

IATI Members Advisory Group (MAG) / Budget Sub-group Joint Meeting
4 November 2015

Attendees

- Jamie Attard, Gates Foundation and Sarah Johns, Bond;
- Samuel Blazyk and Sohir Debbiche, AfDB;
- Annelise Parr, UNDP - IATI Secretariat Coordinator;
- Anna Whitson, UNDP - IATI Secretariat (minutes).
- Carolyn Culey, Development Initiatives - IATI Secretariat.

Board of Governors – points to address

- In developing the SC meeting papers, further clarity on what constitutes a member and decision around who has votes (members only?) is needed.
- The Board should have all constituencies represented – this has implications for how membership is defined.
- Perhaps the interim Board should begin with the three constituencies defined in the SOP (partner countries, providers, CSOs) and broaden later. This will need more thought / discussion.
- Issues to be raised with the SC need to be carefully sequenced and options presented, potentially as follows:
 - Basic structure and creation of a Board. Present as interim and process / timeline.
 - Representation: decision on if representation / voting is to be based on paid or in-kind contributions.
 - Powers of the board and consensus, etc.

Vision document

Points to address

- Currently, IATI is a political initiative and global data standard – but we need to evolve to a place where data is used on a daily basis because it is useful for their job. We need to improve data quality and expand the publishing / member base. This will take political will to get there.
- The vision document should also address how IATI sits in the new global development / aid architecture / context of the SDGs.
- In the longer run, we should consider changing the name of IATI to address different kinds of development cooperation flows.

Formatting and consultation

- The paper should be short and clear, setting out the need for change and potential processes for enacting this change, plus a point of view on these issues from the MAG.
- The MAG raised the possibility of undertaking a wider consultation on vision at the SC meeting or via online consultation to gain consensus.

- Questions for consultation around vision should be distributed as part of the SC packet of papers (going out on November 18th) so that members can consult in-country and come prepared to discuss.