Briefing Note on forthcoming UN Environment Programme Open Data Portal and IATI (International Aid Transparency Initiative)

Open Data Platform

The purpose of the forthcoming UN Environment Programme's Open Data Portal is to enable the general public to access information on all our projects. Public access to information is a key component of our commitment to transparency and accountability.

The revamping of the organisation's website has modernised and enhanced the visibility of what we do. In addition, we are developing an Open Data Portal to facilitate access to information on UN Environment Programme projects. It will be launched by the 4th Open Ended meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.

Users of the Open Data Platform will be able to access information on:
1. Project Overview – This will include general project details such as the title, start date, end date, donor/financial partner, status (ongoing/completed), contacts (project manager, fund management officer), geographic scope (global, regional, country focus), website, if available; and where applicable, the implementing or executing partner(s).
2. Project Updates - This will comprise the progress/ performance highlights.
3. Financial Overview - This will show the budget and expenditure for the project.
4. Project documents – The approved project documents, including information on safeguards (e.g. stakeholder analysis, gender and environmental and social safeguards).

The projects will be categorized by subprogramme and, for projects funded by Global Environment Facility, also by the relevant GEF focal area. Users will be able to search for information by project, country and/or donor/financial partner. Information will also be provided on the budget by subprogramme (both planned and programmed).

The Open Data Portal will be regularly updated and continuously improved. The UN Environment Programme Open Data Portal will complement the project information we publish through the International Aid Transparency Initiative.

International Aid Transparency Initiative

The International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) is a voluntary multi-stakeholder initiative aimed at making it easier to look for, understand and use categorised information about development projects and their funding. The UN Environment Programme has been a member of IATI since 2016. We first published in January 2018 on IATI and are planning a second publishing exercise in early 2019.