



Transparency, Accountability  
& Participation in Post-2015

## TAP Network Conference Call

## Meeting Minutes

May 28, 2015

**Present:**

- Mr. Tom Cardamone, Global Financial Integrity
- Mr. Jack Cornforth, CIVICUS
- Mr. Bonian Golmohammadi, WFUNA
- Mr. Jeff Hall, World Vision
- Mr. Ryan Kaminski, UNA-USA
- Mr. Liam Kincaid, TAP Network Deputy-Coordinator
- Mr. Ryan Laddey, WFUNA
- Ms. Quinn McKew, Article 19
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator
- Mr. Lanre Rotimi, International Society for Poverty Elimination / Economic Alliance Group
- Ms. Claire Schouten, International Budget Partnership (IBP)

**Next meeting:** TBC

### **OUTCOMES FROM CALL:**

#### **Follow-Up Actions:**

- TAP Coordinators to send out minutes of conference call.
- TAP Coordinators will circulate summary of the [“Interactive dialogue on multi-level review and monitoring of the Post-2015 Agenda”](#) held 15 May.
- TAP Coordinators to send out google doc for volunteers of Post-2015 Zero Draft response.
- TAP Coordinators to send out summary of side-event hosted with CIVICUS entitled “Participatory Governance: Laying the Foundation for a Transformative and Accountable Post-2015 Agenda”, 21 May.
- TAP Coordinators to send out talking points from the TAP Network intervention during the [PGA Interactive Hearing on Post-2015 Agenda](#), Wednesday, 28 May 3:00 - 5:30 PM EST. (Watch video [at UN Web TV](#) starting at 1:52:40)
- TAP Coordinators to circulate the TAP Network Indicators Working Group google doc <http://goo.gl/forms/njzJiPChPQ>.

### **MEETING MINUTES**

#### **Key Issues Addressed:**

1.1. Updates and intel

- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator introduced Mr. Bonian Golmohammadi, WFUNA, one of the Co-Chairs of the TAP Network Steering Committee.
- Mr. Bonian Golmohammadi, WFUNA:
  - Stated the TAP Network Steering Committee has a mandate until May 2016 and are working on a Logframe for the TAP Network deliverables, which will be shared to the wider group upon completion.
  - Also the Steering Committee went through a process of speaker's selections for TAP Network speaking engagements during last IGN in May. In addition, the Steering Committee is finalizing agreements with the donors of the TAP Network.
  - Lastly, the Steering Committee will be reporting to the wider network regularly.
  - Thanked Ms. Claire Schouten, International Budget Partnership (IBP) for representing the TAP Network during the "Interactive dialogue on multi-level review and monitoring of the Post-2015 Agenda" held 15 May at the One UN Hotel with the Permanent Mission of France to the UN; Permanent Mission of Korea to the UN; Permanent Mission of Peru to the UN; and Beyond2015.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
  - Stated the "Interactive dialogue on multi-level review and monitoring of the Post-2015 Agenda" held 15 May at the One UN Hotel was intended to prime the discussions during the post-2015 IGN on follow-up and review held 18-22 May.
  - A lot of the delegations that attend our event used some of the language that was put forward during the event, particularly around transparency and participation.
  - The Coordinators are planning to send out a call for volunteers on a working/drafting group to prepare inputs for the next stage of the FfD3 drafting session on the outcome document.
  - The Network produced a Review & Accountability Position Paper with over 50 endorsements, which was well received.
  - There are some meetings with Member States scheduled to follow-up on the TAP Network Review & Accountability Position Paper.
  - In the post-2015 IGN on follow-up and review held 18-22 May transparency and participation came up a lot as general principles that should be embedded in the follow-up and review mechanisms.
  - Accountability was not mentioned a lot but there are still champions that are using the "accountability" language.
  - Recommended we need to have a broader conversation on how to address accountability in the follow-up and review process.
  - The TAP Network Review & Accountability Position Paper is framed along the lines if we have transparency and citizen participation we have a chance of real accountability for the post-2015 agenda.
- Mr. Jack Cornforth, CIVICUS asked if there is still scope for discussions on getting accountability within the follow-up and review framework?
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
  - Stated the door is still open but there is a strong hesitancy from the G77 in using accountability in the official language for the review mechanism.
  - The G77 hesitancy is around state-to-state accountability.
  - In the post-2015 IGN on follow-up and review held 18-22 May there was no agreement on the way forward for a review and monitoring framework.

- The negotiations will spill over into June and July 2015 and it is possible the outcome document will only contain broader principles on what the review mechanism should look like.
- It is possible negotiations on the operational elements of the review mechanism could continue after September 2015.
- The TAP Network hosted a side-event during the post-2015 IGN on follow-up and review on Thursday, 21 May, entitled “Participatory Governance: Laying the Foundation for a Transformative and Accountable Post-2015 Agenda” with participants and experts present from Member States, civil society and the UN system.
- It was a very successful event that touched on real world examples from the global north and south where participatory governance at the national and local level has taken hold.
- The TAP Network was a respondent speaker during the [PGA Interactive Hearing on Post-2015 Agenda](#), Wednesday, 28 May 3:00 - 5:30 PM EST. We had a very good response during our intervention from CSOs and on Social Media, including from Member States requesting follow-up meetings.
- Ms. Claire Schouten, International Budget Partnership (IBP) asked which Member States requested meetings with the TAP Network?
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
  - Stated we received requests for meetings from the Switzerland, Republic of Korea and Gabon for next week, with a few outstanding yet to firm up days and times to meet.
  - Stated the Coordinators sent out the TAP Network Review & Accountability Position Paper last week and are continuing to follow-up with missions.
  - Asked if TAP Network members will be in New York in the next few weeks to inform the Coordinators so they can schedule meetings with missions.
  - Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDGs) consisting of 28 Member States tasked with developing indicators for the SDGs to be held 1-2 June. You can find the complete list of members at <http://unstats.un.org/sdgs/2015/05/14/iaeg-sdg-membership/>.
  - During the [first meeting of the IAEG-SDGs 1-2 June](#) there might be opportunities for CSOs to make interventions.
- Mr. Ryan Kaminski, UNA-USA:
  - Stated there might be an opportunity of up to five interventions from stakeholders during the first meeting of the IAEG-SDGs 1-2 June.
  - A google doc managed by NGLS will be used to coordinate potential inputs/clusters during discussions.
  - It was recommended inputs focus on substance including potential indicators (nature and process).
  - There were some ideas on clusters: TAP Cluster, Aging Population Cluster and Vulnerable Groups Cluster.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:

- Reminded the network the Coordinators circulated a google doc for volunteers to sign up for the TAP Network Indicators Working Group <http://goo.gl/forms/njzJiPChPQ> to help streamline our work on indicators.

## 1.2.TAP work/activities going forward

- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
  - Stated we have the broader points with our position papers for advocacy around the post-2015 negotiations on the zero draft, the first IAEG-SDGs meeting, the Praia City Group meeting 17-19 June, the HLPF and the FfD3 Addis Conference but we need to streamline our work around these processes going forward.
  - Mentioned the Coordinators will organize working groups around these processes.
  - Around the post-2015 negotiations on the zero draft the Coordinators will circulate a google doc for members to sign-up for a drafting group to be ready and prepared to provide inputs as soon as the zero draft gets released.
  - The post-2015 co-facilitators have tentatively set 1 June to release the zero draft but could be delayed.
  - The next sets of post-2015 negotiations will focus on the zero draft and we need to have concrete language to put forward to Member States to influence the discussions.
  - Stated the TAP Network has been invited to be a member of the Praia Group for Governance Statistics which was established on March 5th, during the 46th UN Statistics Commission, this is an expert platform, and its main goal foster the governance statistics production by the countries, based on documented methodology.
  - The Praia Group is chaired and led by Cape Verde with the first meeting to be held in Praia 17-19 June, and this is a expert and high level meeting, the main goal is to present the experience of the members in measuring governance, define the roadmap 2016-2020 and set the main actions and themes.
  - The Cape Verde National Statistics Institute has invited the TAP Network to speak to the value of third party data sources and the relevance of the TAP Network work.
  - The Coordinators want to identify an expert within the TAP Network on governance indicators that can represent the TAP Network.
  - If TAP Network members are interested in representing the Network please fill out the google doc for the TAP Network Indicators Working Group <http://goo.gl/forms/njzJiPChPQ>.
  - From this working group, members will discuss how to move forward in our engagement with the Praia Group and selection of speaker to represent the TAP Network.
- Ms. Quinn McKew, Article 19 asked if there would be funding for travel for the Praia Group speaker?
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator stated the Coordinators will discuss the issue of providing travel funding with the working group and the Steering Committee but ideally it would be better if the speaker representing the TAP Network at the Praia Group were already attending the meeting in June.

- Ms. Claire Schouten, International Budget Partnership (IBP) asked if Craig Fagan, Transparency International or Tom Wheeler, Saferworld would be attending the Praia Group meeting in June?
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
  - Stated Tom Wheeler, Saferworld will be present at the Praia Group in June but Craig Fagan might not be there; however TI will be engaging with the Praia Group.
  - Informed the group that Coordinators will attempt to organize two side-events at the FfD3 conference in Addis.
  - One side-event potentially with OSF could focus on stolen assets recovery and the implications for the Addis outcome document and post-2015 agenda. The other could focus on a reflection of the TAP principles on the Addis outcome document and post-2015 agenda.
  - Stressed the Coordinators will try to provide as much intelligence on the FfD3 drafting sessions as possible to the wider group.
- Mr. Jack Cornforth, CIVICUS stated his organization is planning an event in Addis and will provide more information later in the week.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
  - Stated the HLPF will meet from Friday, 26 June through Wednesday, 8 July 2015. The ministerial segment will be from Monday, 6 July, through Wednesday, 8 July 2015.
  - The negotiations on follow-up and review will spill into the HLPF.
  - The TAP Network is planning a side-event during the HLPF to present our broader views on our position paper and response to the zero draft.
- Ms. Claire Schouten, International Budget Partnership (IBP) highlighted the G77 is attempting to strike down Para 27 in the zero draft on budget and transparency. She called on TAP Network members that might have insight into Member States in the G77 that could assist in advocating for budget and transparency to share any information or collaborate with IBP on this issue.
- Mr. Bonian Golmohammadi, WFUNA asked for suggestions on how to increase participation of TAP Network members on these conference calls?
- Ms. Claire Schouten, International Budget Partnership (IBP) recommended the Coordinators send out a doodle to set the next TAP Network conference calls.
- Mr. Lanre Rotimi, International Society for Poverty Elimination/Economic Alliance Group recommended we strengthen communications channels between members and what's going on at UNHQ.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator highlighted the Network has had good participation from members but it is the case of how to best streamline mechanism of engagement with members.
- Mr. Bonian Golmohammadi, WFUNA recommended other individuals from organizations that are apart of the TAP Network participate in these conference calls and have a discussion segment within the agenda on the strategic direction of the Network.

### 1.3.AOB

- Ms. Quinn McKew, Article 19:
  - Stated the Latvian Foreign Minister Edgars Rinkēvičs and the Foreign Minister of Lithuania, Linas Likevičius, co-organised a panel discussion at the UN Security

Council on the 27 May focusing on the protection of journalists and media freedom as a key to the sustainable future.

- Stated the Mission of Latvia is very keen to be more proactive on the issue of governance and the SDGs going forward.