

## Messages from the International Aid Transparency Initiative ([IATI](#)) to the 2023 United Nations High-Level Political Forum ([HLPF](#))

**10 - 20 July 2023, New York**

*The HLPF is the central United Nations platform for the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the global level.*

- In order to meet the 2023 High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) theme of, ‘*Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels*’, open, transparent data on development and humanitarian activities and progress being made on the ground are critical. Increased availability and transparency of development cooperation data is not an end in itself, but an essential step towards improving the coordination, accountability and effectiveness of development resources to maximise their impact and support achievement of national (and international) development goals, including the SDGs, and to help the world ‘build back better’ from the economic and social after-effects of the global COVID-19 pandemic.
- Across the world, governments and other development stakeholders are systematically making more (and more relevant) data more open and accessible, providing a valuable asset for social and economic transformation, and increased resiliency. Data collected and shared by these stakeholders, including by publishing to the [International Aid Transparency Initiative](#) (IATI), can support positive development outcomes by enhancing service delivery, prioritising scarce resources, holding governments accountable and empowering individual citizens. In addition, this data supports evidence-based decision-making by development and humanitarian stakeholders.
- Transparent, easily accessible, comparable data on development and humanitarian cooperation activities is critical for better partnerships and a more sustainable future, allowing data users to see **which** development or humanitarian activities are taking place and **where** they are taking place; which **organisations** are funding and implementing these activities; and how much money is budgeted, committed and spent.
- [Voluntary National Reviews \(VNRs\)](#) are a critical component of monitoring and evaluating our collective successes and challenges in meeting the ambitions of the SDGs. IATI data can provide a critical input to assessing financing flows, the scale and impact of development and humanitarian funding, and existence of both traditional and

emerging typologies of development partnerships. Countries undertaking VNRs should consider using IATI data when preparing their future reviews, and the IATI Secretariat stands ready and willing to support this process (for more information, please contact IATI Secretariat support at [support@iatistandard.org](mailto:support@iatistandard.org)).

- IATI's suite of data access tools provides critical access to development and humanitarian cooperation data from more than [1,500 organisations](#) who have published to IATI. They include:
  - [d-portal](#), which allows users to explore and visualise IATI data, and is especially useful for deep-diving into a specific activity published to IATI.
  - [Country Development Finance Data](#) (CDFD), designed in close consultation with partner country stakeholders, which allows users to download simple, Excel-formatted IATI data on commitments, disbursements and expenditures, as well as forward-looking budgets, presented simply by country and region.
  - [Datastore Search](#), which allows users who are more familiar with the IATI data Standard to query the entirety of the IATI dataset.

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**Join the HLPF in-person and virtually! Check out the following events that may be of interest to the IATI, open data and development cooperation communities:**



**[LocalCoalition2030 Special Event: Actions, Solutions, and Partnerships to Foster Multi-Level Governance and Unlock Financing to Accelerate SDG Localisation](#)**

**12 July: 3:00-5:00pm EDT, UN HQ Conference Room 6 (HLPF passholders only) or via [live stream](#)**

This special event aims to foster greater collaboration, drive transformative actions and solutions and pave the way to accelerate SDG localisation. To this end, the session will:

- Explore the principles and models of multilevel governance, emphasising its importance for efficient policy-making, service delivery, and cohesive leadership across various levels of governance.
- Highlight the significance of financing for the SDGs at the local level and the need to mobilise resources for effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda.
- Facilitate dialogue and collaboration among government representatives from all levels, private sector, civil society organisations and international institutions to develop transformative partnerships for delivering the SDGs.

- Discuss policy guidance and best practices for multilevel governance and financing frameworks that support SDG localisation.



**[Launch of 2023 Civil Society Partnership for Development Effectiveness \(CPDE\) Voluntary National Review Study](#)**

**14 July: 1:30-3:00pm EDT UN HQ DC-1, 18th floor**

**Sign up for hybrid participation via [this link](#), or [here](#) to attend in person.**

The event will launch the new CPDE report entitled ‘*A race against time and tide: The 2023 CPDE study on the VNRs and SDG implementation*’, which looks at the progress of development planning and SDG integration at the national and local levels, the extent of stakeholder engagement mechanisms across countries, the transparency and accountability measures of governments and the results attained so far. The event welcomes all development stakeholders, including multilaterals, local and national governments, trade unions, foundations and the private sector, as well as members of the press.



**[‘Unleashing the Power of Collaboration: Boosting Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships and Engagement for the 2030 Agenda,’](#) hosted by United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs**  
**17 July, 2-3:00pm, UN HQ Conference Room 11 (HLPF passholders only) or [via UN Webcast](#)**

[This VNR Lab](#) will provide a timely opportunity to discuss challenges, share lessons learned and good practices as well as report on innovative tools to strengthen and facilitate meaningful multi-stakeholder partnerships and engagement more systematically throughout the VNR process and beyond. In addition, the VNR Lab will identify what additional (financial) support is required and explore how such support could be scaled up to ensure an accelerated recovery from COVID-19 and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda at all levels.



**[Provoking Action: How Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships Lead to Change at Country Level,](#) hosted by the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation and Sida**

**18 July: 8:00-9:30am EST**

**UN HQ Conference Room C (HLPF passholders only) or via live stream ([register to attend](#) for live steam link)**

This 2023 High-Level Political Forum side event will:

- Highlight the importance of effective development cooperation as a key enabler to advance SDG implementation at country level;

- Raise awareness to strengthen multistakeholder partnerships as a means for more effective development cooperation;
- Promote the importance of renewing the commitment to the development effectiveness principles; and
- Demonstrate how the new monitoring of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation can promote accountability and learning for more effective development co-operation and how the monitoring results feed into national SDGs reporting processes, such as Voluntary National Reviews.



**[SDG Global Business Forum, 'Think Globally, Act Locally'](#)**

**18 July: 8:30-9:30am EST**

**Live stream (register for virtual session [here](#))**

In advance of the SDG Summit, focused on people and re-inspiring enthusiasm and action for the second half of the 2030 Agenda, this virtual hour will go around the world to feature local impact stories and new opportunities for accelerating the SDGs based on current projects connected to the SDGs under review at the 2023 High-Level Political Forum. Through dialogue, collective planning and implementation at the country level, UN Resident Coordinators, Employers Federations/Chambers and Global Compact Local Networks can effectuate progress towards the SDGs. Hear local stories from our partners in numerous countries on their journey towards progress confronting the many challenges, as well as updates from the LDC+5 Private Sector Forum and Regional Forums on Sustainable Development.

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