

# **Aid Transparency and Aid Effectiveness Agenda**

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# Paris Declaration on aid effectiveness

- Alignment by donors with partner country policies and systems and predictability
- Donor coordination, harmonisation and division of labour
- Managing for results

.... are built on the fundament of sharing aid information by donors

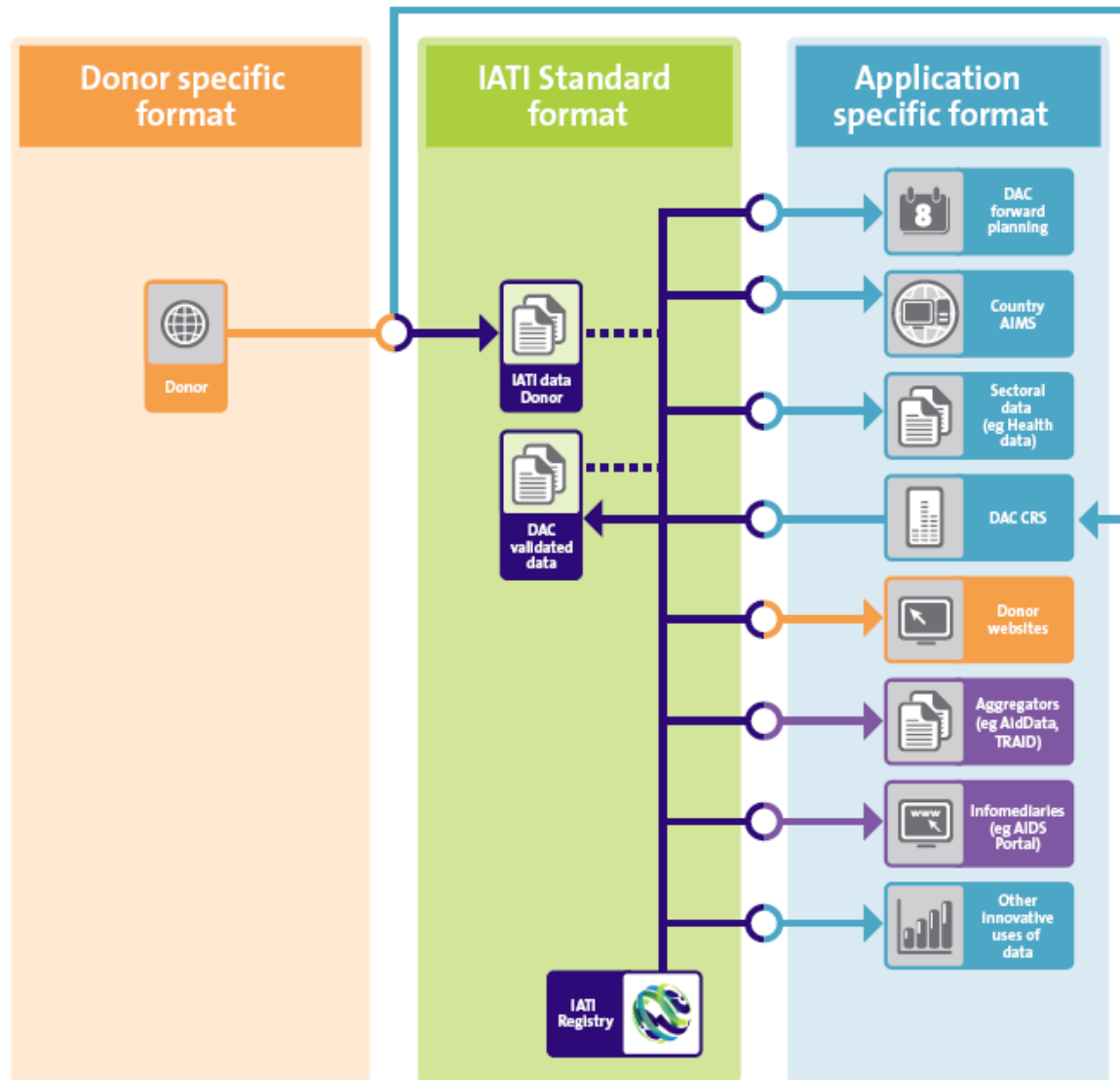
# Accra Agenda for Action: aid transparency

- We will make aid more transparent
- Donors will publicly disclose regular, detailed and timely information on volume, allocation and, when available, results of development expenditure
- ... donors and developing countries will regularly make public all conditions linked to disbursements
- ... donors will provide full and timely information on annual commitments and actual disbursements ...
- .... donors will provide developing countries with regular and timely information on their rolling three to five year forward expenditure and/or implementation plans

# Current gaps in aid information

- Information users require not available
  - When it is, not in in timely and accessible format
  - Fragmentation imposes high costs on both users and providers of aid information
  - Donors have to deal with multiple requests
- Solutions: IATI as concept/standard and TR-AID as IT tool

# Global response



# Information tools & Aid databases

- Donor websites and annual reports
- DAC: CRS and CRS ++ (9-21 month time gap)
- AidData: adds to CRS but still backward looking
- Partner country Aid Information Management Systems (AIMS): manual data provision by donors
- **TR-AID →**

# What TR-AID is/is not

## Is not:

Communication and reporting tool (like CRS)

Open to general public

Limited to predefined set of data

Requiring reformatting of data

Concept/standard (like IATI)

## Is:

Professional tool for coordination purposes

Restricted to donors (on reciprocity basis)

Gathering any operational data from donors

Integrating data from any 'as is' format

Tool/database

# Added value of TR-AID

- Supports aid effectiveness agenda: division of labour (fast track), coordination/harmonisation, reduce fraud/corruption
- Provides technical tool, which is already worked out
- Can deal with rough data, so no additional work or fine tuning needed from aid information providers (donors)
- Provides save/secure environment to share data and experiment

# Potential of TR-AID

- Could build on IATI standard, once agreed
- Could further support: predictability and transparency to wider public (if/when opened up)
- Could contribute to EU operational framework on aid effectiveness (part of Mutual Accountability)
- Potential EU deliverable in HLF IV/Korea on aid effectiveness

# 30 April workshop and next steps

- TR-AID positively received at 30 April workshop by MS present
- Not all MS present, so further presentation and discussion today in TS
- Call for a formal proposal and clear framing of TR-AID in (political) context as well as technical detail
- Vision document to be sent by DG AIDCO to all MS for comments, beginning of June

**Call upon EU MS:**

**It can only work if EU donors/agencies  
provide data!!!**

# EuropeAid Central Database (CRIS)

