IATI Virtual Community Exchange 2

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OCTOBER 12 • TUESDAY

| 7:30am – 8:00am | I | **1:1 clinics on publishing, accessing or using IATI data (pre-event sign up required)** | Zoom |

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| 8:00am – 9:00am | I | **Opening session: the role of data and transparency in development effectiveness: perspectives from a post-COVID world** | Zoom |

Speakers: Ulrika Modéer, Papa Seck, Shaida Badiee, Olivier Thereaux

This plenary session will provide an inspirational and informative foundation for the first day of the VCE. Keynote speaker **Ulrika Modéer, Assistant Secretary-General and Director of the Bureau for External Relations and Advocacy at UNDP,** and other high-level thinkers will help us explore how open, transparent data can support 'building back better' from the COVID-19 pandemic and the role of transparency and open data in the new effectiveness conversation.

Featured panelists:
Shaida Badiee, Co-founder and Managing Director of Open Data Watch
Olivier Thereaux, Head of Research and Development at the Open Data Institute
Papa Seck, Chief of the Research and Data Section at UN Women

Please note the link to access this session: https://undp.zoom.us/j/81121313601

| 9:00am – 9:15am | C | **15-minute break** | Zoom |

Enjoy a coffee before diving back into the IATI VCE!

9:15am – 10:15am	A	**Lessons learnt from tracking and using COVID-19 IATI data (Community Session organised by UNOCHA's Centre for Humanitarian Data)**	Zoom

Speakers: Steven Flower

Join UNOCHA's Centre for Humanitarian Data for a guided tour of their IATI COVID-19 Funding Dashboard and hear more about the lessons they learned on IATI's strengths and weaknesses for aid transparency during the global COVID-19 pandemic.

During this session, you will learn about the dashboard itself, and about the methodology the Centre developed to aggregate, filter and de-duplicate IATI data. The session will finish with an overview of what did and didn't go well for the IATI ecosystem during the pandemic, and key recommendations for both the IATI Standard and IATI publishing practices. The session will also invite participants to discuss the best way forward for improving the IATI ecosystem (Standard, guidance notes and publishing practices) for tracking future crises. Finally, since the dashboard is open source, the Centre will describe how it might deploy the dashboard to monitor future specific crises or themes, and how others can use the code to launch their own dashboards.

Please note the link to access this session: https://undp.zoom.us/j/84166125192

9:15am – 10:15am	I	**10 common mistakes to avoid for IATI publishers (co-organised with the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs)**	Zoom

Speakers: Thea Schepers, Audrey Migot-Adholla

We will provide an overview of the top 10 mistakes made by new IATI publishers, why they happen and how to avoid them. Followed by a Q&A session for publishers to receive direct support for any current challenges they have with publishing data.

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9:15am – 10:15am	I	**IATI data use and analysis: 'lightning' presentations**	Zoom

Join this session for quick and interesting presentations on how and why IATI stakeholders are accessing and using IATI data! Presenters' organisations are forthcoming, but please contact the IATI Secretariat at anna.whitson@undp.org if you would like to be showcased in this session!

Please note the link to access this session: https://undp.zoom.us/j/89629517596

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| 10:30am – 11:30am | A | **Insights on how publishers publish: review of findings from over 100 IATI publishers** | Zoom |

Speakers: Amy Silcock, Audrey Migot-Adholla, Petya Kangalova, Andrea Szenasi

Join us in hearing the initial findings from a data review of over 100 IATI publishers - where are the successes, discrepancies or room for improvement in how publishers publish data to IATI? Part of the session will also engage directly with different typologies of publishers using breakout rooms based on stakeholder groups, to go deeper on findings and future actions. The summary report of the publishers analysis is available here.

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| 10:30am – 11:30am | A | **Moving the gender equality needle: towards more accessible data on gender financing (co-organised by CanWaCH, Open Data Watch / Data2X, Publish What You Fund and UN Women)** | Zoom |

Speakers: Jamie Holton, Imaeyen Okon, Jessica Ferne, Shaida Badiee, Lucretia Ciurea

Despite the fact that global initiatives have emerged to help improve gender equality and empower women and girls, tracking gender financing remains complicated - let alone making this data accessible to all. We have the knowledge and capacity to move the gender equality needle, but this requires concrete solutions to help bring about transparent, accessible and complete gender financing data. This session, co-hosted by CanWaCH, Publish What You Fund, Open Data Watch and UN Women will explore different ways to accelerate change.

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| 10:30am – 11:30am | T | **Datastore Classic: progress, use and sustainability (Community Session organised by Mark Brough, Chair of the IATI Data Use Working Group)** | Zoom |

Since mid July 2021, Datastore Classic has been maintained and hosted by Open Data Services, using a small amount of funding from the Data Use Working Group. This session will summarise the objectives of Datastore Classic, discuss progress so far, share information about the main users of Datastore Classic and convene an open discussion about how we should proceed going forward.

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| 8:00am – 9:00am | I | **Balancing responsible transparency: maximising openness, minimising harm (co-organised by the U.S. Department of State and USAID)** | Zoom |

Across the world, governments and other development stakeholders are systematically making more (and more relevant) data open and accessible, providing a valuable asset for social and economic transformation. The belief that data collected and shared by these stakeholders can support positive development outcomes by enhancing service delivery, prioritising scarce resources, holding governments accountable and empowering individual citizens is increasingly predominant in evidence-based decision-making by development and humanitarian stakeholders. Over the past several years, a growing number of actors, including bilateral donors, multilateral organisations, civil society, the private sector and governments of developing economies, have been adopting open data plans, implementing policies, and publishing datasets that previously remained locked away in closed databases. This move toward "open data" is part of a broader global trend toward more data-driven policymaking for development — the 'data revolution'.

As the availability and value of open data has increased over the last decade, along with a tremendous potential for good, the IATI community has also been confronted with situations in which open data could potentially be used for harm. In the wake of recent global and geopolitical events, open data that was meant to promote transparency now risks potentially falling into the wrong hands and presenting safety risks to staff, partners, beneficiaries, and ongoing activities operating in often restrictive environments.

Building on the current discussion in IATI Connect, this roundtable session will feature perspectives from a range of data publishers and data users, focusing on several of the complex issues at hand: How should publishers approach redacting or protecting sensitive data? What are the implications and responsibilities for third party sites that ingest and republish IATI data? What, if any, should be the role of IATI? What is the impact of redactions on data users? Finally, how do these situations affect data traceability?

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| 9:00am – 9:15am | C | **15-minute break** | Zoom |

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| 9:15am – 10:15am | A | **IATI Data Quality Index: what does good quality data look like?** | Zoom |

Speakers: Petya Kangalova

An interactive session, providing the IATI community with an opportunity to discuss what good quality data looks like in the context of developing an "IATI Data Quality Index" and proposed methodological changes to how IATI measures the quality of data. Contribute to the discussion in advance of this session via IATI Connect.

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| 9:15am – 10:15am | I | **IATI data on display 2.0: power (of) BI (co-organised with Data4Development, Sightsavers and Plan International Netherlands)** | Zoom |

Speakers: Rolf Kleef, Elena Skovorodnikova, Nancy Duckels

This session, co-organised with Data4Development, Sightsavers and Plan International Netherlands, will inspire you through several dashboard-demo's (e.g. Dutch Relief Alliance - dashboard) showcasing how Power BI can be used as a visualisation tool for IATI data (and data use stories). The session will also examine usability for both experienced users as well as (relative) newcomers. Join into the interactive discussion to share your views or questions.

Please note the link to access this session: https://undp.zoom.us/j/88686595231

| 9:15am – 10:15am | I | **Towards smarter investments for data and statistics – presenting the Clearinghouse for Financing Development Data (Community Session organised by the Bern Network and Open Data Watch)** | Zoom |

Speakers: Jurei Yada, Jahanara Saeed, Andrea Ries, Johannes Jutting, François Fonteneau, Isaac Chirwa, Shaida Badiee

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development calls on countries to leave no-one behind on the path to a more prosperous, equal, sustainable future. To do this, all countries need to be able to produce and use timely, accurate, quality, and representative data. Yet, while progress has been made, data gaps persist among many low- and middle-income countries. They urgently need more resources and technical assistance to bolster their national statistical systems.

The Clearinghouse for Financing Development Data is a new online platform that will help countries, aid providers, and development partners identify funding opportunities, bring projects to scale, advocate for support to data and statistics, and connect to the right partners to put data at the heart of sustainable development. It was launched at the United Nations World Data Forum on 4 October 2021.

Join us for this interactive virtual session to learn more about how the Clearinghouse can help bring about transformative change for data financing. You will hear from country speakers about the latest challenges and developments relating to financing data, and then see a demonstration of how you can apply the clearinghouse's analyses and functions to further your own work. The session will include an interactive discussion and brainstorm with the IATI Community on how we can leverage partnerships and share stories about what data can do for effective decision-making on aid, ending with an overview of where we will go next with this project and how you can get involved on the journey.

Please note the link to access this session: https://undp.zoom.us/j/83213853850

| 10:15am – 11:00am | A | **Data use stories in IATI's partner countries** | Zoom |

Speakers: Rufin Adriaherizo, Motai Ramokoinihi, Lema Logamou Seknewna, PhD.

Learn how partner country governments are making use of IATI data! Confirmed speakers include colleagues from the Prime Minister's Office in Madagascar, Ministry of Development Planning in Lesotho, and Ministry of Finance and Budget in Chad. Presentations will cover efforts in Madagascar to import IATI data in the Aid Management Platform, how the Government of Lesotho has been analyzing and using IATI data for several years in their annual development cooperation report, and an overview of the role that IATI data is playing in national budget planning in Chad.

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10:15am – 11:00am	A	**Using IATI data to analyse funding flows during ActionAid Bangladesh's COVID-19 response (Community Session organised by ActionAid)** Zoom

Speakers: Anna Goslwaska, Anna Petruccelli

In this session ActionAid will share the methodology and summary findings from an internal learning brief recently developed by ActionAid UK in partnership with ActionAid Bangladesh and ActionAid's Global Secretariat on 'How to use International Aid Transparency Initiative data to analyse funding flows during ActionAid Bangladesh's COVID-19 response.'

The speakers will be Anna Goslawska (Humanitarian Policy Officer, AAUK) and Anna Petruccelli (Senior Data and Transparency Specialist, AAUK) (and potentially others TBC).

There will be a short presentation and then an interactive session where attendees will be encouraged to share feedback and learning from similar experiences of IATI data use.

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10:15am – 11:00am	T	**The IATI Unified Platform, a microservices future begins**

Speakers: Alex Lydiate, Nik Osvalds

Hear from your friendly neighbourhood IATI developers on the successful launch of the IATI Unified Platform, including the API Gateway and Public Validator API, as well as future plans and vision for the platform.

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| 11:15am – 12:15pm | A | **Increasing the visibility of local actors and activities in IATI data (Community Session organised by Development Initiatives)** | Zoom |

To date, global humanitarian data transparency efforts, including the commitments made through the original Grand Bargain (GB), have primarily focused on data and decision-making from global donors, agencies and international non-governmental organisations. For the activities of local and national actors to become more visible in humanitarian data and for open data to meet their needs, it is imperative that data-driven transparency efforts are now extended to include them.

In support of the GB transparency workstream, Development Initiatives worked with GB signatories and partners to identify how we could support the enhanced traceability of funds and the greater visibility of local and national actors in open humanitarian data.

In July, DI published a technical report, 'Improving the visibility of local and national actors in humanitarian aid data,' authored by David Megginson and Mark Brough, outlining our methodology, findings and recommendations from building a prototype tool to combine IATI data and 3W (Who? What? Where?) reports from the UN's Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).

This session will briefly demonstrate the tool, present the key findings and opportunities with a focus on how IATI publishers and the IATI community can support greater transparency of humanitarian funding data and increased visibility of local actors and their activities.

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| 11:15am – 12:15pm | I | **IATea Break: Microsoft/ODI Peer-Learning Partnership & Virtual Networking Opportunity** | Zoom |

Speakers: Andie Okon, Brando Ceratto, Sander Hees
Due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, face-to-face meetups have not been possible for nearly 18 months. It has provided both challenges and opportunities for virtual engagement with colleagues and peers. This session focuses on two things: how can IATI benefit from peer-learning with other like-minded networks? And secondly, we want to provide you with the opportunity to mix-and-mingle in a virtual networking space!

Join us as we explore IATI's new global peer-learning partnership with Microsoft, ODI, Open Contracting Partnership (OCP) and 5 other open data-networks to advance the cause of open, trustworthy data sharing and collaboration. Together with OCP's Andie Okon we will introduce the launch of this peer-learning-network. Thereafter this session provides an informal networking space where you can (virtually) mix and mingle and engage with other VCE-attendees.

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| 11:15am – 12:15pm | I | **IATI's (missing) links in Latin America: outreach opportunities** | Zoom |

Speakers: Julio López, Jenny Berganza, Luiza Mateo

This hybrid session explores how (re-)engaging with 'Missing Links' could help bolster the transparency-sector in Latin America, and at the same time support the drive for inclusivity and diversity within IATI. As concrete case-studies, we will take a closer look at the open data and transparency landscapes in Brazil, Honduras and Ecuador. By demystifying the entry-barriers to becoming engaged in IATI we will explore the reasons for Latin American countries to (not) use IATI data. Ultimately this session aims to open a further discussion on IATI's potential Outreach opportunities in Latin America.

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| 12:15pm – 12:30pm | I | **Closing session: all good things come to an end!** | Zoom |

All Good Things Come to an End. In this lightning speed closing plenary, we reflect on the lessons learned and key takeaways of the sessions organised during this second edition of the Virtual Community Exchange.

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