



Transparency, Accountability
& Participation in Post-2015

TAP Network Conference Call

Meeting Minutes

July 2, 2015

- Present:**
- Ms. Nicole Cardinal, Save the Children
 - Mr. Jack Cornforth, CIVICUS
 - Mr. Jeff Hall, World Vision
 - Mr. Ryan Kaminski, UNA-USA
 - Mr. Liam Kincaid, TAP Network Deputy-Coordinator
 - Ms. Anna Moller-Loswick, Saferworld
 - Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator
 - Mr. Lanre Rotimi, International Society for Poverty Elimination / Economic Alliance Group
 - Ms. Claire Schouten, International Budget Partnership (IBP)
 - Mr. Sunil Suri, Saferworld
- Next meeting:** TBC

OUTCOMES FROM CALL:

Follow-Up Actions:

- TAP Coordinators to send out minutes of conference call.
- TAP Coordinators to send out summary report of TAP Network side-event during the HLPF "[Transparency, Accountability and Participation: Building a Post-2015 Review Architecture that is Fit for Purpose](#)" on the 1 July.
- TAP Coordinators to send out [TAP Network accountability position paper](#) as an official document translated into the six official languages, which you can find [here](#). You can find the [translated versions of our TAP Network Accountability position papers](#) here in:
 - [English](#)
 - [French](#)
 - [Spanish](#)
 - [Arabic](#)
 - [Chinese](#)
 - [Russian](#)
- TAP Coordinators to send concept notes of TAP Network FfD3 side-events:

- 13 July: [FfD3 side-event organized by the UN Non-Governmental Liaison Service \(UN-NGLS\) and Transparency, Accountability & Participation \(TAP\) Network “Transparency, Accountability and Participation: Laying the Foundation for a Transformative FfD3 Agenda” Addis Ababa, Ethiopia](#)
- 15 July: [FfD3 side-event organized by the Open Society Foundation & Transparency, Accountability & Participation \(TAP\) Network “Stolen Asset Recovery and Resources for the Financing for Development and Post 2015 Development Agenda” Addis Ababa, Ethiopia](#)
- TAP Coordinators to send the TAP Network Indicators Working Group Google doc sign-up form <http://goo.gl/forms/njzJiPChPQ>.
- TAP Coordinators to send Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld briefing notes [here](#) on the First Meeting of Group Praia on Governance Statistics Praia, Cabo Verde, 17-19 June 2015.

MEETING MINUTES

Key Issues Addressed:

1.1. Updates and intel

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Post-2015 Intergovernmental Negotiations and HLPF:

- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - Stated the [TAP Network Response to the “Zero Draft”](#) was well received by Member States, especially appreciative of the language suggestions that were provided.
 - The [Post-2015 intergovernmental negotiations \(Intergovernmental negotiations on the outcome document\) 22-25 June 2015](#) didn't conduct “line by line” negotiations but the language produced in the “Zero Draft” was pick up by 8 or 9 Member States during their interventions.
 - There was a strong response from Member States to setup bilateral meetings with the TAP Network during the June IGN. The Network had six meetings with delegations, which you can find briefing notes in our [newsletter](#).
 - Expected the HLPF to carry on negotiations on follow-up and review but they are no negotiations on the way forward occurring during the 2015 HLPF.
 - The outcome of the HLPF will be a [ministerial declaration](#).
 - Expect the follow-up and review negotiations will spill over into July. In addition, negotiations on the post-2015 development agenda might carry over into early September 2015 before the General Assembly.
 - Had an opportunity to deliver a statement during the IGN's Interactive Dialogue with the post-2015 Co-Facilitators, where Paul Divakar, co-chair of

the TAP Network Steering Committee spoke on behalf of the Network. You can find the full statement [here](#), and you can watch the statement on UN webcast [here](#) (1:55:21).

- Mary-Jane Ncube, Executive Director of Transparency International Zimbabwe, was chosen by the TAP Network Steering Committee to deliver a two-minute statement to the HLPF Interactive Dialogue with the President of ECOSOC on Tuesday morning here in New York. Mary-Jane speaks at the 33:50 mark of the [webcast video](#), which you can find here: <http://bit.ly/1NxH0jg>
- Held a TAP Network side-event during the HLPF [“Transparency, Accountability and Participation: Building a Post-2015 Review Architecture that is Fit for Purpose”](#) on the 1 July. Ms. Nicole Cardinal, Save the Children presented the [TAP Network Accountability Position Paper](#) at the side-event.
- During the side-event, there were a lot of questions from Member States on the particularity of recommendations made in the position paper.
- Had 40 people attend the side-event during the HLPF 2015. The Coordinators will send out a summary of the side-event.
- We had submitted the [TAP Network accountability position paper](#) as an official document into this year’s HLPF. As with all other UN official documents, the UN has translated the paper into the six official languages, which you can find [here](#).
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- Ms. Nicole Cardinal, Save the Children:
 - Stated have seen Member States not wanting civil society to be too perspective in follow-up and review/accountability. Partly by concerns raised by developed countries if we going to have numerous reporting are people actually going to read it.
 - This is something to be considered by the TAP Network as move forward in our advocacy.
 - Another challenge raised by Member States especially from developed countries are concerns that any guidelines or details on national level accountability is being interpreted as countries reporting to the United Nations which they are very resistant too.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:

- Stated there might be some stocking taking during August on the post-2015 outcome document but more likely there will be no negotiations.
- The post-2015 Co-Facilitators want to submit a clean draft in advance of the IGN in July 2015.
- There is still disagreement on whether FfD3 is the totality of MOI or part of it or should we negotiate further on this issue.
- Ms. Anna Moller-Loswick, Saferworld:
 - Stated in her meeting with a Member States they had stated the FfD3 Final Draft submitted in June had been rejected.
 - Stated in her meeting, it was stressed if the Addis Accord reflect fully all the points and targets in Goal 17 they would okay with it to be included in the post-2015 development framework.
- Ms. Nicole Cardinal, Save the Children:
 - State they haven't been specific on where FfD3 or MOI processes should be placed. This might be an area the TAP Network might need to develop a position on for our advocacy.
- Mr. Jack Cornforth, CIVICUS stressed we need to move quickly if we are to influence the discussion on how monitoring and review should look like and fit into the HLPF.
- Mr. Lanre Rotimi, International Society for Poverty Elimination / Economic Alliance Group stated that we need answer How questions and in ways that effectively address how governments will constructively engage with all relevant stakeholders in the implementation of the post-2015 agenda.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator called for volunteers if we decide to draft a updated response to the post-2015 "zero-draft".

Financing for Development negotiations:

- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - Stated the FfD3 Co-Facilitators released a Final Draft in June 2015 but a lot of Member States have pushed back on this draft.
 - Have heard from delegations there wont be agreement on the outcome document until the FfD3 conference in Addis Ababa. This might leave a little room for advocacy.
 - Will reconvene the TAP Network FfD3 working group to develop our advocacy around the FfD3 conference in Addis Ababa.
- Ms. Claire Schouten, International Budget Partnership (IBP) asked if there is a possibility language around "transparency, accountability and participation" might be removed from the FfD3 outcome document.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:

- Recommended we reconvene the TAP Network FfD3 working group to draft 1-2 pager on key points and principles (red lines) that should be included in the outcome document.
- The Coordinators will send around [Google form](#) for members to notify the Coordinators of their attendance at the FfD3 conference in Addis Ababa and if they are interested in volunteering to speak on behalf of the Network at our side-events. The deadline is Monday, 6 July 2015 at 12 mid-night EST NY.
- The TAP Network Steering Committee will select speakers on Tuesday, 7 July 2015 or the latest Wednesday, 8 July 2015.
- TAP Network FfD3 side-event concept notes:
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- Will have two or three speaking slots for TAP Network members for these side-events.
- Ms. Claire Schouten, International Budget Partnership (IBP) asked if the organizers had confirmation of attendance from Member States to the TAP Network FfD3 side-events.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator stated conversations with NGLS had a preference for the side-event to be a civil society event but maybe Mexico would attend.
- Ms. Claire Schouten, International Budget Partnership (IBP) recommended the organizers include Member States for the TAP Network FfD3 side-events.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - Will consult with NGLS to include Member States for the TAP Network FfD3 side-events.
 - Highlighted the Government of Ethiopia would be interested in participating in the TAP Network and NGLS side-event.
- Mr. Jack Cornforth, CIVICUS mentioned the Global Partnerships for Development Data will have a soft launched at the FfD3 conference in Addis Ababa. The event entitled “Harnessing the Data Revolution for Sustainable Development” is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, July 15, 2015 from 8:15 AM – 9:45 AM at the Hilton Hotel in Addis Ababa.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator highlighted there might not be Wi-Fi or cell coverage in the ECA, it is important we coordinate beforehand for FfD3.

First meeting of Praia City Group:

- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator
 - Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld represented the TAP Network at the First Meeting of Group Praia on Governance Statistics Praia, Cabo Verde, 17-19 June 2015. You can find his detail briefing notes [here](#).
 - The TAP Network was invited to a member of the Praia Group.
 - The Praia Group was established by the UNSC to develop governance indicators.
 - We have a TAP Network indicators working group consisting of 23 members. If others are interested in joining this working group please fill of the Google form [here](#).
 - Stressed in our engagement with the Praia Group we need to provide expertise to prove governance has been measured and illustrate how it was measured; and to push for the inclusion of CSOs in follow-up and review.

1.2. TAP work/activities going forward

- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - Stated the Coordinators are in the process of planning a side-event on third party data during the July post-2015 intergovernmental negotiations.
 - The Mission of Mexico expressed interest in co-hosting a side-event on third party data.
 - The Coordinators will be organizing an event during the post-2015 summit in September 2015.