IATI CSO group call

Draft IATI Steering Committee agenda, recommendations on governance, future hosting arrangements, vision

Why this call?

- To share information on what's happening

- Preliminary discussion of points of importance to and convergence across the organisations involved in the CSO group

- To discuss possible points of influence and/or intervention (triple lock) – this will be continued on email/IATI Discuss.

Draft IATI Steering Committee agenda (Dec)

- Mainly deals with recommended areas of improvement from the IATI evaluation (Summer 2015) on which decisions need to be made to make it fit for the future
  - Vision and direction
  - Governance structure
  - Future hosting arrangements

- IATI upgrade to v2.02 of the standard

- Improving donor data (partner country governments session)

- What else would you like to see on the agenda?

Vision and direction

- Evaluation: there currently two visions:
  - international data standard for describing development resource flows
  - initiative that advocates for transparency of ODA flows from donors

  - IATI needs to decide what it is, or at least weighting to each of these: important because structure, funding etc comes from this.

  - External context:
    - Joint standards initiative
    - Financing for development (beyond aid)
    - SDGs and data focus

Governance structure

- Evaluation: governance structure no longer fit for purpose

  - Steering Committee too large and not sufficiently focused on support needed for a global standard to operate
  - decision making processes not transparent – who/where are decisions taken? SC and budget sub-committee seen as merely 'rubber stamping'
  - will become increasingly difficult to reach consensus as new partners becoming involved - private sector and data users

- (Evaluation also includes recommendations on financing and membership)

Governance structure: what next?

- Recommendations from evaluation:
  - need a governance structure that can provide direction, take decisions and ensure oversight.
  - need to keep the inclusivity and multi-stakeholder approach (strength of IATI)
  - but needs to be flexible to include new constituencies – data users, foundations, private sector AND more fully represents technologists as a constituency (ie the TAG)
  - suggestion in evaluation: General Assembly of members which provides oversight to a Board of Governors which provides direction to a well-managed, centralised Secretariat which manages day to day operations.
  - not radical but needs to be workable (ie allows decisions to be made at the most appropriate level, is cost effective and efficient and gives the opportunity for all voices to be heard).

Future hosting arrangements

- Evaluation recommends:
  - extend current arrangements for another two years to allow for handover.
  - should be 'one home' for the Secretariat rather than split out as current (This split out should only be transitional as it is perceived to be high cost).
  - Clarification of the role/remit of the Secretariat: at what level does it make decisions?
  - future arrangements should be long-term, to avoid having to go out to tender every three years, and should be set up to be a stable administration.
  - Asks: should IATI become a legal entity?

IATI standard upgrade 2.02

- Process discussion: http://discuss.iatistandard.org/t/reflecting-on-the-upgrade-process/333/4
- Actual changes: http://support.iatistandard.org/forums/21251175-2-02-Decimal-Upgrade-Proposals

Development & Inspection	The community has until the due date to inspect the 2.02 changes as they are being developed (a new GitHub branch will be used).	During this time the community can help shape the proposals.	Over a 4 week period	23 November 2015
Approval & Go live	Final version of 2.02 completed by the due date, ready for approval by the IATI Steering Committee.	The community can scrutinise the final proposals and feed back on errors, omissions and problems, or suggest solutions.	Within 1 week	30 November 2015
Approval & Go live	Version 2.02 goes live.			7 December 2015