Side Event at the 4th International Conference on Financing for Development

Data as Dialogue: Unlocking Interoperability for Financing Sustainable Development

12:30pm – 2:00pm, Wednesday 2nd July, 2025

Room 10, FIBES Sevilla Exhibition and Conference Centre

Time	Segment
12:30pm	**Welcome**
12:35pm	**Key Note Opening:** Ambassador Adam Umar Bako, Director, Second United Nations Division, International Organisations Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nigeria
12:45pm	**High-Level Panel:** • **Yemsrach Assefa Workie**, Executive Director, International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) • **Dr. Bärbel Kofler**, Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, Government of Germany • **Dr. Tony Swan,** Director of Development Economics Section, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Government of Australia • **Henry Asor Nkang,** Country Manager for the Aid Information Management System (AIMS), Federal Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning in Nigeria • **Alexandre Dayant**, senior economist and Deputy Director of the Indo-Pacific Development Centre, Lowy Institute
1:20pm	**Open Discussion**
1:45pm	**Closing Remarks: Dr Anne Aly MP,** Minister for Small Business, Minister for International Development and Minister for Multicultural Affairs, of the Government of Australia
2:00pm	**End**

Co-Hosts:

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Government of Australia; The Federal Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning, Government of Nigeria; Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Government of Germany; Lowy Institute; International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI)

About

This side event brings together governments, international organizations, and policy innovators to explore how ***open, interoperable data platforms and standards can improve data sharing and accessibility, addressing challenges for developing countries*** **(Compromiso de Sevilla, para 64,c)**. It will spotlight ways in which public and private actors can contribute to, and benefit from, a more coherent and transparent financial data ecosystem—one that links upstream commitments with downstream delivery and puts actionable, real-time information in the hands of all stakeholders, decision-makers and policy makers.

The International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) offers a concrete solution: a globally recognised open data standard and a multi-stakeholder governance model already used by over **1,700** organisations. As a shared infrastructure that enables financial data to flow across systems and sectors—from bilateral donors to national treasuries, and from NGOs to private investors—IATI plays a vital role in creating a more connected and accountable global financing.

IATI recognised in Compromiso de Sevilla

As recognised in the FFD4 Final Draft Outcome Document [para 40.(d)iv.], the *International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) fosters transparency of development cooperation*.

IATI strengthens development cooperation architectures at both national and global levels, enabling synergies across existing platforms and forums, enhancing coherence, effectiveness, accountability and impact of development cooperation; and supporting policy guidance and recommendations.

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