IATI Members Advisory Group (MAG) - Meeting Minutes 18.9.15

Attendees
Jamie Attard (Gates Foundation); Lucretia Ciurea (UN Women, formerly Government of Moldova); Carolyn Culey (Development Initiatives, IATI Secretariat); Annelise Parr (UNDP, IATI Secretariat Coordinator); Horia Sohir Debbiche (African Development Bank); Robin Uyterlinde (IATI Steering Committee Chair); Alasdair Wardhaugh (DFID); and Anna Whitson (UNDP) – (minutes).

1) Chairing / Logistical Arrangements for the MAG
- Robin Uyterlinde (IATI Steering Committee Chair) will Chair the MAG supported by Jamie Attard (Gates Foundation) and Sarah Johns (Bond) as Co-Chairs in the event he is unavailable. Minutes of meetings will be available on the IATI website and shared through the IATI SC Bulletin.
- With the representative from Moldova moving to a new role outside of the Moldovan Government, members thanked Ms Ciurea for her support but agreed that UNDP should lead in identifying a partner country member to join the MAG in place of Moldova.
- The MAG will have a virtual meeting every two weeks and will consult other SC members as necessary between meetings to advance specific discussions.
- Annelise Parr (Coordinator – IATI Secretariat) will propose a bi-weekly schedule and circulate agenda and relevant background documents.

2) MAG Terms of Reference
- Members reviewed the Terms of Reference for the MAG for the 3-month period leading up to the December, 2015 IATI Steering Committee meeting, and clarified that the intent of the group is to conduct preliminary analysis and consultations to empower the Steering Committee in December to make the necessary decisions on the subjects of governance, hosting and strategic vision for the future of IATI. The group will not make any key decisions on behalf of the Steering Committee.
- The MAG's key roles were agreed as the following:
  - Taking the IATI Evaluation recommendations into consideration, assist in preparing for Steering Committee discussions and decisions on the key issues of governance during the December 2015 meeting;
  - Prepare for a discussion around strategic vision of IATI, (purpose, goals, values and principles) by SC members at its December meeting; and
  - Prepare recommendations on future hosting process for the December 2015 meeting.
- MAG will begin to address future hosting arrangements and requested further information from the IATI Secretariat on the logistical / legal means for extending current hosting arrangements, in addition to details on the handover from DFID to the current Consortium.
  - The MAG will organise a call without IATI Secretariat members present after the above information is available, to begin discussions around the future hosting process with a view to providing recommendations on how to take this process forward by the December SC meeting.

3) Agreed Outputs for the December, 2015 Steering Committee meeting (TBC in future MAG meetings)
- Recommendation for consideration and decision by members on long term changes to the governance structure.
- Draft outline of the strategic vision of IATI.

Next meeting of the MAG was proposed for Friday, 2 October 2015