



IATI Community Exchange Session #7: Technical Working Group: The State of the Standard

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Session setup

This session aims to be an open and interactive discussion, hosted by the newly formed IATI Technical Working Group. We request everyone in the technical community to join and contribute.

This session is a follow up from Session #5 (Technical Working Group: inventory of technical use cases).

Session outline 1/2

The IATI Standard turned 12 last month. The current version, 2.03, is five years old. The last meetings discussing the Standard were Zanzibar in 2017 and Copenhagen in 2019. High time to see where we stand. We will ask questions like: where does the IATI Standard stand? Which elements are published, which are not? Which elements are used, which are not?

We will revisit known debates, unclarities, redundancies, and which areas need attention in the coming years. Please help us prioritise these areas during this session.

Session outline 2/2

In this session we like to focus on the state of the standard, its guidance and have a brief look at a previous major upgrade for the IATI standard. Finally we would like to assess the potential of AI (Artificial Intelligence) on helping shape the standard.

- Reviewing the IATI data standard
- How are the IATI elements used in the data?
- Reviewing & revisiting current IATI guidance
- What was the process with upgrading version 1.X - 2.X
- Are there other data standards that IATI can link to?
- AI and IATI

Reviewing the IATI data standard

- Pain points that need a solution:
 - ◆ No data standard/guidance on data use
 - ◆ Code lists
 - TOSD codes (7 digits) - purpose codes
 - Issues with codelist - how to solve them, identify issues first
 - MappingCodeLists as a service as a service (MCLaaS)
 - ◆ Double counting
 - Find consensus on how to do this better / what is the best way to solve this through updated guidance and/or create better guidance for better understanding on how to publish your data
 - ◆ Org id's
 - Should be solved in the organisation standard? Revisit the focus to potentially tackle this issue. It's unlikely this will solve the issue. As the problem is wider, the optimal solution would be to have a global registry for organisation id's.
 - ORGid is a small project but we could extend involvement and see how we can put this forward
 - ◆ Budget periods & budget definition (guidance update needed)
 - ◆ Stop promoting elements not in use on the iatistandard.org website
 - ◆ Locations and results elements are difficult to use
- Make it more clear / communicate the mandatory version of the standard
- Expected outcomes

Reviewing & revisiting current IATI guidance

- Identify IATI guidance
- Review IATI guidance available

What was the process with upgrading version 1.X - 2.X

- Looking back on this specific upgrade process
- Best current practices for upgrading data standards
- Impact

Are there other data standards that IATI can link to?

→ Good suggestions:

◆ Simplify the standard (FCDO)



→ What is the objective of linking to other data standards / initiatives

→ What are the potential benefits for this?

AI and IATI

- IATI in the age of AI
- Potential impact of AI on IATI

How are the IATI elements used in the data?

The D-Portal-Logs project shows a good overview of percentages show us how much a certain element is used in activity or organisation data. It is useful to see how popular which elements are so we know what data is being published and used by publishers when reporting them.

This could help us identify the usefulness of the elements used in the IATI standard.

Visit https://xriss.github.io/D-Portal-Logs/xpath_all.html
or use the QR code for fast access



Next steps

- Identify best practices for change management for data standards
- Different use cases means different use of fields: IATI guidance / templates?
- XML = extendable - how? What is the guidance on this? Do we need this?
- Demystify use of IATI standard and use
- Review the pain points.
- Scope a work plan / draft a roadmap
- Provide a draft timeline for this work
- Look at the outcome of data use and how we relate to this thinking
- Loopback to the Governing Board



ANY QUESTIONS

Next sessions begin at 14:30 CET



Technical Working Group: the State of the Standard

STAY IN ROOM: Pacific Ocean (in-person)



Simplifying IATI data: Training on how to access and analyze IATI data for common use cases

Followed by:

Accessing IATI data using Datastore Search and the Datastore API: finding the data you need to do your own analysis

GO TO: Auditorium 3 (hybrid)