

IATI Technical Advisory Group 2018 - participant feedback

Introduction

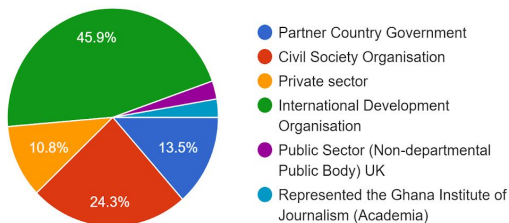
The latest IATI Technical Advisory Group (TAG) meeting was held on 13-15 November in Kathmandu, Nepal. The TAG is a diverse group of technical experts, open data advocates, and data publishers and users from across the world who meet annually to improve the use of IATI data for partner countries.

After the 2018 TAG, an online survey was circulated to participants in order to gauge overall experience and strengthen the substantive organisation of future meetings. Feedback from the survey will also be discussed at IATI's next Governing Board meeting.

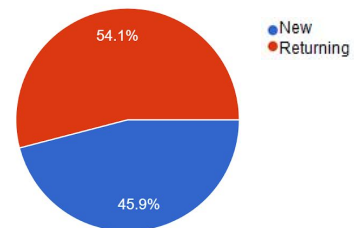
Survey respondents

37 participants took part in the TAG 2018 survey, which is a 51% increase compared to the 2017 survey. Thank you to everyone who responded with their feedback.

Respondent by organisation type:



New vs. returning TAG participant:



Summary of comments

Participants' impressions of the TAG meeting were largely positive, with nearly 78% of survey respondents rating the meeting a 7/10 or above on overall experience. However, participants unanimously agreed that it was a challenge to meet the needs of the very diverse TAG community, which is no longer a small group of IATI technical experts. Discussions were viewed as too general to accommodate newcomers and / or too technical for many participants to follow.

Session formats received mixed reviews, however, overall, participants found open space sessions, plenaries and lightning talks more informative, and the presentations and workshops less so. There were also numerous suggestions on improving TAG sessions including setting clear objectives and outcomes, hosting more 'ice-breakers', increasing the interactive nature of the meeting and allowing more time for discussions.

Many respondents suggested a stronger focus on addressing the key objective around data use, including the observation that participants at the meeting were still too focused on publisher

issues. There were calls for more discussion on how to use IATI data, how to build capacity around data use and advocacy for accountable aid delivery. Other participants called for a stronger technical focus for the meeting, with a suggestion of reintroducing Standards Day, a highlight of the 2017 TAG in Tanzania.

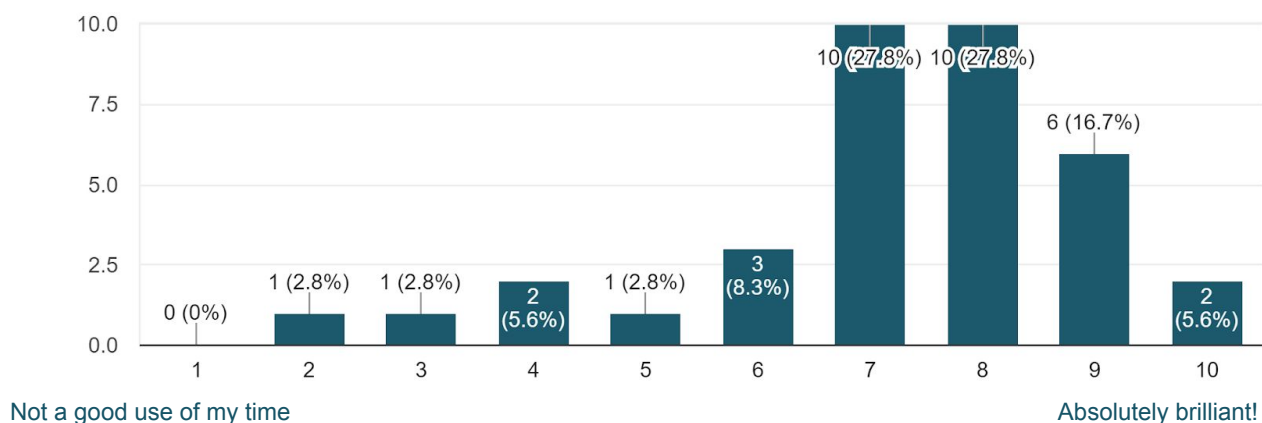
Respondents also raised a wide range of logistical issues and suggestions within the free text comment boxes, including:

- A stronger agenda focus on topics and issues that related directly to the region and local actors to justify the location choice;
- The length of travel time leading to difficulties for some participants dealing with jet lag;
- Calls for the agenda planning process to start earlier to foster further collaboration and preparation before the meeting;
- Lack of French translation which led to the alienation of some francophone members.

Raw survey results

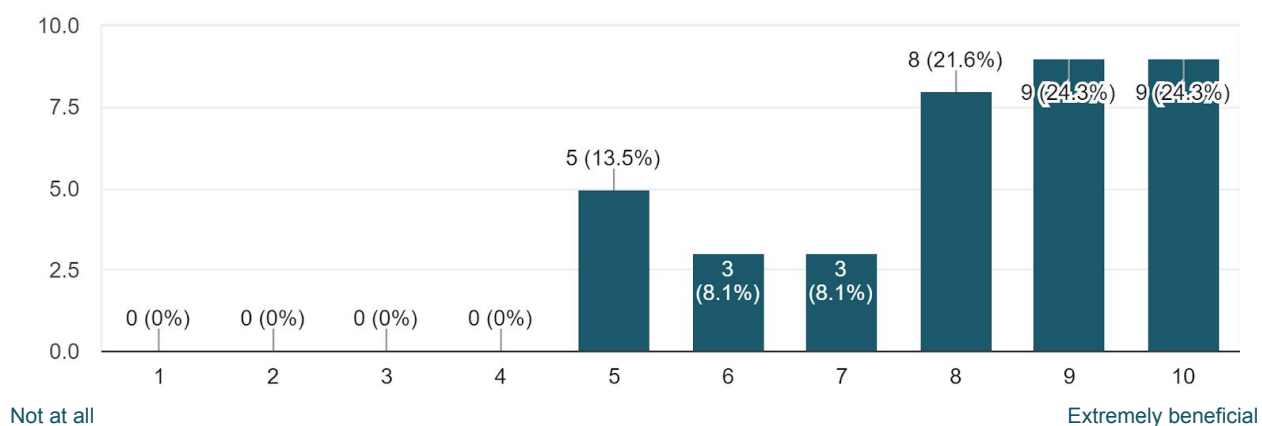
2. My overall impression of the TAG meeting was...

36 responses



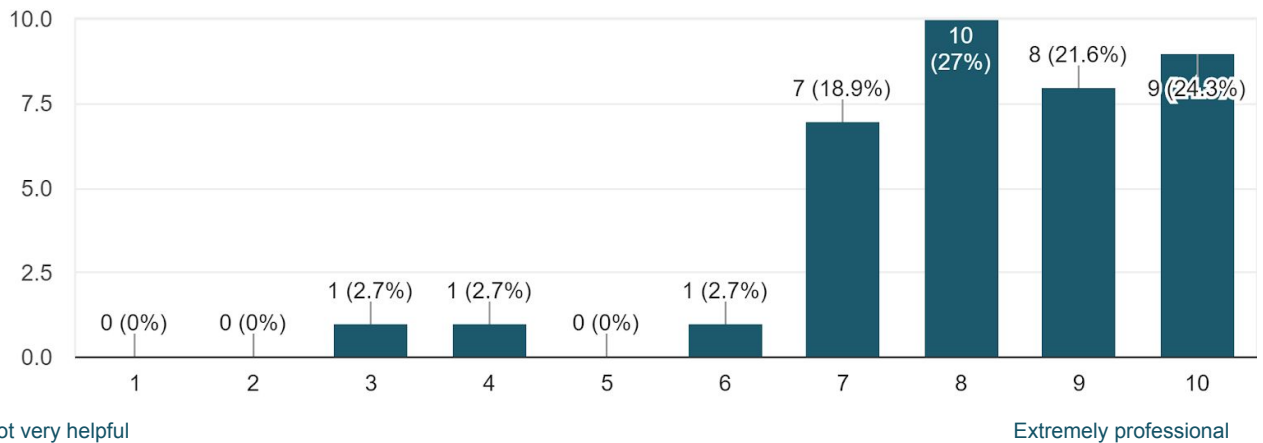
3. Do you see hosting the TAG in a partner country as beneficial?

37 responses



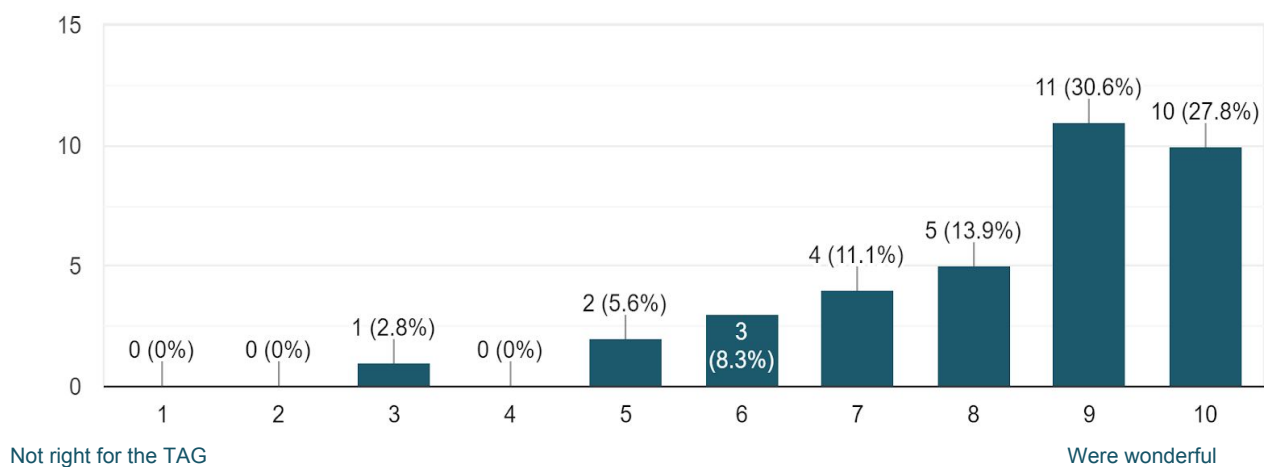
4. Communications and support from the IATI Secretariat ahead of the meeting were...

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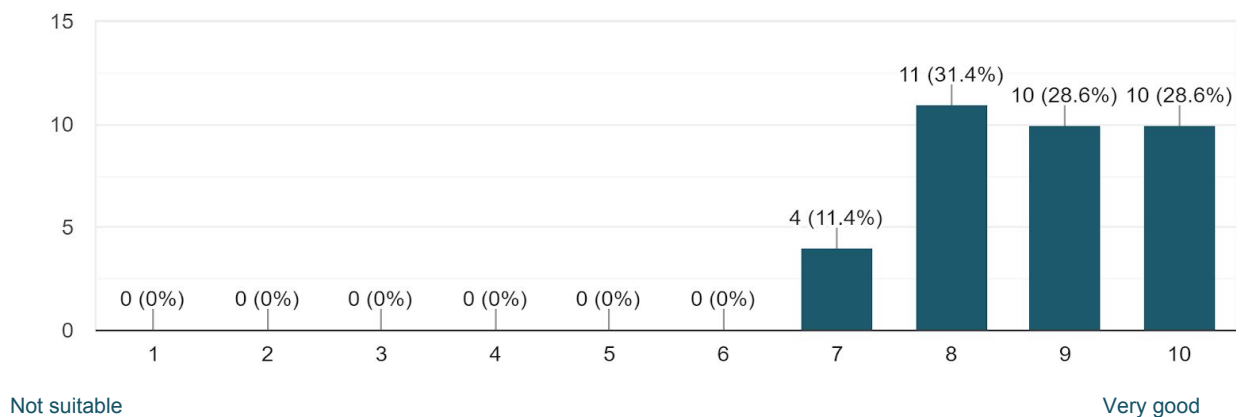
5. The conference facilities were...

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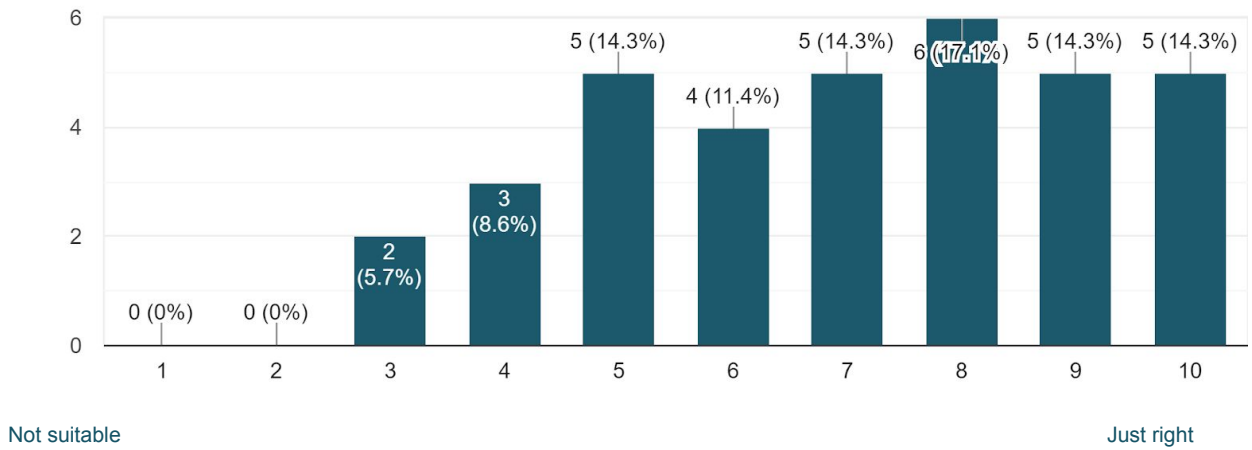
6. The internet connectivity was

35 responses



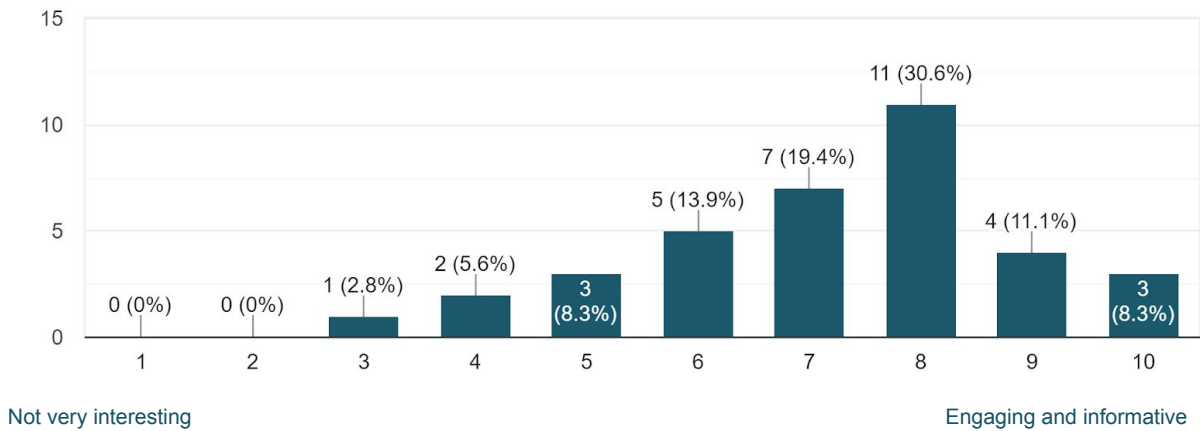
7. The format of the TAG was...

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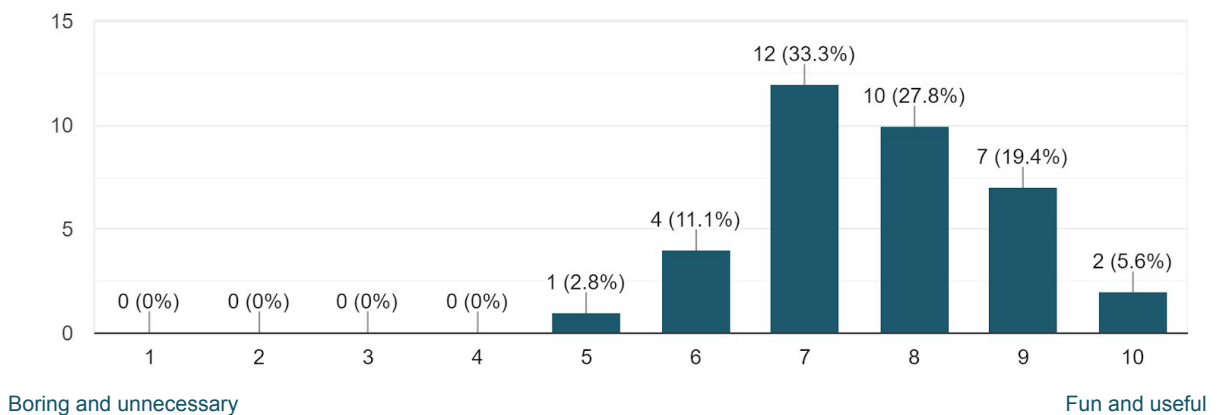
8. The sessions (presentations and/or workshops) I attended were...

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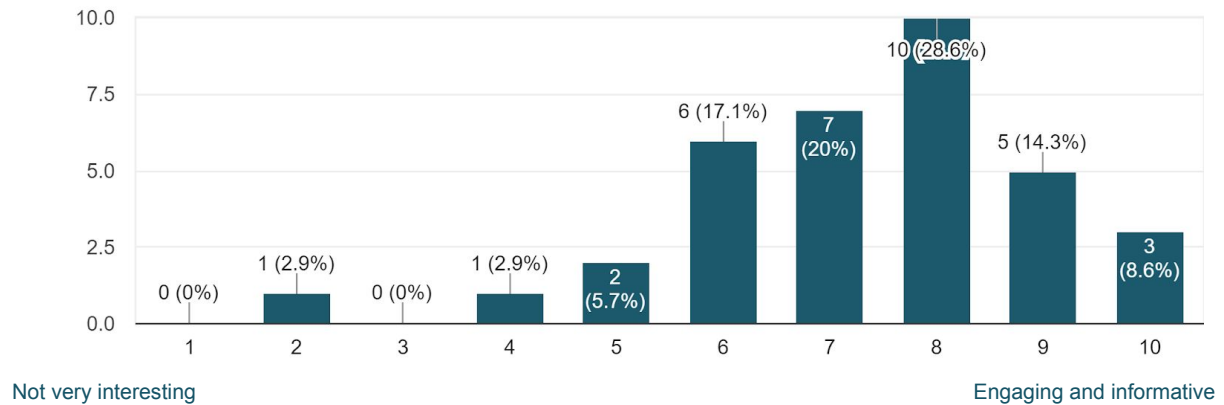
9. The plenaries and lighting talks were...

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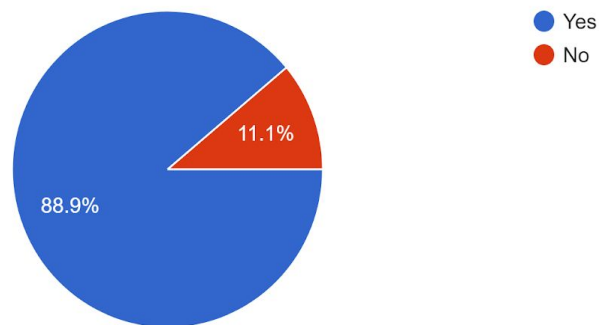
10. The open space sessions were..

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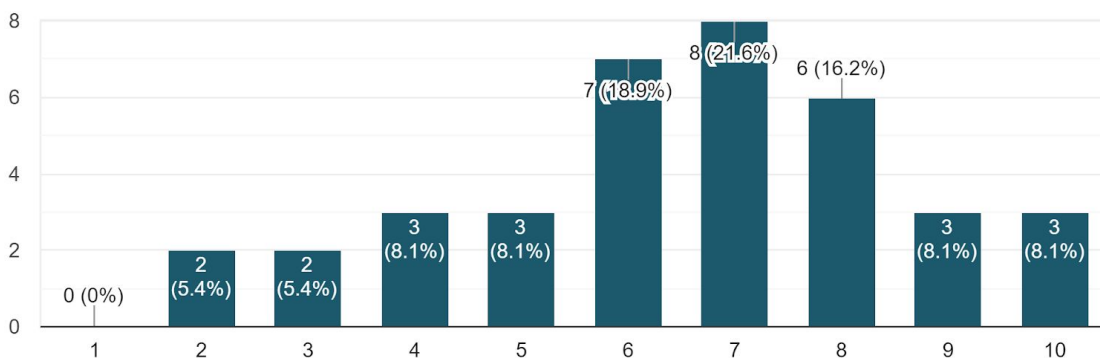
11. There were enough networking opportunities?

36 responses



13. The TAG 2018 meeting objective was to improve the use of IATI data in the country context. Do you think the m...he likelihood of IATI data being used?

37 responses



Questions?

If you have questions or any further comments, please contact the IATI Secretariat at: support@iatistandard.org.