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APRIL 13 • TUESDAY

12:00pm – 12:55pm

P Opening session: transparency, open data and the IATI community in the era of the SDGs and COVID-19

Speakers: Cheri-Leigh Erasmus, Andie Vaughn, David Megginson, Winnie Kamau, Josh Powell, Theo van de Sande, Jenna Slotin Zoom

This plenary session will open the **Virtual Community Exchange**, providing an inspirational and informative foundation for the initial meeting of the global IATI community, with attendees from government, civil society, the private sector, academia and others. **Theo van de Sande**, IATI Governing Board Chair (Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs) will provide opening remarks and **Jenna Slotin**, Senior Director for Policy and Strategy at the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data and **Cheri Leigh-Erasmus**, Global Director of Learning at Accountability Lab, will provide keynote remarks about the state of transparency and open data in the era of the SDGs and COVID-19. The session will also feature a panel discussion with diverse IATI stakeholders from USAID, UNOCHA and the Association of Freelance Journalists, outlining the importance of the community for meeting IATI's key goals and sharing ambitions for 2021 and beyond.

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1:00pm – 1:55pm

A Progress in improving IATI data quality: where are we now?

Zoom

Speakers: Petya Kangalova

One of the core objectives of the IATI Strategic Plan, approved by IATI's membership, is to drive a significant improvement in the quality of data published to IATI. This session will provide an update on the work the IATI Secretariat is doing to engage and support IATI publishers in using the IATI Validator and improving the breadth and quality of the data they publish to IATI. It will also seek to share some stories / experiences of publishers working to improve the quality of their data and will briefly mention updates on publishing guidance and plans for understanding specific areas of data quality, with a call to action for publishers to engage and for data users to flag issues with publishers' data. The session will be an opportunity for data publishers and others to understand how improving their own data quality can support IATI to achieve related goals of increased data use. The session will seek to be interactive and will also feature an in-depth Q&A portion.

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1:00pm – 1:55pm

T IATI data access / use 101

Zoom

Speakers: Amy Silcock, Sarah McDuff

Are you new to accessing or using IATI data or do you want an introduction to IATI's data access / use tools? This session will cover an overview of each of IATI's data access tools, including d-portal, the IATI Query Builder / Datastore and Country Development Finance Data. The session will also present questions that could be answered by using IATI data and recommendations on which tool(s) might be best suited to support data use queries. Feel free to share your data use questions in advance on our online community platform, IATI Connect!

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Moderators: Leo Stolk

Speakers: Marie Maasbøl, Horia Sohir Debbiche, Renate Haustrate-Assam, Yohanna Loucheur

Even if we all consume the same IATI data, different organisations make unique choices when it comes to designing and showcasing the available data. During this session, co-organised by AfDB, Canada, RVO and the European Commission, three data portals will present *their* approach to sharing and visualising IATI data (Map Africa, afdb.org, EU Aid Explorer and the Canadian government's Project Browser). What are the unique features, key differences and main goals? And how do lessons learned relate to other existing portals? Join this session, get new ideas for your own portal, share *your* approach to visualising IATI data or help spark increased collaboration between portals through IATI Connect.

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Curious to know more?

For a non-exhaustive list of data portals that provide access to / visualise IATI data, check IATI Connect's Data Access Tools list.

Speakers: Amy Silcock, Sarah McDuff, Henry Asor

One of the core objectives of the IATI Strategic Plan, approved by IATI's membership, is to drive a significant improvement in the systematic use of IATI data. This session, co-organised with Nigeria, will provide an update on the work the IATI Secretariat is doing to engage and support data users to access and use IATI data, outline efforts to ensure a more coordinated approach to achieving data use and share progress on the work undertaken so far in 2021. Specific focus will be given to sharing progress on meeting the needs of partner country data users through the presentation of IATI's new data access tool, Country Development Finance Data. This tool enables users to download simple Excel-formatted data on projections and spending by country and was designed as an interim measure to support simple access to the kinds of data requested most frequently by partner country governments. An overview will be provided of what data is available and how it can be analysed, along with testimonials and use cases from country-level data users. The session will also guide users through an interactive exercise to engage directly with the tool and data and will feature an in-depth Q&A portion.

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Speakers: Martha Bekele, Eastone Owino, Moses Owori, Bill Anderson

Aid is changing in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, with short-term, and possibly long-term, effects. Since September 2020, Development Initiatives has been using near real-time IATI data to track these changes and identify trends in aid spending under COVID-19. This session will focus on East Africa analysis, providing an overview of aid trends at regional level and situating these within the wider context of trends in national budgets through one or two deep dives into individual countries. The session will take the form of a short presentation followed by a Q&A session on the methodology and analysis. The main goals of this session are: to demonstrate the added value of IATI data in enabling near real-time analysis of trends in aid spending at regional and country levels, providing valuable, timely insights not available from other global data sources such as the OECD DAC; and to provide a feedback loop to IATI publishers by identifying remaining gaps and quality issues that need to be addressed to further increase the usability of IATI data by stakeholders at country level.

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Speakers: Audrey Migot-Adholla, Thea Schepers

Publishing IATI data can be challenging, especially when you are a 'newbie' to the IATI community. During this Publishing 101 session, co-organised with IOM and the Netherlands, you will receive useful tips and tricks on how to get started with publishing IATI data, including where you can go for further support and the questions you should consider when starting your IATI publishing journey. All questions are welcome, so use this interactive session to get the guidance you need!

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Moderators: Anna Whitson

Speakers: Michelle Levesque, Henry Asor, Dilli Raj Lekhak, Horia Sohir Debbiche, Mark Brough

Co-organised by AfDB, IOM, Nepal and Nigeria, this session will support cross-fertilisation between the IATI Data Quality and Data Use Communities of Practice, facilitating a frank discussion between data publishers and data users around linkages between data quality and blockages to data use, and possible solutions. The session will seek to build a foundation for understanding and future discussion of how the quality of IATI data can impact the ability of the end users to use the data for their desired purposes. It will also seek to open a discussion about how the Community of Practices can be used to help find solutions to persistent data quality and data use issues.

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Speakers: Alex Lydiate, Nik Osvalds, Wendy Thomas

Following IATI's 2020 Technical Stocktake recommendations that IATI should transition from a siloed set of technical tools and products to a single, integrated system architecture, this session will provide an update and an opportunity for feedback on several components of our new integrated platform, including the API Gateway, Validator V2, and a public Validator API. A brief general overview and progress update will be provided by Wendy Thomas, IATI Technical Lead. Subsequently Alex Lydiate, IATI Senior Developer, and Nik Osvalds, IATI Developer, will provide a preview of the in-development API Gateway service and Validator API, including signing up for the API Gateway service through the developer portal and using the Validator V2 public API through the API Gateway to validate IATI files.

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Speakers: Jessica Ferne, Mélody Tondeur, Imaeyen Okon

More than ever, access to reliable, accurate and high quality data is a priority for advancing health, human rights and gender equality around the world. Join CanWaCH for an interactive discussion on data sharing and use for programming in the international development sector. The session will explore how CanWaCH's innovative, open-access platform is being used to showcase Canada's contributions to global health and gender equality programming, building on the work of IATI. Leveraging evidence generated directly from the sector, this database connects users with unique and timely information as well as resources that are relevant to their work. The session will discuss the innovative ways in which data is collected, visualised and used to demonstrate impact and increase transparency. It will explore challenges around data sharing in the global health sector, and feature examples of how existing data has been used to identify gaps, advocate for continued and expanded investment, build successful partnerships and improve coordination. Finally, it will engage participants in a critical dialogue on how best to measure and report on impact in this context.

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Moderators: Anna Whitson

Speakers: Nancy Duckels, Nathalie Sidibe, Romy Alexandra Solomon, Andie Okon

Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have experienced an accelerated dependency on virtual community tools. In times of increasing Zoom fatigue, what are key ingredients for compelling and sustainable virtual engagements, and how can we learn lessons from successful external networks? This session, co-organised with Bond, will provide you with inspiration for effective virtual engagement, show how you can engage on our digital community platform, IATI Connect, and foster a discussion with external networks on how we can team up and draw in new audiences. In short: are our virtual Communities prepared for the future? Tune in, share your ideas and get inspired!

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Speakers: Annelise Parr

The closing session of IATI's first Virtual Community Exchange will allow participants to reflect on their experiences during the VCE and set the scene for future strengthening of the global IATI community. Join us to learn more about how to engage with IATI, and one another, in 2021 and beyond!

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