

IATI Members' Assembly and Community Exchange 2025

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IATI Community Exchange

Thursday 27th November 2025

Concept Note: Session 5

Emerging Tools for IATI Data: Innovations, Use Cases and Implications

Venue: **Second Room**

Simultaneous Interpretation: **English - Spanish - French**

Time: 13:45-15:15

Moderator: Steven Flower, Open Data Services (ODS), IATI Secretariat

Agenda

Time	Section	Speaker
13:45 (5 mins)	Introduction	Steven Flower, ODS
13:50 (10 mins)	ODA Forecasting	Ammar Malik, Gates Foundation
14:00 (10 mins)	FCDO's DevExplorer tool	Olivier Mills, Baobab (recorded video) and Rob Redpath, ODS
14:10 (10 mins)	The FTS-IATI Interoperability Journey	Ole Jacob Hjøllund, Danida,
14:20 (10 mins)	Moderated Discussion - General Q&A	
14:30	CheckI+ AI-Assisted Coding	Mattis Boes, GIZ; Fabio

(10 mins)		Thoma, BMZ (remote)
14:40 (10 mins)	Powering Internal Dashboards and Data Warehousing	Floor Oostwegel, RVO
14:50 (20 mins)	Moderated Discussion - Strategic Implications, Prompt Questions	
15:10 (5 mins)	Wrap Up	Steven Flower, oDS

1. Purpose of the Session

This session brings together five organisations demonstrating new tools and approaches that use IATI data to support planning, coordination and accountability. These tools stretch across AI-assisted analytics, cross-system interoperability, real-time budget analysis, national data warehousing, and automated synthesis of programme documents.

The session will:

- Highlight emerging and innovative use cases built on the IATI Standard.
- Show how tools can strengthen interoperability across humanitarian, development and national systems.
- Identify practical and strategic implications for IATI’s technical infrastructure, governance and community practice.
- Surface priorities to inform IATI’s Technology Strategy, Data-Use Strategy, and Standard Change Process.

2. Background and Strategic Context

The global transparency landscape is shifting. Development and humanitarian actors face a disrupted, uncertain and fast changing global context, across converging financial, political and technological trends. These are creating unprecedented demand for timely, interoperable, and decision-ready data.

IATI members now use the Standard not only to publish data but also to power:

- National dashboards and policy systems
- Humanitarian–development data exchange (e.g., with FTS)
- AI-enabled quality assurance and analysis
- Real-time ODA tracking using national budgets
- Automated document summarisation for knowledge management
- Evidence based decision-making and coordination across partners

This session aligns with IATI’s Strategic Plan 2026–2030, which positions IATI as essential global public infrastructure for development finance transparency. It also supports implementation of the FfD4 Seville commitments to strengthen interoperable, open data ecosystems that reinforce national systems and accountability.

The tools presented illustrate a common direction: A shift from static publication to dynamic, machine-readable, interoperable data services.

3. Session Structure

Presentation 1: Gates Foundation: Real-Time Tracking and Forecasting of ODA Using National Budgets and IATI

Presenter: Ammar Malik, Gates Foundation

- A strategic reflection on whether IATI can shift focus from recent and retrospective reporting to real-time and forward looking policy relevance, and what improvements would further enable this transformation.

Presentation 2: DevExplorer - A Tool to Unlock Information from IATI Programme Documents

Presenter: Oliver Mills, Baobab (video message); Rob Redpath, ODS

- An example of how structured programme documents in IATI can unlock new knowledge management and analysis capabilities, reducing duplication and improving the utility of IATI for internal decision-making.

Presentation 3: Danida: The FTS–IATI Interoperability Journey

Presenter: Ole Jacob Hjøllund, Danida, Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- Beyond the technical steps, Danida will emphasise the broader implications: reducing reporting burdens, improving humanitarian data timeliness, and why donor investment in IATI infrastructure is essential to scaling interoperability across systems.

10 Mins Open Discussion Round 1 - General Q&A

- Moderated by Steven Flower

Presentation 4 – BMZ: CheckI+ AI-Assisted Coding for Better IATI Data

Presenter: Mattis Boes, GIZ, and remote introduction by Fabio Thoma, BMZ

- This presentation illustrates how AI can strengthen data quality and consistency across the system, while maintaining professional oversight. It raises key governance considerations for integrating AI into the IATI ecosystem responsibly.
- A demonstration **video** will be played as part of the presentation

Presentation 5: RVO (Netherlands Enterprise Agency): Using IATI to Power Internal Dashboards and Data Warehousing

Presenter: Floor Oostwegel, RVO

- A demonstration of how national governments can use IATI to strengthen internal decision-making, highlighting what is possible when donor-side systems and the IATI Standard evolve together.

20 Mins Open Discussion Round 2: Strategic Implications for the IATI Community

Moderator: Steven Flower, ODS

Cross-Cutting Themes

- What common challenges do these tools reveal about interoperability across systems?
- How do we ensure innovations strengthen, rather than fragment, national data ecosystems?
- What governance arrangements are needed for responsible AI use across the IATI community?
- What incentives are required for donors and multilaterals to invest in IATI infrastructure?
- How can successes like Danida–FTS interoperability be scaled to other humanitarian platforms?

Looking Ahead

- How should IATI evolve to support automated use cases, real-time analysis, and cross-platform data flows?
- What improvements to identifiers, metadata, timeliness, and documentation would most enable innovators?
- Where should IATI position itself within broader data reform agendas?

7. Expected Outcomes

By the end of the session, participants will have:

- A shared understanding of emerging use cases and innovations built on IATI data
- Insight into the strategic drivers behind interoperability efforts such as the FTS–IATI pilot
- Clear priorities for strengthening IATI’s technical infrastructure, APIs, metadata and governance
- Identified pathways for scaling government dashboards, automated tools, and cross-system data exchange
- Practical recommendations for the next phase of IATI’s Technology Strategy and Data-Use Strategy
- Stronger connections across the community of data producers, users, analysts and policymakers

Note Takers:

The meeting will be captured by audio recording, auto-transcription and the Secretariat team will work to take note of the discussions.