



Meeting of the IATI Governing Board

Date: September 12th, 2017

Minutes

Attending: PWYF (Rupert Simons), Canada (Stephen Potter), Secretariat (Carolyn Culey, Joni Hillman, Argjira Belegu-Shuku, Annelise Parr), Bond (Sarah Johns, Tanaka), Bangladesh (Aftab Ahmed), Madagascar (Zefania Romalahy), UNICEF (Tim Takona)

Apologies: Yohanna Loucheur, John Adams

1 – Meeting opens

Board members accepted the agenda and previous minutes: [23 August 2017](#) (Updated and approved via Yammer). No other items of AOB.

2 – MA Papers

The Board reviewed the list of draft papers for circulation by September 19th and will provide any specific comments in Yammer. Board members requested a further document on the workplan implementation showing expenditure linked to outputs. This information should also be presented at the MA.

On the financial side, on present figures, it's very likely that there will be a balance to be carried over beyond the current Y5; this is due to careful financial management and increased income from membership fees (10 new members).

The Board asks to see the Comms update paper but does not need to sign off before circulating to members; the information will be included in the presentation at the MA. Newly designed logo based on poll results will be provided for comment by the Board on 19-24 Sept. Website sample pages will be presented at the MA.

Data use strategy focuses on what we are trying to achieve and why, accompanied by a detailed workplan and budget, to be presented at the MA by TAG Chair and Secretariat. If the Board feels there is nothing controversial it will approve the strategy ahead of the MA. Comments are requested by the end of this week.

Actions: Secretariat to add a paper on expenditure against outputs; Circulate link to Google Doc version of Data Use Strategy and Workplan for Board comments. Share comms paper for comment.

3. MDB fee issue.

An option paper received from World Bank on behalf of MDB group offers no new proposals and the Board now needs to make decisions on how to go forward with this. Reference to payment of fees in kind are unspecific and would need to be more concrete – perhaps to cover future MAs in rotation, or regional MiniTAG events, with caution that this approach sets a precedent and could introduce disincentives into the fee system. The Board would like to unpack each of the inputs in the paper to understand the issues more clearly around who

are freeriders, what would be political implications of banks not paying, what some in-kind payments might look like. The Secretariat can help recommend in-kind payment options that are relevant to the workplan.

Action: Chair to launch a discussion on Yammer looking at these questions. Send response next week after Yammer discussion, including proposal for a closed-door meeting in the sidelines of the MA. Include this item on the next Board agenda.

4. Institutional review

Board discusses progress briefly though only one out of five webinars has been completed; initial reactions to the report have been mixed, with requests for more detailed cost implications and outline of risks, pros and cons of options and transition proposals, none of which are currently covered in the report. There is a risk that focus on costing might derail the different options around performance, and webinar chairs are recommended to structure remaining discussions around the entire report – not just focus on costing. Board members are also encouraged to engage with the Discuss forum consultation.

Consultants PBD will be asked to circulate their MA presentation in advance. At MA, their presentation will be followed by a Board presentation on why it's supporting particular recommendations. An update is given on the progress of developing the Board paper and questions raised around two recommendations – increasing the Board from 7 to 10 seats, and timing of transition (potentially new hosting TORs by December to be issued in January, invitations to host by March, transition concluded by August 2018. No clear decision taken on these questions. Chair view is that this timing is extremely tight given the intensive work, processes, legal, etc required, and there may be a need to look at alternatives including extension.

Action: Hold for next board meeting. In the meantime, Chair to start a discussion on Yammer looking at some of these questions and sketching out activities for transition

5. Board Re-election

SOP requires re-election after a two year period – this is in March 2018. It's important to ensure continuity and options such as staggering re-election of some seats should be considered. The MA would need to be consulted if a change is required in the SOP. Whatever the SOP says on this the Board can recommend an alternative to the MA, and should be clear on what this is. Interplay with the transition process and proposals in the PBD report (ie increasing Board size) should be kept in mind.

Actions: Secretariat to post relevant SOP section on Yammer and make a suggestion around recommendations for changes.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday September 19th at 9.30am (EST)