

# Strengthening the IATI Community to maximise impact

Steven Flower, IATI Members' Assembly, Brussels, 11 Sept  
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### Board Paper: Strengthening the IATI Community to maximise impact

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#### Purpose

As highlighted in the IATI Strategic Plan 2020 - 2025, a strong and engaged community sits at the heart of IATI and will play a central role in realising the 2020 - 2025 strategy. Input from diverse members of the community is recognised as particularly important for the development of the IATI Standard, guidance and associated tools. This paper builds on the ideas outlined in the Strategic Plan and puts forward specific recommendations on strengthening the IATI Community for **discussion and decision** by the Members' Assembly.

A long time ago in a galaxy far,  
far away....

# There was some (standardised) data!



## PUBLISHERS

There are **5** publishers.

| Title   | Number of activity records | Description |
|---|----------------------------|-------------|
| Australian Agency for International Development | 1                          |             |
| Department for International Development        | 118                        |             |
| Development Initiatives Poverty Research        | 1                          |             |
| The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation        | 2                          |             |
| The World Bank                                  | 144                        |             |

IATI Registry, ~2011

# There was the Technical Advisory Group!



Cookham, UK, ~2012

It was a Group!

It gave Advice!

It talked Technical!

## IATI XML Schema Tutorial

This document provides a tutorial introduction to the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) XML schemas, release 20100707 (version 1.01). The intended audience is information-technology specialists and managers who are implementing or evaluating the IATI XML document types. Readers should have a basic working knowledge of XML and some familiarity with common concepts in the world of international development or humanitarian aid.

This tutorial is a supplement to the detailed schema reference documentation available online at <http://www.iatistandard.org/>. In case of disagreement, the schema reference documentation — not this tutorial — is the authoritative source.

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# The TAG shapes the standard.

## IATI Consultations Archive

Live discussions and consultations can be found at [discuss.iatistandard.org](http://discuss.iatistandard.org).

### 1.02 First Decimal Upgrade

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Changes to be implemented in the first decimal upgrade of the Standard. First consultation on these proposed changes (minor bug fixes, codelist and schema amends) is open until 5pm 31 August 2012. See our timetable for the implementation of changes here: <http://wiki.iatistandard.org/standard/revision/1.02> (<http://wiki.iatistandard.org/standard/revision/1.02>)

# The TAG informs the standard.



**Yohanna Loucheur**

September 23, 2014 22:03

I only became aware of these proposed changes today through the very helpful summary document distributed by the Secretariat.

As part of the fusion of CIDA and DFAIT, we are in the process of merging our management systems. This will likely result in all x-CIDA projects getting new project numbers - hence new activity-identifiers.

While such situations will hopefully not happen very often, other publishers may find themselves in a similar situation. What would the solution be? Should we include in the codelist "Previous Activity Identifier"?

Comment actions



**Bill Anderson**

September 25, 2014 08:33

Yohanna, you are right. You are in a special case having already traveled this path, but it may well apply to others who have absolutely no option but to change activity identifiers.

I agree we should add "Previous Activity Identifier" to the codelist.

For implementation see: <https://github.com/IATI/IATI-Codelists/issues/68>

# The TAG safeguards the standard.



Standards Day Notes



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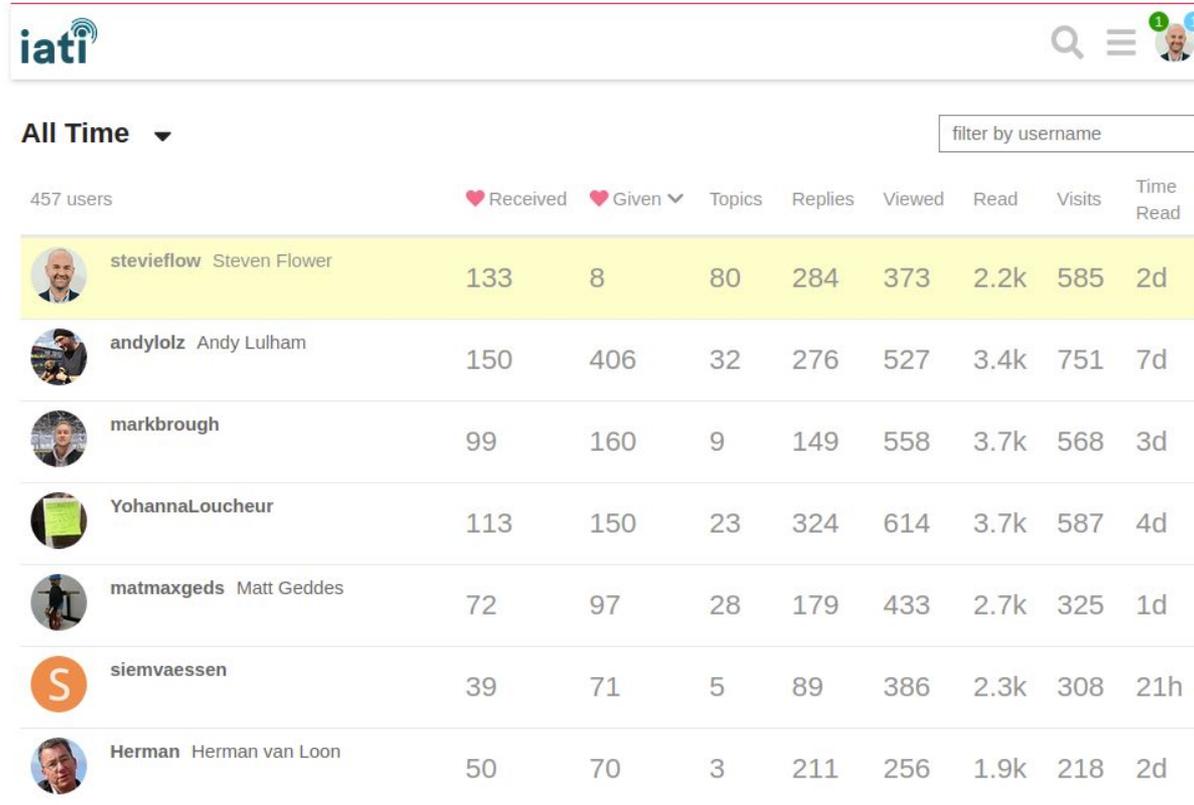
100%

Comment only

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| 1 | Slide No. | Paper                | Link  | Issue                          | Type      | Version | Proposal   | Outcome         | Next Step   |
| 6 | 7         | Rules and Guidelines | <a href="http://bit.ly/2mi8W6A">http://bit.ly/2mi8W6A</a> | Implementation Schedules       | Guideline | 2.03    | The need to produce and maintain an implementation schedule should no longer be a requirement of IATI publishing.                            | Consult further | The wording of the proposal needs to change and further discussion on how the information previously captured in the implementation schedule can added to the IATI Registry. IATI tech team to take forward for further consultation and change wording of this proposal. |
| 7 | 7.1       | Rules and Guidelines | <a href="http://bit.ly/2mi8W6A">http://bit.ly/2mi8W6A</a> | Implementation Schedules       | Guideline | 2.03    | Publishers should improve and regularly maintain the content of all fields in their IATI Registry publishing accounts.                       | Consult further |   |
| 8 | 8         | Rules and Guidelines | <a href="http://bit.ly/2mi8W6A">http://bit.ly/2mi8W6A</a> | IATI Registry Publisher Status | Action    | ?       | Introduce a new IATI Registry status of 'Dormant' for all accounts where no new information has been added within the most recent 12 months. | Consult further | New wording to be suggested for the "Publisher Status" that can replace dormant. IATI tech team to take forward for further consultation.   |

# The TAG \*loves\* IATI



The screenshot shows the IATI TAG user profile page. At the top left is the IATI logo. On the right, there are search and menu icons, and a user profile icon with a notification badge. Below the header, there is a dropdown menu set to "All Time" and a search box labeled "filter by username". The main content is a table of users with columns for "Received", "Given", "Topics", "Replies", "Viewed", "Read", "Visits", and "Time Read". The first user, Steven Flower (stevieflo), is highlighted in yellow.

| 457 users  |                                | Received | Given | Topics | Replies | Viewed | Read | Visits | Time Read |
|--|--------------------------------|----------|-------|--------|---------|--------|------|--------|-----------|
|   | <b>stevieflo</b> Steven Flower | 133      | 8     | 80     | 284     | 373    | 2.2k | 585    | 2d        |
|   | <b>andyloz</b> Andy Lulham     | 150      | 406   | 32     | 276     | 527    | 3.4k | 751    | 7d        |
|   | <b>markbrough</b>              | 99       | 160   | 9      | 149     | 558    | 3.7k | 568    | 3d        |
|   | <b>YohannaLoucheur</b>         | 113      | 150   | 23     | 324     | 614    | 3.7k | 587    | 4d        |
|   | <b>matmaxgeds</b> Matt Geddes  | 72       | 97    | 28     | 179     | 433    | 2.7k | 325    | 1d        |
|   | <b>siemvaessen</b>             | 39       | 71    | 5      | 89      | 386    | 2.3k | 308    | 21h       |
|  | <b>Herman</b> Herman van Loon  | 50       | 70    | 3      | 211     | 256    | 1.9k | 218    | 2d        |

IATI \*loves\* the TAG



Meanwhile in IATI...

We *all* got **busy**

More publishers

More versions

More requirements

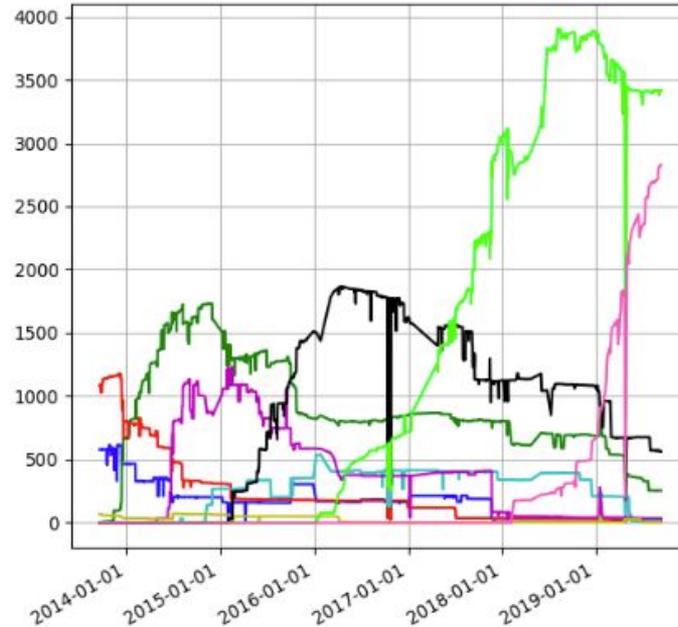
More rules

More difference

## Files per version (expected)

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Count of files per IATI version, over time. Expected: these are actual versions of the IATI Standard.



# The **Group**...

... increased

... diversified

... complicated



## The **Advice**...

... increased

... diversified

... complicated



## The **Technical...**

... increased

... diversified

... complicated



2011...

**A** Technical **A**dvisory **G**roup

2011...

2019...

**A Technical Advisory Group**

2011...

**A Technical Advisory Group**

2019...

**A Diverse & Concurrent  
Community of People with  
Opinions, Experience, &  
Insights to Share on the  
Implementation, Direction &  
Architecture of a Global  
Open Data Standard**

2011...

2019...

**TAG**

2011...

**TAG**

2019...

**DCCPOEISIDAGODS ?**

What do we do **next**?

Reform the old TAG?

Ignore any issues and hope they will go away?



# As members of IATI we need...

... a way to seek and gather and **specialist advice**...

... a mechanism via which our communities can **share, learn, interact** and **grow**...



... so that we can **deliver the Strategic Plan**

Paper: **Strengthening** what we have.

# Tasked *Working* Groups

Mandated by the MA / Board

Specific issues

Emphasis on deliverables

Time-bound



# Communities of *Practice*

Needs based

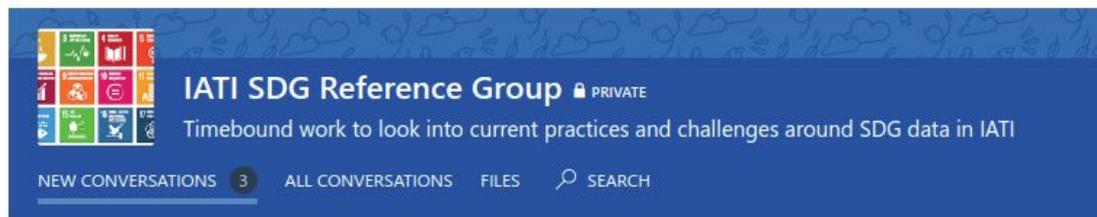
Community driven

Open ended

Emphasis on learning



# We have precedent



The screenshot shows the header of a private Facebook group titled "IATI SDG Reference Group". To the left of the title is a grid of 16 icons representing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The group description reads: "Timebound work to look into current practices and challenges around SDG data in IATI". Below the description are navigation tabs: "NEW CONVERSATIONS" (with a badge showing '3'), "ALL CONVERSATIONS", "FILES", and "SEARCH".

 Update  Question  Poll  Praise

Share something with this group...



NEW CONVERSATIONS

[Clear New](#)



**Petya Kangalova** [Follow](#) – September 6 at 04:18 PM

Hi everyone,

Quick update on progress with the SDG guidance before the IATI Members' Assembly:

1. The final agreed guidance (<https://docs.google.com/document/d/11vsqHc-mdAYUCqrrGCaCTFxu48oD3VvBVSIY9Q3ideo/edit#>) will be IATI branded (Rohini Simbodyal) and added to the IATI reference site by next Tuesday 10th of September.
2. [Wendy Thomas](#) will talk very briefly about the work of the SDG group, the new guidance and call for members to commit to publishing SDG data. This will happen at the end of t...

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# We are in good company



## About W3C WAI

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## WAI Working Groups and Interest Groups

WAI has Working Groups developing accessibility guidelines and related work, and Interest Groups providing a forum for discussing Web accessibility issues. [Participating in WAI](#) describes generally how to participate in WAI work. To find out more about participating in a specific WAI group, see the group's home page linked below. WAI working groups often have Task Forces operating under them; see Task Force link below.

### [Accessibility Guidelines Working Group \(AG WG\) \(formerly WCAG WG\)](#)

AG WG develops guidelines to make web content accessible for people with disabilities, and develops implementation support materials for the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines.

### [Accessible Platform Architectures \(APA\)](#)

APA reviews specifications, develops technical support materials, collaborates with other Working Groups on technology accessibility, and coordinates harmonized accessibility strategies within W3C.

# Questions to consider, today

(We won't get to a whole list of groups and communities in the next x minutes)

1. Are these the right tools (to help us with the SP)?



2. What do groups need (to help us with the SP)?



3. How do we put this together (to help us with the SP)?

