# DRAFT IATI VISION AND MISSION STATEMENTS

Below are draft statements for the IATI vision and mission for consultation with IATI members. These statements are the result of an iterative process of collaboration and consultation that started within the Members’ Advisory Group, whose members prepared three options for the vision and mission. These were shared with the members who had volunteered for this task at the last Steering Committee meeting. The volunteers’ comments were considered to prepare revised options for both the vision and mission, which are now submitted to IATI members for consultation ahead of the Members’ Assembly.

Members’ comments are sought on the draft vision and mission statements below. For each, a brief explanation is provided highlighting the main differences between the options, with relevant words in bold in the draft statements.

To facilitate collaboration, members are asked to indicate, for each:

* Which option they (most) support, whether fully or partly;
* If they are not fully supportive of the option, explain what is problematic with the proposed wording;
* Provide alternative wording that addresses the problem.

The Secretariat will compile all comments received for consideration by the Board which will in turn make a recommendation to members ahead of the Members' Assembly in June.

# IATI VISION

(A vision statement describes the optimal desired state, an image of the future, the change we seek. It should be succinct and inspirational.)

1. Information on development **cooperation/finance** is transparent, relevant, timely and **available** to all stakeholders in support of efforts to achieve development objectives.
2. Transparent, timely information on development **cooperation/finance** is **used** by all stakeholders to help achieve equitable and sustainable development outcomes.

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 Main differences:

* Focus on “availability” or “use” of data.
	+ Option 1 is more focused on what IATI does, i.e. making quality data available for those who want to use it.
	+ Option 2 concentrates on the result hoped for, i.e. that transparent data is used to achieve development outcomes.
* Reference to “cooperation” or “finance”.
	+ Development cooperation is understood as the generic term covering the range of financial resources and capacity building activities with a concessional dimension, in support of development efforts.
	+ Development finance is a broader term covering other resources that contribute to achieving development goals, including resources not covered by “development cooperation” such as for instance private investments and domestic fiscal resources.
* Nature of the development outcomes:
	+ Unqualified;
	+ Equitable and sustainable.

IATI members’ views are sought on:

* Whether Option 1 or Option 2 is closest to what the IATI vision should be;
* Whether the vision should refer to cooperation or finance;
* Whether the outcomes should be qualified or not.

Members are also welcome to suggest an entirely different vision statement, along with a brief explanation of their proposed wording. IATI MISSION

(The mission describes the role of the organization in achieving the change described in the vision, with a somewhat shorter timeframe (3-5 years).)

1. IATI data is of high quality, timely, compatible with data related to other types of development finance, and **can be used** to improve development outcomes.
2. **IATI members** work together to ensure that IATI data is of high quality, timely, compatible, **responds to the needs of all stakeholders, covers as much development finance as possible**, and **is used** to promote equity and the achievement of **sustainable** development outcomes.
3. The **IATI community** strives to ensure that development stakeholders can use IATI data of high quality, timely and compatible with other relevant data, as well as effective **data-analysis tools**, to support the achievement of **equitable and sustainable** development outcomes.

Main differences:

* What IATI members/community are accountable for, in addition to providing high-quality IATI data:
	+ Ensuring the data can be used;
	+ Ensuring the data responds to the needs of all stakeholders, covers as much development finance as possible, and is actually used;
	+ Providing tools to use the data.
* Who is the main agent in the mission:
	+ IATI members (themselves or via the Secretariat);
	+ IATI community (which includes IATI members but also members of the TAG and other stakeholders involved in IATI-related work);
	+ Unspecified (as in Option 1).
* The type of development outcomes:
	+ Unqualified (e.g. “development outcomes”);
	+ Sustainable development outcomes;
	+ Equitable and sustainable development outcomes.

IATI members’ views are sought on:

* Whether Option 1, Option 2 or Option 3 is closest to what the IATI mission should be;
* What IATI is accountable for;
* Whether the mission should say IATI members, IATI community, or nothing;
* Whether development outcomes should be qualified and if so, as “sustainable” or as “equitable and sustainable”.

Members are also welcome to suggest an entirely different mission statement, along with a brief explanation of their proposed wording.