



Meeting of IATI Steering Committee Members and Observers – 1-2 June 2015

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Paper 2: GOVERNANCE WORKSHOP SESSIONS C1/D1

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Tailored governance structures are essential for the effective, transparent and accountable evolution of IATI. These structures need to be designed in such a way that they underpin the organisation's strategic direction and its ability to adjust to the changing context in which it operates.

This session begins by looking at how the governance and membership structure has evolved since IATI was established in 2008. Participants are invited to begin by considering what has worked well at the different stages of IATI's development and what has not worked well. Keeping these discussions in mind participants will look at ways in which governance arrangements may need to change to keep ahead of IATI's needs over the next 3-5 years and beyond, to address issues of expanding membership, ensuring participatory decision-making processes, and adequate resourcing. Members' knowledge of similar multi-stakeholder initiatives will be valuable in coming up with recommendations for any changes considered important to situate IATI well for a sustainable future.

The output of this workshop session will be one of the data sources available to the Evaluation Team within the context of the current evaluation of IATI.

Guiding questions:

Inclusivity

1. Have the governance needs changed with the expansion of member numbers, or are those structures already in place adequately meeting the needs of members?
2. Can the level of inclusivity particularly around decision-making be maintained as IATI expands further?
3. How can the governing structures enhance the ownership of and commitment to IATI by its members?
4. Is the representation in the Secretariat and the Steering Committee proportionate across constituencies? What can be done to facilitate and encourage greater participation by all members (in SC, in sub-groups, in overall decision-making)?

Strategic guidance and decision-making

5. What mechanisms might be put in place for ensuring inclusivity in both operational guidance and strategic decision-making, particularly during the periods between Steering Committees?

6. Given the good rate of response to the recent survey it seems that virtual discussions would be well received. Is this an area in which members would be keen to contribute? Guest moderators on monthly discussions for example?

Hosting

7. Should IATI have a permanent home beyond the current hosting arrangements? What are the considerations around how this might look and what process is proposed for getting there?
8. What value would IATI gain over the longer term as a legal entity?

Membership

9. On the question of membership and related fees, is there a call for having different levels of membership for different service levels, with corresponding tiered membership rates?
10. In what circumstances and for what period should 'Observer' status remain an option for those choosing not to contribute financially to IATI?
11. Is there a good way in which different levels of membership can be achieved by reference to political engagement together with a strong track record on data publication – some sort of mark of quality?