

# IATI Newsletter

## WELCOME

Dear all

Welcome to the February newsletter for the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI.) These monthly newsletters aim to keep you up to date with developments in taking forward the IATI, and to alert you to upcoming events.

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### 1. Invitation to make nominations for the Technical Advisory Group (TAG)

Thanks to those of you who have already nominated colleagues for the Technical Advisory Group (TAG.) The TAG will be undertaking the detailed technical work on the IATI standards, reporting to the IATI Steering Committee. If you would like to nominate someone and haven't yet done so, please contact Robert Tew at DIPR ([RobT@devinit.org](mailto:RobT@devinit.org)), copying ([r-greenhill@dfid.gov.uk](mailto:r-greenhill@dfid.gov.uk).) The TAG will hold its first meeting in mid April. If you would like more information, please contact Rob Tew.

### 2.1 IATI scoping study now ready for review

The draft IATI scoping study, which maps out the areas that IATI could cover, is now ready for comment. Comments are invited by Friday 6th March. Please e-mail Philippa Thomas ([Philippa-Thomas@dfid.gov.uk](mailto:Philippa-Thomas@dfid.gov.uk)) if you could like a copy.

### 2.2 Paper on IATI standards now being reviewed

Many thanks to those of you who have sent comments on the IATI standards paper circulated earlier this year. The paper is now being reviewed based on your comments and will be circulated shortly. For more information, please contact Carolyn Culey ([CarolynC@devinit.org](mailto:CarolynC@devinit.org))

### 3. Reminder: Steering Committee meeting on April 2nd

A reminder that the next Steering Committee meeting will take place from 09:00-13:00 on Thursday 2 April at the OECD in Paris. As before, Steering Committee members are invited to formally attend the meeting and others are invited as observers. Further details will follow.

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## 4. CSO consultations starting next month

CSO consultations on IATI are starting on March 11 in the Philippines. They will be conducted by Reality of Aid as part of their follow up with CSOs to the Accra High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness. For more information, please contact [jdongail@realityofaid.org](mailto:jdongail@realityofaid.org)

## 5. Cluster on Transparent and Responsible Aid

A new Cluster on Transparent and Responsible Aid is being set up as part of the follow up to the Accra High Level Forum. This is one of four clusters that will report to the Working Party on Aid Effectiveness (WP-EFF.) The cluster will include a network or task team on transparency, which IATI will participate in. For more information, please contact ([r-greenhill@dfid.gov.uk](mailto:r-greenhill@dfid.gov.uk)).

## 6. Donor Assessment Opportunities

Development Initiatives Poverty Research (DIPR) has already worked with several donors to gather evidence about their existing systems for collecting and publishing information about aid. The aim of this work is to ensure that any eventual proposals for an aid information standard are grounded in a shared understanding of what donors can cost-effectively collect and publish to a reasonable degree of quality. Together with the work now underway on the needs of users of aid information, this analysis will help the IATI to identify a set of proposals which both meets the needs of users, and which is practical for donors to deliver. If you would like to meet with DIPR and have not already done so, please contact [simon@devinit.org](mailto:simon@devinit.org)

## UNTIL NEXT TIME

If you have any information you'd like to share in the next newsletter, or have any colleagues who would like to join this list, please e-mail [r-greenhill@dfid.gov.uk](mailto:r-greenhill@dfid.gov.uk)



Best Regards,

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