Virtual Community Exchange II
Information Pack

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IATI’s Second Virtual Community Exchange
12-13 October 2021 | 12-3pm UTC

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IATI’s second Virtual Community Exchange (VCE) will be hosted over two days of informal, interactive and community-led sessions, focusing on engaging with all types of IATI stakeholders and providing opportunities for shared learning based on practical experiences in working with IATI data. This second VCE will build upon the valuable feedback from participants at VCE 1 held in April 2021 and will once again offer an open space for stakeholders with all knowledge levels and from all constituencies.

The goals of IATI’s second VCE are to:

- Present recent and upcoming activities undertaken by IATI and its community of practitioners towards achieving our collective goals as defined in the 2020-2025 IATI Strategic Plan;
- Provide a platform for stakeholders of IATI’s online Communities and the IATI digital platform, IATI Connect, to share their questions and ideas;
- Foster peer learning amongst the community on different facets of engaging with IATI data;
- Encourage sharing and showcasing of work by IATI community members; and
- Allow for virtual networking.

Who can attend the Virtual Community Exchange?
The Virtual Community Exchange is open to anyone with an interest in IATI or transparency and open data more generally. Participation is expected from a broad range of stakeholders, including from governments, civil society, the private sector, academia and others, from across the globe. The event will be organised in two blocks of sessions on 12 and 13 October 2021 (from 12-3pm UTC each day). There is no cost to attend and simultaneous interpretation between English, French and Spanish will be provided.

How can I register?

Where will the Virtual Community Exchange be held?
The Virtual Community Exchange will be held virtually on Zoom. Links to individual sessions will be circulated along with a preliminary agenda in mid-September via the VCE event page on IATI Connect (https://iaticontact.org/VCE2). Participants are welcome to 'pick and choose' preferred sessions based on interests and needs.
What will the Virtual Community Exchange agenda cover? How can I contribute?

The agenda will be further shaped with input from the IATI community leading up to the event, but types of sessions will include:

Community-Led Sessions: Sessions run by community members, where the community can spark a discussion, present successes or challenges or showcase their work.

Update from the Secretariat: How is IATI moving forward to meet its ambitions as laid out in the Strategic Plan? What new tools, processes and support are available to the community?

IATI 101 Sessions: The popular ‘IATI Data Use 101’ and ‘IATI Publishing 101’ will be back for another VCE! Newcomers, or those wishing to refresh their knowledge about publishing or using IATI data, are encouraged to attend. The IATI Secretariat will also be hosting drop-in sessions for those who need additional 1:1 support to access, use or publish IATI data.

How can I submit a proposal to host a Community Session?

Session proposals may be submitted before 15 September at https://bit.ly/VCE2Proposal. Please note that you do not need to be an IATI member to submit a proposal, and there is no cost associated with this process. All sessions will take place via Zoom and ENG-FR-ESP simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

When submitting your proposal, please keep the following in mind, which will be the criteria used to evaluate proposals:

- Joint applications across organisations / constituencies are encouraged, to aim for sessions that support cross-fertilisation of ideas across communities and allow inclusion of a diversity of stakeholders and viewpoints;
- Each session should aim to be interactive, engaging and inspiring;
- Sessions should have a clear link to IATI’s mission and / or Strategic Plan goals (these include increasing the systematic use of IATI data; improving IATI data quality; strengthening the IATI Standard; and growing and deepening the IATI community); and
- Sessions should highlight innovative and ambitious ideas and endeavours or questions of interest to the broader IATI community.

If you aren’t interested in organising a session, but have specific ideas on sessions you would like to see during the event, please e-mail (IATI Secretariat member) Anna Whitson at anna.whitson@undp.org.

Stay tuned for more news at the VCE info page at https://iaticonnect.org/VCE2 or revisit the first VCE at https://iaticonnect.org/VCE-recap.

For additional questions, contact the IATI Secretariat at info@iatistandard.org.