

29.9.2011 - Open Aid Data Conference

Training on Data Analysis for NGO policy staff (aidinfo)

Hackday to develop data applications based on aid data (OKF)

Berlin, Schumannstraße 8, 10117 Berlin

*“Transparency and accountability are essential elements for development results.
They lie at the heart of the Paris Declaration (AAA 24).”*

Aid Transparency will be high in the agenda at the [High Level Meeting on Aid Effectiveness in Busan](#) and most donors, NGOs and partner countries agree that transparency is important. But what *exactly* do we mean by transparency? Currently there are very diverse opinions as to the extent and the form of information bilateral donors and NGOs should publish. While major donors like the Worldbank, the EC, Sweden and the British Department for International Development call for the publication of standardised and open data through the [International Aid Transparency Initiative \(IATI\)](#) others are questioning how more data will lead to a substantial improvement of aid effectiveness or how the IATI standard applies to NGOs.

Transparency is not only an issue of aid effectiveness. In recent months governments in donor countries (e.g. UK and Canada) and in aid recipient countries (e.g. Kenya and Timor l'Este) adopted open data strategies. Public administrations around the world are gaining valuable experiences about the political, economic and social value of open data. What can aid agencies learn from open data experiences in other public sectors?

To answer these questions and to stimulate the debate on aid transparency and open data **you are invited to two-day Open Aid Data event in Berlin.**

At the Open Aid Data conference experts and practitioners will explore the potential of open data for improved feedback processes, donor coordination, accountability and effective aid. Representatives from NGOs and government agencies will share their experience of opening up their data. Exciting open data examples from other sectors will illustrate the added value of open data in development cooperation.

Registration for the event is now open [here](#). Please find the detailed programme of the conference below. For further information please contact claudia.schwegmann@openaid.de or loeschmann@boell.de

We are looking forward to meet you in Berlin!



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Programme: Open Aid Data - Berlin

9 hrs	Welcome
9.30 hrs	The potential of IATI for aid effectiveness
	The relevance of aid transparency and IATI for aid effectiveness - Jörg Faust, Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik
	Implementing IATI: The experience of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Ronald Siebes, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Netherlands
	Pioneering Open Data – the Open Data Initiative at the Worldbank (speaker to be confirmed)
11 hrs	<i>Break</i>
11.20 hrs	Walk the talk! Interactive exploration and in-depths group discussion of concrete open data / transparency examples in development cooperation.
13 hrs	<i>Lunch</i>
13.50 hrs	Beyond aid: Open Data is coming Introduction to open data in the public sector, trends at the European level, political, administrative and economic value, costs and benefits. (Daniel Dietrich)
14.15 hrs	Walk the talk! Interactive exploration and in-depths group discussion of concrete open data examples in other public sectors, its social, political, economic and administrative value and its relevance for development cooperation.
15.45 hrs	<i>Break</i>
16.00 hrs	Open Data in <i>your</i> organisation? Discussion in groups
16.30 hrs	Open data as the next step of the aid transparency agenda (Peter Eigen)
17.00 hrs	Closure

Linked to the open aid data conference are two additional events on the **28th of September**.

Data Analysis training: Aidinfo (UK) will offer a **training** on data sources and data analysis for NGO policy staff.

Hackday: The Open-Knowledge-Foundation Germany will organise a **hackday** to develop applications of IATI and other aid data. Individuals interested in programming and aid, including IT staff of aid agencies are welcome to join this hackday.

All events take place in the [Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin, Schumannstraße 8](#).