

## **Terms of Reference for Steering Committee for International Aid Transparency Initiative**

The International Aid Transparency Initiative aims to deliver a step shift in public availability and accessibility of information on aid flows and activities, globally. Launched during the High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Accra in September 2008, to date it has 15 donor signatories and strong interest from partner countries and CSOs.

A multi-stakeholder Steering Committee is being set up to guide the initiative with representatives from bilateral and multilateral donors, partner countries, CSOs, the DAC and other experts on aid information and transparency. The Steering Committee will be accountable to the full IATI membership.

### **Terms of Reference for the Steering Committee**

- To provide strategic direction and oversight to the initiative to ensure that it meets its aims and objectives as set out in the Accra IATI Declaration;
- To ensure that the IATI meets the needs of key users of aid information, in particular partner countries and civil society;
- To ensure that the IATI builds on and adds value to existing national and global systems and standards for aid information and other initiatives to improve the transparency of aid;
- To ensure that the IATI is consistent with and informs the work of the Working Party on Aid Effectiveness, Working Party on Statistics (WP-STAT), the Development Cooperation Forum and other key fora for reviewing aid effectiveness;
- To oversee the work of the IATI Secretariat and Technical Advisory Group;
- To update the fourth High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness and the second Development Cooperation Forum on agreements reached through the IATI.

### **Meeting arrangements and logistics**

- IATI Steering Committee meetings will be held quarterly. Where possible, they will take place back to back with other meetings, such as the WP-EFF to reduce travel time and costs.
- Attendance by phone or VC will be possible for those unable to attend in person.
- Travel costs will be paid for partner country and CSO members. Donors will be expected to cover their own travel costs.
- DFID will act as a secretariat for the meetings.
- All minutes and outputs from Steering Committee meetings will be made publicly available, except in exceptional circumstances.