IATI Budget Sub-Group Quarterly Call 20 August 2015

Attending: Martin Akerman (Chair), Frank Madsen, World Bank; Craig Fagan, Transparency International; Zefania Romalahy, Madagascar; Yohanna Loucheur, Canada; (Secretariat – Annelise Parr, Olivier Bennaim, UNDP; Argjira Belegu-Shuku, UNOPS; Joni Hillman, DI)

Sub-group members received a brief update on the status of implementation then focused discussions around the draft fundraising package prepared by the Secretariat. Feedback was also provided on the updated TORs for this sub-group, as well as on the draft TORs for the Members Advisory Group in the context of overlaps with the work of this group.

1. **IATI Fundraising and Finance Presentation**

* **The last page of section one** should be reorganized and made easier to read so the importance of voluntary contributions to the core budget stands out, clarifying that core needs to be funded first.
* **“Improving data quality and quantity” slide**
  + Needs a stronger focus on the tools to enhance the quality of the data rather than on upgrades to the Standard (which is done by different people)
  + Scope of activities: “not enough people are using the data…” no longer the case and great progress has been done on that
  + Overall, there should be a stronger focus on data publishers
  + Consider using the blank space to list activities.
* **“Increasing Partner Country engagement” slide**
  + Highlight that using the data remains difficult at the country level; while there are no tools yet for them to use this data, is it too soon to talk about this?
  + Should not forget donors as users of data: key drivers to data quality and engagement.
* **“Strengthening IATI’s brand” slide**
  + Underline the need for content translated into more languages
  + Consider moving d-portal to this slide.
* **General suggestions that could be added**
  + Slides should be numbered
  + Additional focus of the potential of in-kind contributions
  + Try to adopt a more direct language throughout the presentation, and view it from the angle of somebody looking for the first time.
  + More elaborated information behind each of the optional activities especially through a more specific breakdown on activity amounts (itemized budget) either in a page of annex or under the “activity amount” section in each slide.
  + (Debate over engaging with non-governments (corporate partners) to sponsor conferences (in exhibition halls rather than a genuine sponsorship))
  + (Finding a better marketable use of IATI data (data as a moneymaker))

1. **Terms of Reference for the Standing Sub-Group for Budget and Finance**

* 4.1.1: delete “Monitor and..”
* Make clear the role of the Standing Sub-group is to review rather than to prepare
* 4.1.3: replace “prepare written recommendation” by “make recommendation”
* 4.1.4: replace “when required” by something more accurate, along the lines of “when asked”
* 4.3: needs to spell out the underlying “rules” of the meetings: what the roles are, who takes the minutes, who submits them, how they are approved etc.

1. **Terms of Reference for the Interim IATI Members Advisory Group**

* Remove the first two bullet points in the description of the role and responsibilities of the Interim Members Advisory Group. It should indeed focus more on governance, funding and hosting arrangements
* Add a point that would describe the deliverables
* Clarify that the MAG is supposed to be an agile group acting in between SC meetings that would be involved in decision-making and oversight.
* Add information on governance: how members of the group are chosen, better define the nomination process (eg 3 constituencies and not 5 as mentioned in the document)