

## **Terms of Reference for Technical Advisory Group for International Aid Transparency Initiative**

The International Aid Transparency Initiative aims to deliver a step shift in global public availability and accessibility of information on aid flows. Launched during the High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Accra in September 2008, to date it has 15 donor signatories and strong interest from partner countries and CSOs.

A multi-stakeholder Technical Advisory Group is being set up to provide technical advice and guidance to the initiative. Members will include key users and providers of aid data and statistics along with experts in using technology for aid effectiveness and the development of standards. The TAG will report directly to the IATI Steering Committee.

### **Terms of Reference for the Technical Advisory Group**

- To provide technical direction and oversight to the initiative to ensure that it meets its aims and objectives as set out in the Accra IATI Declaration;
- To develop proposals for IATI standards, formats and definitions for consideration by the Steering Committee and agreement by the full IATI membership;
- To ensure that the IATI standards meet the needs of key users of aid information, in particular partner countries and civil society.
- To ensure that the IATI standards build upon existing national and international systems and standards and other initiatives to improve transparency of aid.
- To provide leadership and guidance on the use of technology in meeting the aims of the IATI, in particular by identifying appropriate technologies and data formats, building on experiences in other sectors.
- To advise the Steering Committee and IATI membership on implementation of the standards, in particular by identifying technical requirements and capacity building needs.

### **Meeting arrangements and logistics**

- IATI Technical Assurance meetings will be held as required by the agreed timetable. It is not envisaged this will be more than twice a year, where possible ahead of IATI Steering Committee meetings.
- Monthly conference calls will be arranged
- The group will make use of virtual collaboration tools, such as wikis.
- DIPR will act as a secretariat for the TAG.
- Where needed, costs of TAG work including research, meetings and secretariat costs will be covered from the IATI budget.
- All meeting minutes and outputs from the TAG will be made publicly available, except under exceptional circumstances.