Update on IATI activities - Jan-Mar 2017
Prepared for 4 April 2017 Board meeting

This is provided to update the Board on the status of delivery since the last Board meeting. The update covers the period 26 January - 4 April.

Workplan area	Activity	Guidance required
1 - Promoting Data Use	- DI IATI data use report published with key recommendations to the IATI community. Accompanying blog provided for IATI by co-author, Wilbrod Ntawiha. - Verbal and written briefing provided to Sierra Leone govt. at TAG 2017 on data use, in preparation for meeting with the President's office and broadcast programme. - Elements of data use strategy will be developed over next few months, drawing on data use report, insight research and other information; Further consultation and feedback with Board and Secretariat; Presented to MA meeting. - Consultation on IATI data use tools undertaken at the TAG and will feed into tools roadmaps. - New guidance will be key part of new online offer, informed by insight interviews with users at the TAG and from other sources.	
2 - Improving IATI data quality, breadth and depth	- There were 17 new publishers in this period, with the most high profile being the International Finance Corporation (IFC) - UN Development System has published UN pooled fund data to IATI for the first time, bringing to light a large segment of data on UN operational activities not previously published on IATI	
3 - Maintaining and Strengthening IATI	Technical systems development plan is being developed following feedback gathered at the TAG	

Systems	● The Technical Team will meet with DAC colleagues in May to improve understanding of each other's work and agree ways of working at the technical level (e.g. code list management).	
4 - Communications & Outreach	● IATI Annual Report 2016 published (EN, FR, ES), with accompanying blog showing $146bn reporting to IATI in 2016, 40% increase in publishers, and vast improvements in data quality ● Website/Brand project research at TAG 2017: Francophone focus group, UN agency focus group, 25 people took part in one-to-one interviews, 6 usability sessions held, data use tools consultation workshops (Over 50 people participated). Members of the Governing Board will be contacted for a one-to-one phone/Skype interview with the agency (We Are Snook) to feed into this research ● IFC, Netherlands Enterprise Agency and Italian Agency for Cooperation and Development (AICS) joined IATI	
5 - Institutional Arrangements	● Financial position here. Income through membership fees and voluntary contributions has $1.61m (fees) and $483,000 (CV), bringing the total income for Year 4 to $2.1m. ● MDBs have joined in a letter to the Board to request negotiation on fees ● TAG meeting took place in Dar es Salaam, attended by a record 137 participants from 36 different countries. Almost 70% of participants were attending their first ever TAG and there was stronger attendance from African governments and civil society than at previous meetings. John Adams (DFID) was re-elected as Chair of the TAG	Discussion on MDB fees is a separate agenda item April 4