

MEETING OF THE IATI GOVERNING BOARD (VIRTUAL)

DATE: MAY 9 2018

Minutes

Attending: Secretariat (Carolyn Culey, Argjira Belegu-Shuku, Annelise Parr, Lea Zoric), Bond (Sarah Johns), Oxfam Novib (Leo Stolk) Bangladesh (Anwar Hossain), Madagascar (Zefania Romalahy), UNICEF (Tim Takona), The Netherlands (Theo van de Sande - Chair)

Not attending: TAG Chair (John Adams)

1. **Previous GB meeting** (16. & 17.4.): Minutes were accepted;
2. **Data Use:**
 - **DUTF Update:** Discussion on potential conflict of interest with representatives of organizations that submitted interest to the DUF EOI and are active members in the Data Use Task Force. Evaluation will be conducted by UNDP based on criteria agreed with the Task Force, to ensure no conflict at that stage.
 - **ACTION:** *Task Force members must consider and decide if representatives of interested organizations have to (temporarily) withdraw from the Task Force.*
 - **New Datastore:** Procurement process is on track, TOR to be finalized and submitted to UNOPS by 11.5.18
3. **Data Quality:** Lively discussion on what constitutes data quality from publisher and user perspectives envisaged for MA.
 - **ACTION:** *The Secretariat will prepare the MA session with input from Board focal points Sarah and Zefy.*
4. **Systems & Standard/TAG Meeting:** Paper outlining strategic objectives for the 2018 TAG was shared on Yammer for comments.
 - **ACTION:** *Provide input via Yammer.*
5. **Communication & Outreach:**
 - **New IATI website:** alpha website available for review. Regarding content, Chair suggests stronger focus on impact and results. Overall website progress well received.
 - **ACTION:** *GB to provide feedback on alpha website using the online Feedback button. More detailed discussion around content/messaging is welcomed on Yammer – Carolyn to initiate.*
6. **Governance:**
 - **Membership fees:** backdated payment of outstanding MDB membership fees cannot be expected. Proposal going forward is that payment from all members is expected annually by 1st January. Financial contributions below the actual membership fee will be considered voluntary financial contributions, not membership fees. More important is to focus on the value proposition of membership.
 - **ACTION:** *Chair will draft paper on “value proposition of membership” to be discussed in MA.*
 - **Institutional Review Working Group:** diagnostic report available for feedback until May 10.

- **ACTION:** *Provide input/feedback.*
- **Outreach:** The MA is an opportunity to bring questions on future strategy and clear policy on criteria for when/how to engage with which individuals and stakeholder groups.
 - **Action:** *Prepare interactive session for members to guide future outreach and engagement.*
- **Observer Status:** (linked with previous item) Potential new members are currently invited to attend MA as observers (one-time only)
 - **ACTION:** *Policy paper to be developed on outreach (criteria, priorities, etc.) to guide decisions of the Secretariat on individual cases.*

7. AOB

- **MA Preparations:** Draft agenda to be circulated to members by 28 May. Next IATI budget to be developed for five quarters (Sept 2018 – Dec 2019) to align with calendar financial year. This is financed by surplus that has resulted from having several new paying members not included in the budget.
 - **ACTION:** *Prepare and present 5Q budget and annual plan on the second day of the MA with commitment to file a budget revision during Q1 that takes transition costs into account.*
- **PC participation:** Low response from partner countries regarding participation. Several countries asking for both waiver of membership fees and financial support to attend MA. French translation to be provided for MA.
 - **ACTION:** *Annelise will draft letter to be sent to partner countries to inform them about MA participation and waivers of membership fees in lieu of participation at own expenses. Chair will sign. Communication/response to requests in future will be tabled during caucus meetings at the MA.*
 - **ACTION:** *Policy on (financially supported) participation from CSOs has been developed by Sarah and Leo. Shared on Yammer for input.*
- **IATI engagement around High Level Political Forum on Financing for Development (9-18 July):** Bangladesh VC requests IATI briefing to BG colleagues during the week following the MA;
 - **ACTION:** *UNDP and DI will follow up.*

Next Board call: Wednesday 13 June; meeting shall be scheduled for 2h to allow adequate time for discussions.

A recording (audio file) of the entire meeting is available.