

**Update on IATI activities - Nov 2016-Jan 2017**  
**Prepared for 25 Jan 2017 Board meeting**

This is provided to update the Board on the status of delivery since the last Board meeting. The update covers the period 1 November 2016 - 15 Jan 2017.

Workplan area	Activity	Guidance required
1 - Promoting Data Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Launched updated d-portal search feature via demonstrations at HLM2 marketplace and IATI communications channels</li> <li>● DI report on IATI data use will be launched in Jan / Feb. Options for the Board will be prepared based on this analysis supported by work underway at UNDP to develop country profiles on transparency 'readiness'</li> </ul>	
2 - Improving IATI data quality, breadth and depth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Recruited a new Business Analyst at DI to support publishers;</li> <li>● There are currently 506 IATI publishers, passing the big 500 milestone in December</li> <li>● Update of data quality strategy is underway</li> </ul>	
3 - Maintaining and Strengthening IATI Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Recruited a new developer at DI</li> <li>● Technical infrastructure roadmaps under development ahead of consultation at the TAG</li> <li>● Scoping a new supplier for the Registry is underway, following serious outages and support problems from current supplier in late 2016</li> <li>● Standard upgrade timetable being prepared for consultation at the TAG</li> </ul>	
4 - Communications & Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Planned and organised <b>side event</b> at HLM2, Nairobi with speakers Helen Clark UNDP (keynote), Charlotte Petri Gornitzka (DAC Chair), Mejbahuddin Mohammad (Bangladesh), Thomas Yanga (WFP), Beth Tritter (MCC), Marc Cohen (AfDB), Harpinder Collacott (DI), moderated by Rupert Simons (PWYF) on the theme: <u>Transparency in development cooperation: Much done, much left to do</u>. A summary report on the side event is available on the <a href="#">GPEDC website</a>.</li> <li>● Launched <a href="#">IATI promotional video</a> to very positive reception.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Negotiated correction in the global monitoring report which inaccurately showed FSS as 'publicly accessible' without the same for IATI.</li> <li>● IATI language retained in the <a href="#">outcome document</a> where the relevant wording is as follows: <i>77. Development partners providing support commit to: a. update institutional architecture, policies and information management systems, as needed, to make development co-operation more transparent, meeting the information needs of partner countries receiving support, citizens, and other Global Partnership stakeholders, and relying on open data international standards such as the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) and the statistical standards of the OECD-DAC systems;</i></li> <li>● Bilateral meetings with France, Italy, Austria, AfDB, DAC Chair, Somalia, Timor-Leste, Egypt, UN-Habitat and UNEP, resulting in new memberships (Italy, France already concluded) and re-commitment and full payment of fees by UNEP.</li> <li>● Planning of slimmed down IATI Annual Report 2017 underway with launch anticipated at IATI TAG (6-9 March)</li> <li>● Participated in donor harmonisation DFID workshop in Glasgow where donors were encouraged to require and support mandatory publishing from their implementing partners.</li> <li>● Participated at COP22 workshop in Marrakech and presented IATI as a possible standard to use for climate financing reporting.</li> <li>● Developed and updated outreach strategy for engagement with new members over the coming year.</li> <li>● Branding and website work will now be conducted together; planning and researching agencies are underway</li> </ul>	<p>While JST has agreed the corrected language, the online version is still incorrect. Request made once again to correct this.</p>
<p>5 - Institutional Arrangements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">Financial position here</a>. Income through membership fees and voluntary contributions has reached \$1.52m, which includes almost \$200,000 received from DFID for the 2017 TAG meeting</li> <li>● <a href="#">Workplan and budget</a> alignment exercise concluded and presented online for members reference.</li> <li>● Consultation with all members on Theory of Change concluded, and documents updated based on comments received from members.</li> </ul>	