

Technical Advisory Group 2018

Kathmandu, October/November 2018

Consultation on Themes

The IATI Technical Advisory Group (TAG) is planning an annual meeting in Nepal in late October-early November 2018.

The regular TAG themes are:

- **#DataQuality** - focusing on improving the quality and usefulness of the data
- **#DataUse** - focusing on the use of the data for development and humanitarian outcomes
- **#Standard** - evolving the IATI Standard so that it continues to support those outcomes

This paper aims to consider specific themes that would help ensure that the TAG meeting in Nepal is meaningful and effective, and the following themes are based on conversations with development partners based in Kathmandu.

Overall, from the TAG meeting, we want attendees to come away with the feeling...

“Ah, so that’s what IATI can do....”

Local context

- Nepal is still recovering from the impact of the **April 2015 earthquake**.
- The country is changing governance from a **unitary to a federal state** consisting of three equal parts of government: federal, provincial (7 units) and local government (760+ units).

- There is a good **community of local (young) developers** in Nepal, with an interest in using open data to solve local issues. [Young Innovations](#) are leading members of that group. The TAG could act as a platform for the local developer community to discuss progress with IATI's Data Use Fund and/or encourage them to bid for funds to improve data use.
- The **Ministry of Finance are developing a new AMP** (Aid Management Platform) and a key aspect of this work is the integration of IATI data into this new system.
- Other **countries in the region** are active in IATI (Bangladesh, Myanmar).

Potential themes

From the local context above, we should consider the following specific themes that have relevance to both Nepal and global issues.

- **Integrating IATI into partner country government systems.** This theme can link with the experience of Nepal, Bangladesh and Myanmar developing and using Aid Information Systems. Discuss how the various parts of government and development partners (DPs) are using the new system and the integration of IATI into that. One of the challenges is to improve data quality, and having partner countries and development partners in the same room could help improve feedback loops. [#DataUse](#) [#DataQuality](#)
- **Using data and evidence in a country context.** How can data be used to leverage better decision making in a federal state especially at local government level. Findings from recent [Nepal research into aid data user needs](#) could support these discussions, along with experiences from other countries. [#DataUse](#) [#Results](#) [#Geocoding](#) [#Traceability](#)
- **Using IATI in humanitarian crises.** Particularly consolidating work done by UN OCHA on streamlining humanitarian assistance report across IATI and the

Financial Tracking Service, and linking to the Grand Bargain. See session pitch below.... [#Humanitarian](#) [#DataUse](#)

- **Data use to deliver on Agenda 2030** As part of the UN Secretary-General's reform of the UN Development System, UN organisations will be required to publish to IATI. Can tools such as open.undg.org help country teams partner in more meaningful ways with host countries to help them plan and achieve their development goals? Similarly, as the mobilisation of non-traditional resources are required to help deliver countries achieve their development objectives, can IATI help to complete the picture, identify where additional resources could be best targeted and to help countries to track these non-traditional flows? [#DataUse](#) [#Traceability](#)
- **Human Rights and Privacy for data.** Provide a forum for discussing the use of data particularly when dealing with privacy and protected characteristics. [#Results](#)

Session pitches

Humanitarian Crisis Room

Half-day “crisis room” workshop involving the entire TAG community and local CSOs. Scenario: a humanitarian crisis has just happened (e.g. earthquake in Nepal). Our task: fast forward through the first 2 weeks of the crisis using IATI and other data to manage the crisis. [#Humanitarian](#) [#DataUse](#)

Decimal Upgrade

Agree what is to be included in the next “tidy up” decimal upgrade. [#Standard](#)

Share your ideas/thoughts

Please provide your comments on the themes proposed in this paper, or other ideas or thoughts that you may have on the TAG 2018 meeting on IATI's online form, [Discuss](#).