

LAUNCH OF INTERNATIONAL AID TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE

THURSDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER, 1.00 – 2.00 p.m.
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE, ACCRA, GHANA
MAIN HALL

Objectives

The event will promote greater transparency of information on aid flows by launching an **International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI)**. The IATI is a new initiative to deliver a step shift in global public availability and access to information on aid flows.

Greater transparency of aid will

- Put governments and citizens in a stronger position to plan, manage and account for the resources invested in poverty reduction.
- Promote more effective aid spending and a stronger focus on results
- Reduce opportunities for corruption, and
- Help promote greater accountability between donors and partners, and between governments and their citizens in both donor and partner countries.

The event will bring together bilateral and multilateral donors, partner countries and civil society representatives to agree how to work together over the coming year to agree an accessible common format for the publication of information about aid.

Programme

1.00 – 1.30: Formal Launch of the International Aid Transparency Initiative

Douglas Alexander, *UK Secretary of State for International Development*
Kemal Dervis, *Administrator, United Nations Development Programme*
James Musoni, *Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, Rwanda*
Kumi Naidoo, *Honorary President, Civicus*

1.30 – 2.00: Aid Transparency: What more needs to be done?

Naomi Ngwira, *Director, Debt and Aid Division, Ministry of Finance, Malawi:*
Tracking donor flows: experiences and challenges
Karin Christiansen, *Policy Manager, ONE, on behalf of the Publish What You Fund campaign:* The importance of aid transparency for promoting accountability and effective service delivery
Brian Hammond, *OECD-DAC, Respondent*

Practical information

A box lunch will be provided at the entrance to the meeting room.

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