**Annex 1 – IATI Data Research Competition Guidelines**

**Eligibility**

All young journalists from across the globe who are between 15 and 25 years of age at the time of submission and have some form of affiliation with journalism, e.g. participate in journalist classes or working groups in school or college (age 15 – 18); are invited to participate. They can be enrolled in journalism studies at an academic institution or employed as journalists in media houses or others. Freelance journalist must prove prior engagement as journalists through references such as published articles, blogposts, or others.

**Format and Style**

The article must be written in English and submitted as a word document. Participants are encouraged to submit an article that has between 700 – 1000 words. Articles that exceed 1000 words by more than 20 % will be disqualified. All data sources of the essays must be referenced, and plagiarism will result in immediate disqualification. Participants are encouraged to use additional data sources and information next to IATI data for cross-checking purposes.

**Rating Criteria**

The essays will be reviewed and rated according to the following table:

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| **Criteria** | **Maximum points** |
| * Quality of narrative and storyline, public interest of the topic, relevance for progress towards SDGs | 20 points |
| * Use of IATI data or data originally requested from authorities using national ATI law as one of the main sources for the argument provided | 30 points |
| * Word count of 700 – 1000 words | 10 points |
| * Use of English language | 10 points |

**Submission:**

Essays can be submitted at [iati-challenge@undp.org](mailto:iati-challenge@undp.org) in the period 28 September to 20 December 2018. Winners will be announced after the selection committee has reviewed all the essays, a date for the award ceremony will be announced after the deadline.