IATI Data on Display

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Agenda

1. **Introduction**: Purpose and set-up of the meeting

2. **Data Portal on Display**, 3 unique approaches:
   - EU Aid Explorer
   - Project Browser
   - MapAfrica

3. **Closing**
   a. Discussion: Other data-portals and ideas for cross-portal learning?
   b. Up Next: Follow-up activities
Introduction

Purpose

● Consuming IATI-data & unique choices in showcasing data;
  ○ What can we learn from each-other? Get inspired -- showcasing 3 different approaches
  ○ Not one ‘correct way’ -- share your own ideas or portal

Set-up and logistics

● 55 minutes: both informative and interactive;
● Ways of interacting: drop your comment in the chat box and participate in Zoom polls
Poll #1

What **constituency** do you represent?
Poll #2

Does your organization have a data-portal using IATI data?
Main questions covered in the three presentations:

- General introduction
- Main purpose the visualization serves:
  - Why, besides publishing an IATI XML for data analysts, start this platform?
  - Is this tool primarily meant for internal purposes (e.g. policy-analysis / reporting) or to enhance global transparency efforts?
- Unique features
- Lessons learned and planned improvements
EU Aid Explorer

The EU is the largest donor in the world. EU Aid Explorer is a one-stop shop for funding information. It facilitates donor coordination, ensures transparency and improves accountability to citizens.

Explore the data

Discover an overview of the main figures related to the EU support and the different recipients, donors, sectors and channels.

Explore

Explore the world map to have an overview on a specific country or to compare data in the world (donors, recipients, sectors, ...).

About

The EU Aid Explorer shows where the EU and Member States provide external development assistance.
AGENDA

1. What is the EU Aid Explorer?
2. Purpose
3. Key features – demo video
4. Lessons learned
EU AID EXPLORER

- Visualising collective development assistance (ODA): EU & Member States
- EU institutions (Commission + EIB)
- Data sources:
  - OECD DAC (stats reported with delay)
  - IATI (project information quality control to be improved)
PURPOSE

- **Transparency & accountability**: making data easily accessible
- **One-stop-shop**: valuable tool of analysis for country governments, researchers, CSOs and the public in general
- **Effectiveness**: facilitating coordination of development assistance
Key Features
LESSONS LEARNED

• Quantity of data versus user friendliness
• One-size-fits-all approach is not possible
• Holes in project data - increased emphasis on data quality
• Increased dialogue with MS and users
International Assistance Project Browser

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Outline

• Introduction
• Key features
• Key drivers of design
• Short visit (live)
• Looking forward
Increasing Access to Information

• Project Browser created in 2004
  • Very simple platform with basic project information – text based, limited search function

• Canada joined IATI in 2011 – expanded range of information shared as open data
  • Project Browser adapted to display our IATI data – more search fields, linkages to partner information, etc.

• Main objective unchanged: easy access to information on GAC projects
  • Audience: public, media, staff (not all work in development) → no codes, no jargon
Drivers of Design

**Official languages**: legal requirement, everything must be in English and French

**Accessibility**: all government web content must meet WCAG 2.0 requirements

**Simplicity**: information must be easy to understand

**Research needs**: consultations with users to identify most common questions (informs e.g. search tool)
Key Features

Main page:
• Search filters (aligned with IATI standard, but less jargon)
• Statistics (budgets, countries, sectors)
• Download data

Project profile:
• Descriptions, results (narrative)
• Financials
• Links to partner, reports
• Download
• All projects with same partner

TOUT EST EN ANGLAIS ET EN FRANÇAIS (deep links between languages)
Short visit to Browser

Search page (key features)
https://w05.international.gc.ca/projectbrowser-banqueprojets/filter-filtre

Project profile
https://w05.international.gc.ca/projectbrowser-banqueprojets/project-projet/details/D001918002?Lang=eng
Future Improvements

Consultations underway to improve Project Browser

- Involving staff, partners, etc.

Key asks informing future developments regarding e.g.:

- Navigation within and between pages;
- Information about the implementing partner;
- Clearer financial information;
- Better maps;
- Sharing link to group of projects (search results);
- Filter for GE marker.
MapAfrica
Visualising project results

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• Background and purpose
• Key features
• Lessons learnt
• Next steps
Visualising project results
Background and purpose

• Launched for the first time in 2014, MapAfrica is a dynamic tool that enables the Bank to provide transparent and equal access to its work across Africa.

• It provides stakeholders with a better understanding of the Bank’s activities as well as their impact on local development.

• In 2016, re-engineering of the system and launch of MapAfrica 2.0 that underscores project relationships to AfDB’s High 5 Priority Areas – which were developed in line with both the Bank’s Ten-Year Strategy and the SDGs.

• MapAfrica maps more than 14,000 sub-national locations and a total of about 2,500 operations with project information.
Visualising project results

Key Features

Users of the MapAfrica platform are able to filter projects by country, sector, year, high 5, status and Covid-19.
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Key Features

Each activity location point provides both high-level details
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And richer content available on the data portal by clicking on
Visualising project results

Key features

• The platform includes a geocoder tool for AfDB to geocode its own projects
• The platform is available in French and English
• It enables mobile browsing
• It has a back-end for including a tool to create and add country briefs and results stories
Visualising project results

About 200 projects have results stories which offer details on the project’s impact.
Visualising project results
Lessons learnt

• With simplicity and efficiency in mind, the data behind the platform is taken from IATI data reported by AfDB, to avoid duplication of efforts
• Institutionalizing geocoding marks a significant innovation consistent with the organisation’s results-based approach
• Creating this geocoding infrastructure and making the data publicly available are two important steps towards closing the feedback loop
Visualising project results

Next steps

• Integration with the data portal to provide one entry point to access AfDB project data
• Keep working on improving and increase the data quality and coverage
• Useful for staff, internal and external stakeholders
Thank you.
Closing

1. **Put your portal in the spotlight:** does your portal have a unique feature or approach that was not included in any of the 3 presentations?
2. **What’s next?** Ideas on how we could increase cross-platform learning? Or final comments you would like to share with the audience?

*Raise your virtual hand* or drop your final comment in the chat box.

Up next

- **Key takeaways**
- We will follow-up on your comments during the session and through the chat; any further questions or suggestions? - Please contact sander.hees@undp.org
- For a non-exhaustive list of data portals that provide access to IATI data, follow this list on IATI Connect: [https://iaticontact.org/Data-Access-Tools](https://iaticontact.org/Data-Access-Tools) and/or contact sarah.mcduff@undp.org