



**International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI)
First Annual Conference 20th/21st October 2009
Amazon Auditorium, World Forum, The Hague
Programme**

Day 1: Transparency and Effective and Accountable Aid

Session 1a: Transparency and Development		
8.30	Registration and coffee	
Chair	Mr. Maarten Brouwer Ambassador for Development Cooperation Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Welcome and introduction to IATI.
9.30	Mr. Bert Koenders Netherlands Minister for Development Cooperation	Opening speech: How does transparency contribute to poverty reduction and development?
9.45	Mr. John Rwangombwa Permanent Secretary & Secretary to the Treasury, Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, Rwanda	Challenges and opportunities for strengthening ownership, accountability and aid effectiveness through better information: experiences from Rwanda.
10.00	H.E. Mr. Milan Rocen Minister of Foreign Affairs Montenegro	Experiences and challenges in aid co-ordination and transparency in Montenegro.
10.15	Hon. Dr. Minendra Rijal Minister for Federal Affairs, Constituent Assembly, Parliamentary Affairs and Culture, Nepal	Aid transparency, accountability and aid effectiveness in a country context: experiences from Nepal.
10.30	Discussion	
11.00	Tea break	
Session 1b: Transparency and aid effectiveness		
11.30 Chair	Mr. Koos Richelle Director General EuropeAid	
11.40	Mr. Jeff Gutman Vice President and Head of Network Operations Policy and Country Services World Bank	World Bank transparency: successes and lessons learnt.
11.55	Ms. Ingrid-Gabriela Hoven Director General Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development (BMZ)	Implementing the Accra Agenda for Action: the contribution of the International Aid Transparency Initiative.

12.10	Mr. Jorge Hage Sobrinho Minister of State Head of the Office of the Comptroller General of Brazil	Empowering citizens: experiences in promoting government accountability to citizens in Brazil.
12.25	Discussion	
13.00	Lunch and marketplace of ideas	Displays and short presentations from representatives of key transparency initiatives and experts on aid information
Session 2: The demand for aid information: what do users need?		
Chair	H.E. Ms. Suhair Al-Ali Minister of Planning and International Cooperation Jordan	
14.30	Mr. Augustus Kwasi Adu Head of UN System Unit Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning Ghana	What information is most important for partner countries in improving aid effectiveness? Feedback from the six regional IATI partner country consultations
14.40	Mr. Tony Tujan Chairperson, Reality of Aid Network/ Programme Director, IBON Foundation, BetterAid Platform	What information is most important for civil society organisations (CSOs) in tracking aid and holding donors and governments accountable? Feedback from the six regional IATI CSO consultations.
14.50	Hon. Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury MP State Minister Ministry of Women and Children Affairs Bangladesh	What information is most important for parliamentarians in tracking aid flows? Experiences from Bangladesh
15.00	Mr. Gabriel Ferrero Deputy Director Ministry of Foreign Affairs Spain	Donor country perspectives on how improving transparency can help promote development in a downturn.
15.10	Ms. Dasa Silovic Senior Policy Advisor UNDP	Aid transparency, mutual accountability and development effectiveness: a view from UNDP.
15.30	Discussion	
16.00	Tea break	
Session 3: Review and closing of Day 1		
Chair	Mr. Maarten Brouwer Ambassador for Development Cooperation Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs	
16.30	Discussion and review of day 1	
17.30: Close of Day 1		
17.30 – 19.00 Cocktail reception hosted by Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs		

Day 2: Improving Transparency: What Role for IATI?

Session 4: Improving transparency: What does IATI have to build on?		
Chair	Mr. Kawusu Kebbay (tbc) Director of Development Assistance Cooperation, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Sierra Leone	
9.00	Mr. Owen Barder Director, aidinfo Programme Development Initiatives for Poverty Research (DIPR)	Improving transparency: What could IATI deliver? Findings from key research
9.15	Ms. Madalo Nyambose Assistant Director, Debt and Aid Division, Ministry of Finance Malawi	Malawi's experiences in aid information management and putting aid on budget: what value can IATI add?
9.30	Ms. Hedwig Riegler Chair, WP-STAT Head of Statistics, Austrian Development Agency	Setting standards for sharing aid information: Experiences from the Working Party on Statistics (WP-STAT).
9.45	Mr. Richard Carey Director, Development Cooperation Directorate (DCD) OECD-DAC	The OECD-DAC's work on aid information and statistics: what value can IATI add?
10.00	Mr. Jean-Louis Sarbib Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Development Gateway	Experiences in sharing information: What can be done? Key findings from the IATI pilots.
10.00	Discussion	
10.30	Tea break	
Session 5: Improving transparency: What role for IATI?		
Chair	Mr. Christiaan Poortman Director of Global Programmes Transparency International	
11.00	Mr. Brian Hammond Chairperson IATI Technical Advisory Group (TAG)	IATI proposals (1): What information could donors commit to publishing?
11.15	Mr. Henri Valot Policy Advisor, Civicus and Mr. Alex Gerbrandij, Aid Effectiveness Advisor, EC	IATI proposals (2): What could the IATI Code of Conduct look like, and how should it operate?
11.30	Break out groups	Multi-stakeholder groupings discuss the proposals put forward.
13.00	Lunch and marketplace of ideas	

Session 6: Review of draft IATI proposals

Chair	Ms. Riitta Oksanen Director, Unit for General Development Policy and Planning Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Finland	
14.00	Break out groups (contd.)	
14.30	Report back from break out groups and discussion	
16.00	Tea break	

Session 7: Closing

Chair	Mr. Maarten Brouwer Ambassador for Development Cooperation Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs	
16.30	Mr. Martin Dinham Director-General International Department for International Development UK	Taking forward the International Aid Transparency Initiative: conclusions from the IATI Conference.
17.00	Mr. Rameshore P Khanal Finance Secretary Ministry of Finance Nepal	Closing speech
17.30: Close of Conference		