**Improving and maintaining the Standard: Unique identifiers**

**Tuesday 10:00 – 11:00**

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Overview

* Best efforts attempt to reconcile when dealing with like organisations
* IATI not the only people trying to deal with org IDs – wider community looking at it also
* What if there is no registration number
  + There will be other rules that fit later on down the line that will help to create an ID
* What is priority between charity and other registration
  + Something still to be fully investigated – need to produce a list of potential sources and the quality status that should be allocated to them
* Need to provide some sort of guidance on rules as to which are the best options – i.e. what should be prioritised for highest quality
* Implications of stripping out ‘-‘ completely?

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* Basic Registry of Identifiers for Global Entities
  + New orgs registering with Global Giving go through this process to gain a number
  + To track NGOs and entities
  + Neutral identifier – won’t change so will maintain its validity (unlike Charity Commission numbers for example, which can change as orgs change)
* Rules are great for being able to self identify
* Any thoughts of bringing in non-US partners?
  + Looking at the potential for this going forward
  + It was US-focused to begin with in order to get something up and running – but as it becomes more successful it will become more global

Areas for further investigation

* Has the use of DNS been considered to provide a list of domain names to use as IDs (DNS identifiers)
  + Will look at the implications of this
  + Name space goes down to the URL level
* How to identify government departments / agencies not identified in the DAC?
* Will need further research on registration agencies to provide a more in-depth list

Potential issue

* Altering DAC numbers – would that be a decimal or integer upgrade?
  + DAC organisations would need to change the way they are reporting
  + Potential window for working with these publishers to aid with this change
  + Impact assessment needed – using DAC codes for the short term – may create some confusion but may be needed prior to integer change
  + Should be able to reconcile files through changing organisation schema