

MEETING OF THE IATI GOVERNING BOARD
DATE: 09 JULY 2018, UN CITY, COPENHAGEN

Minutes

Attending: Secretariat (Carolyn Culey, Argjira Belegu-Shuku, Annelise Parr, Lea Zoric, Margaret Thomas), Bangladesh (Aftab Ahmed), Bond (Sarah Johns), Oxfam Novib (Leo Stolk), UNICEF (Tim Takona), IATI Chair - The Netherlands (Theo van de Sande), TAG Chair (John Adams)

Not attending: Madagascar (Zefania Romalahy)

1. Previous GB meeting (June 26): Minutes were accepted

2. Discussion of MA Agenda Items:

a. MA Caucus Meetings:

Overall matters:

- Presentation on institutional review process and recommendations planned for MA (prepared by Institutional Review Working Group), informal/oral presentations foreseen for caucus meetings;
- Details on new constituency “private sector” (such as structure of the membership contribution, GB membership representation, etc.) *will need to be further discussed and clarified in next GB meeting.*

Providers’ Meeting:

- Membership issues might be a topic of concern. No specific agenda item focusing on membership fees foreseen, yet, matter might arise linked to institutional reform discussion.

Partner Country Meeting:

- Only 8 representatives of this constituencies are expected as there were some short notice cancellations due to visa issues;
- Active participation (in MA and in Working Groups) limited, and membership value proposition needs to be encouraged.

CSO Meeting:

- First opportunity for the group to discuss the Universalis recommendations;
- Further issues for discussion include how to engage more CSO as members and how to encourage wider data use (by CSOs), as well as how to promote more constituencies within IATI.

b. Workstream 1 – Data Use:

- Session 3: Update on Data Use Task Force and Data Use Fund:
 - o Request for continuous participation in Task Force;
- DUF Update:

- Potential conflict of interest regarding DUTF members applying for DUF among the CSO constituency and measures for mitigation in future rounds of RfPs shall include:
 - *Full overviews of received bids and summary of the evaluation process to be prepared for GB (incl. info on criteria set in RfP and UNDP internal/overall);*
 - Potentially open the process more in order to allow bidders outside the “IATI niche” to participate and therewith enhance the group of bidders (measures to be discussed in DUTF);
 - Focus on learning process within DUTF regarding procedures, outreach, communication, etc. before publishing second round of RfPs;
 - ➔ **4 proposed contracts will be awarded as per decision of the GB (One Board member abstained from voting to avoid any inference of conflict), with all Board members satisfied that any potential for conflict of interest was mitigated.**
- MA session recommended to focus less on process and more on impact/next steps.

c. Workstream 2 – Data Quality:

- Presentation on UNICEF pilots (no further issues to discuss)

d. Workstream 3 – The Standard, TAG

- Paper on deprecation of version 1 of the Standard and requesting a technical audit in this regard has been shared;
- Potential dilemma flagged is that the PWYF Transparency Index has rated some publishers that are still using version 1 very high;
- For the proposed technical audit, it is suggested to invite selected members of the IATI community to join the Working Group, with consideration for external members that add value from a technical perspective; there shall be no direct discussion in the MA plenary on membership, but rather seek a mandate from members for the Board to take this forward;

e. Workstream 4 - Communication & Outreach

- New website is now online and publicly available; feedback widely positive following the soft launch.
- Paper on value proposition for membership is presented to promote brainstorming and discussion in MA (without discussing financial contribution structure).

f. Workstream 6 – Institutional Review

- 30 minutes sub-sessions foreseen for this session:
 1. Background presentation (process, ToR, recommendations);
 2. Discussion on recommendations in plenary;
 3. Discussion on 4 key-recommendations and requirements for implementation in group table set-up;
 4. wrapping-up and concluding/adopting recommendations;

- Expected Outcome: Endorsement and mandate for GB/Secretariat to develop and implement a detailed road map on the institutional reform of IATI, structured in short-term, medium-term and long-term recommendations.

g. Workstream 5 – Operational Questions

- Future of IATI needs to be planned beyond 2023 and hence a long-term strategic plan needs to be developed by the GB (*matter to be tabled in next GB meeting*);
- Financial update; this session will most likely trigger discussion regarding the significant carry-over from last year(s). Communication around this matter is sensitive and must be handled carefully. For next years over/under-spending needs to be reduced and ideally avoided;
- *Activities that have budgetary consequences (such as the technical audit) shall be reflected in the budget revision.*

h. AOB

- During MA, time needs to be managed very carefully and the opening remarks by the Chair will be the opportunity to set those ground rules;
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Next GB meeting: date TBC.