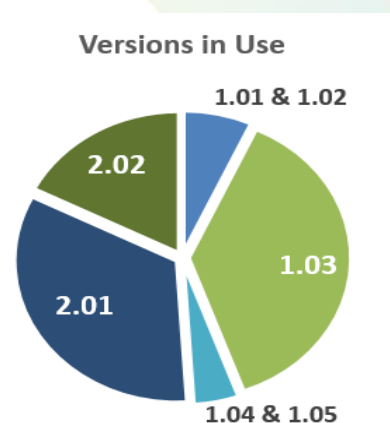


Paper 7: Technical Updates

• Uptake of Versions 2.01 & 2.02 of the standard

- As of 13 June 2016 329 Publishers were using Version 2 of the IATI Standard

Version	Release Date	Current Use
1.01	Feb-2011	10
1.02	Dec-2012	37
1.03	Sep-2013	243
1.04	May-2014	13
1.05	Oct-2014	16
2.01	Jan-2015	216
2.02	Dec-2015	113



- 23 out of 37 publishing members are using Version 2

Members by Organisation Type	Versions						
	All	2.02	2.01	1.05	1.04	1.03	1.02
All	37	6	17	2	1	10	1
Foundation	2	1	1				
Government	13	1	7			5	
International NGO	6	1	3	1		1	
Multilateral	13	2	5	1		4	1
National NGO	1	1					
Other Public Sector	1				1		
Public / Private Partnership	1		1				

- **Budget Identifier**

- In April 2016 the OECD DAC Working Party on Statistics released a [new expanded control list](#) of CRS Purpose Codes that will enable DAC reporters and IATI publishers to improve the mapping of activities against country budgets.
- This is the culmination of a work stream initiated by the [Steering Committee in 2011](#) which consulted with public financial management experts to draw up a list of required codes, piloted the viability of these codes, and persuaded the Working Party on Statistics of the importance of linking aid flows to country budgets.
- The unrelenting commitment of Publish What You Fund and Canada to this work should be recognized.

- **GPEDC Transparency Indicator assessment**

- The IATI Technical Team submitted publishing statistics to the Joint Support Team of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation on 31st May 2016, for use in [Indicator Four of the GPEDC Monitoring Framework](#). Data was submitted for all IATI publishers belonging to Busan endorsing institutions or governments. Data was **not** aggregated or merged for those endorsers represented by more than one publisher.
- The Indicator was discussed at the [last Steering Committee](#) meeting at which it was agreed that the IATI dashboard publisher statistics should be used for the IATI assessment. The concerns raised on some details of the assessment methodology were resolved through an [ongoing consultation](#) with members on the IATI Discuss site.
- While the Technical Team are satisfied that the data submitted was both fair and accurate, a number of issues still require attention, for example: manual collection of reference data to use in coverage calculations is time-consuming and not sustainable in the future; more work is required to make a fair selection of which activities should be assessed for forward-looking budgets; comprehensiveness assessments for activities split over multiple hierarchical levels need improving.
- We propose that the Technical Team continues to manage open consultations on changes to the publisher statistics methodology, and, where consensus is reached, submits proposed changes to the Governing Board for approval.
- The table on the IATI Dashboard containing the summary of indicator scores is currently named the [Global Partnership Transparency Indicator Proposal](#). Recognising the importance of these dashboard statistics as a tool for improving data quality, the Technical Team proposes that the name of this table be changed to “Summary of Publisher Statistics”.

- **Upgrade Rules**

- In October 2011 the Steering Committee agreed a set of rules for improving the standard. ([see Annex 1 here](#)). These require revision taking into account the learnings from the first integer upgrade and adjusting the frequency and consultation processes for decimal upgrades. For instance, original plans called for quarterly decimal upgrades and annual

integer upgrades. An annual decimal with an integer approximately every five years, if required, would appear to be more acceptable to publishers and users alike.

- There are no plans to start work on an integer upgrade over the next twelve months. The technical team would like to hold a consultation at the next TAG and bring a proposal to the next Members' Assembly which revises rules for all upgrades.
- There is, however, both need and demand for a decimal upgrade within a shorter timeline. The technical team is, [under existing rules](#), planning for this. We plan to have curated all proposals for discussion at the TAG and will thereafter initiate a timetable similar to previous decimal upgrades.

- **TAG meeting**

- A member has agreed to fund the TAG in Africa, and we are still investigating possible locations and dates.
- In addition to its traditional format there is a plan for a slightly more formal working day dealing with issues and improvements to the standard and associated guidelines. A formal agenda with accompanying working papers will be prepared.

Approval of members requested on the following:

- Future changes to the publisher statistics methodology will be presented to the Governing Board for approval, following on from open consultations managed by the Technical Team
- The IATI Dashboard Publisher Statistics are an integral element of IATI's quality improvement strategy. In recognition of this the Transparency Indicator table should be renamed to "Summary of Publisher Statistics".
- Changes to the rules for upgrading the IATI Standard will be made at next year's Members' Assembly after a full consultation.