



Meeting of IATI Steering Committee Members and Observers – 1-2 June 2015
The Shaw Centre, 55 Colonel By Drive, Ottawa, Ontario

Paper 5: For Information - Meeting of Open Data Standard bodies on Joined-Up Data, 30 May 2015

The purpose of this note is to alert Steering Committee members to the fact that the IATI Secretariat, along with representatives of the Humanitarian Exchange Language (HXL), the Open Contracting Data Standard (OCDS) and OpenCorporates, will be co-hosting a meeting with other open data standards bodies in the margins of the Ottawa Open Data Conference on 30th May 2015.

The purpose of the meeting is to explore how standards bodies can collaborate in finding common solutions to common problems and ensure that, where applicable, the data that each produces is compatible and can be joined up to maximise its accessibility and effectiveness. The potential benefits of collaboration to IATI include:

- the ability to share learning with others working in similar areas
- a collective approach to the problem of organisation identifiers
- inter-operability with other standards
- promotion of wider use of IATI data

As a first step the meeting will explore the possibility of drafting a formal memorandum of understanding between standards bodies, to be taken back to their respective governing bodies for ratification.

Feedback from the meeting will be circulated afterwards and presented to the IATI Steering Committee on Tuesday 2 June for discussion.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE

No action is required from the Steering Committee. This paper is for information only.