



## Extraordinary meeting of the IATI Governing Board

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2016

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### **Attendees:**

Governing Board Stephen Potter (Canada, Chair of the IATI Board) John Adams (DfID, TAG Chair); Timothy Takona (UNICEF)

IATI Secretariat Carolyn Culey, Joni Hillman (Development Initiatives); Annelise Parr, Kristina M. Leuchowius (UNDP) Carl Elmstam (Sweden)

IATI Members Joan Atherton (USAID), Ellen Kelley (EC), Jennifer Smith (UK), Theo Sande (NL)

Apologies Zefania Romalahy (Madagascar), Monowar Ahmed (Bangladesh), Rupert Simons (Publish What You Fund), Sarah Johns (Bond); Yohanna Loucheur (Canada)

A meeting was convened at short notice to review two urgent items in relation to planning for the GPEDC HLM2, namely the draft Global Monitoring Report and the Outcome document.

### **Global monitoring report:**

Secretariat wished to bring to the Boards attention that no formal copy has yet been shared with IATI despite feedback being submitted in May 2016. The informally shared draft copy contains issues around narrative and the application of the methodology. Accuracy in relation to DAC data has for example a 60% weighting. Progress achieved by IATI with regard to timeliness and other key areas, is not well captured. The monitoring report is to be released on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **Actions:**

- Send a formal request to the Joint Support team to ask for an official copy and a chance to provide feedback. The Secretariat will draft the message, to be sent by Stephen.
- Prepare a one pager focusing on the multi-stakeholder character of IATI, the results of the internal assessment, the new vision/mission/strategic direction, to be distributed during HLM2.

### **Outcome document:**

IATI is not itself mentioned in the document and the text previously agreed by IATI members and submitted is no longer there at all in the most recent publicly released version of the outcome document (dated 3 October). Language around validation of data remains. Certain partner countries have expressed strong concerns during the meeting held last week in Seoul about not being able to validate the IATI data which is published by development partners. They would like to establish structures for national level validation of data. Kenya and Malawi expressed particular concerns. This latter presents concern to IATI, primarily that the data belongs to publishers and to introduce a further layer of validation would bring delay and could well mean that data currently published will no longer be published openly. Possible investigate further how IATI can be linked to national AIMS, like in Bangladesh? Netherlands and WB strongly oppose external validation of their data.

The 3 October version seems to include commitments in the main text, not in an annex, and any proposals for adjustment should therefore be mindful of keeping with this new structure.

*Actions:*

- A small group is to be set up by GPEDC to discuss the issue on validation/the outcome document further: Kenya, Malawi, UN, WB, the US, EC will be involved. Concerns are to be shared with everyone that was on the call today, so that they can be raised them with the group;
- The Secretariat will circulate some proposed wording and rationale that could be shared with the small group (regarding language on IATI), which can also be used as talking points with others engaged in negotiation on the document.
- Steer the conversation around the outcome document towards IATI's objective of improving quality and usage, and moving away from the issue of validation.

No further information was provided regarding the reference in the current draft to the proposed Aid Effectiveness Committee, Kenya has agreed share more information separately. Without further information this is not something IATI could at this point support.

The deadline for comments on the outcome document is the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October.