South-South Cooperation in the context of SDG Indicator 17.3.1

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Global reporting: Issues and expectations (Matthias Reister, UN Statistics Division)

Speaking notes

1. Starting situation:

- 17.3.1 has 6 sub-indicators: grants, concessional loans, non-concessional loans, foreign direct investment (FDI), mobilized private finance ((MPF), and private grants.
- 2 reporting streams with some providers reporting to OECD and some providers to UNCTAD; there is need to avoid duplication.
- Very different existing levels of reporting:
 - The ones reporting to OECD rely on a well-established reporting system and are able to use existing data sources.
 - The ones that are reporting within the initial framework on SSC cooperation have to build up their reporting systems and data sources.
- Notes:
 - MPF is on experimental basis, and currently not part of initial framework for SSC.
 - Private grants, currently not part of initial framework on SSC but can be reported on pilot basis

2. Where we stand right now:

- We have data on FDI from UNCTAD already.
- OECD reported data on the other indicators already.
- Countries reporting to UNCTAD is just at the start.
- As per UN Statistical Commission decision, UNCTAD and developing countries are in the lead on global reporting, capacity building and further conceptual development.

3. Statistical considerations:

- Conceptual concerns
 - Adherence and alignment with the definition of the sub-indicators, including its exclusions and excluded flows.
 - Adherence to the sustainable development criteria.
 - Adherence to the guidelines on data flows and global data reporting of the SDG's, especially concerning the validation of data with reporters.
 - Relevance: reporting to 17.3.1 only covers parts of SSC.

- Data concerns:
 - Ensure comparability over time.
 - Avoid duplication: some countries are providers of SSC but at the same time may report to OECD
 - Increased reporting over time with the need for metadata on who is reporting.

- 4. Expectations:
 - The above issues are expected to be addressed and largely resolved within the next 1-2 years.
 - Reporting to increase dramatically over time.
