



Transparency, Accountability
& Participation in Post-2015

TAP Network Conference Call

Meeting Minutes

April 29, 2015

Present:

- Ms. Fiona Bradley, The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)
- Ms. Ulrika Soneson Cilliers, Save the Children
- Ms. Stacey Cram, Namati
- Mr. Craig Fagan, Transparency International
- Mr. Bonian Golmohammadi, WFUNA
- Ms. Sarah Haynes, Restless Development
- Mr. Ryan Kaminski, UNA-USA
- Mr. Liam Kincaid, TAP Network Deputy-Coordinator
- Mr. Ryan Laddey, WFUNA
- Ms. Jeannet Lingan, Publish What You Fund (PWYF)
- Ms. Amanda Lundy, Plan International
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator
- Ms. Claire Schouten, International Budget Partnership (IBP)
- Mr. Sunil Suri, SaferWorld

Next meeting: TBC

OUTCOMES FROM CALL:

Timeline for Accountability position paper:

- Deadline for first round of comments/edits from TAP organizations – Monday, 4 May, COB NY Time
- Coordinators to send out second draft overnight on Tuesday morning
- Deadline for final comments from TAP organizations – Wednesday, 10 AM EST

Follow-Up Actions:

- TAP Coordinators to send out minutes of conference call.
- TAP Coordinators will put together google spreadsheet mapping various Member State positions from previous discussions and the informal negotiations on FfD.
- TAP Coordinators send out an email with next steps on the accountability position paper.
- TAP Coordinators to send out google doc for members to notify the Coordinators who will be attending the Post-2015 intergovernmental negotiations (Follow-up and review) to be held 18-22 May 2015.
- TAP Coordinators to send out the process for nominating and selecting speakers for TAP Network events.

MEETING MINUTES

Key Issues Addressed:

1.1 Updates and intel around FfD3 & Post-2015 negotiations

- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - Highlighted there seems to be a fair amount of discontent among Member States on the state of the negotiations. A lot have expressed the view the second drafting session on FfD was not a true drafting session in that there were not discussions on concrete language on the zero draft.
 - Underlined there were a lot of difficult issues and topics raised during these negotiations that will present a challenge in tackling over the next couple of months.
 - Two trends that emerged during the negotiation processes:
 - Divide among Member States on the role of FfD Addis outcome in the MoI for post-2015. The G77 think that FfD is not fully the MoI for post-2015, but just a part of it, and the EU seems to think the FfD is the totality of the MoI.
 - Divide among Member States in the follow-up and review for the FfD and MoI commitments. A divide between the G77 and the EU. The G77 submitted a proposal during the FfD negotiation for a separate review mechanism in the FfD Addis outcome document. The EU and some developed countries pushed back on the proposal stating the HLPF is the mandated body for the review mechanism on the MoI.
 - Stated the Coordinators and TAP members present during the FfD negotiation had a few meetings with Member States. TAP Coordinators sent the TAP Network FfD position paper to all Member States and received positive responses about the FfD position paper. However, a lot of Member States were overstretched with the negotiation processes, and were unable to meet with TAP organizations.
 - The Coordinators will continue to follow-up with Member States on the FfD position paper but a lot of them have asked for concrete language suggestions for the zero draft.
 - The Coordinators circulated a google doc to collect TAP Network organizations inputs and concrete language edits into the zero draft. The TAP Coordinators have followed up with all delegations requesting this from them.
 - Emphasized one key outcome with our meeting with Norway was that they are in the view the FfD should serve as the complete MoI for the post-2015, and are trying to position it as such. They have a lot of support from the EU but they are concerns from the G77.
 - The Co-Facilitators on FfD will hold informal negotiations on the zero draft, tentatively to be held 11-15 May and 26-29 May with provisional consultations to be held 1-5 June. The Co-Facilitators on FfD are targeting the 19 June to complete their work on the Zero Draft.
 - The next Post-2015 intergovernmental negotiations (Follow-up and review) to be held 18-22 May 2015.
- Ms. Jeannet Ligan, Publish What You Fund (PWYF) made two suggestions as we move forward:
 - Recommended the TAP Coordinators create a document mapping the progress and positions of Member States during the informal negotiations on the zero draft.
 - Recommended we make sure we have specific language on the zero draft ready to influence the discussions at the next stage of the process.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - Agreed the Coordinators will draft a document mapping the progress/outcomes of the informal negotiations on FfD.

- Highlighted that the initial desire of TAP members was to come up with a concise set of language recommendations for the zero draft, but ultimately nothing came of those efforts. Instead, the TAP Coordinators initiated a call for inputs into a compendium of language suggestions for the zero draft – highlighting that would be useful for Member States in that it gives them a lot of options, and that we will proceed next time in this same exercise.
- Ms. Ulrika Soneson Cilliers, Save the Children asked whether the document submitted by the G77 on a separate follow-up and review mechanism for FfD track is available.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator stated the Coordinators are attempting to obtain a copy of the document/position paper and will send around the group if we obtain it.
- Ms. Stacey Cram, Namati asked whether Member States mention what commitments they will bring to Addis and how civil society would contribute to these initiatives.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - Stated during our meeting with Norway, they mentioned that they are pushing for concrete commitments but we are not sure how far this conversation has progressed among Member States.
 - Stated there is a wide gap in terms of “ambition” among Member States. There is not a lot of language within the zero draft with firm commitments. A lot of Member States want to weaken the language; a lot want to firm it up.
 - Norway see the separate commitments track as a way to overcome the “lack of ambition,” but haven’t heard a lot of Member States supporting this track.
- Ms. Stacey Cram, Namati:
 - Stated during her mission to Kenya there was a lot of national commitments and political lobbying to go to Addis with commitments.
 - Stated there seems to be a “disconnect” between the capital and what’s going on at UNHQ.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator asked whether the TAP Network should have a work stream on lobbying Member States on their commitments for Addis.
- Ms. Ulrika Soneson Cilliers, Save the Children mentioned they would be hesitant to move beyond the TAP Network main work streams, to avoid distracting from other work.
- Ms. Stacey Cram, Namati stated they would be interested to know which TAP Network organizations are working at the national level on commitments to share intelligence and work together.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - Stated the Coordinators will continue to monitor and update the group on discussions on commitments.
 - Asked whether it would be helpful if the Coordinators put together weekly briefing reports on our meetings with Member States.
- Ms. Amanda Lundy, Plan International and Ms. Jeannet Ligan, Publish What You Fund (PWYF) stated there is no need for any additional intelligence sharing mechanisms from the Coordinators.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator stated the Coordinators will put together a google doc on mapping out the positions of Member States during the informal consultations on FfD and will share with the TAP Network for their contributions if they are monitoring the informal consultations.

1.2 Updates on TAP Network position papers and advocacy activities

- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - Stated the Coordinators have sent out the TAP Network FfD position paper to all UN Missions in New York, and it would be helpful if TAP members could assist on advocacy within capitals.
 - The Coordinators has also made available a google doc for a compendium of suggested language for the zero draft, which will be useful with the upcoming informal consultations on FfD.

- The TAP Network SDG Indicators position paper has been circulated for two separate rounds of consultations, in which many TAP organizations contributed through. The Coordinators are in the process of finalizing this position paper and will send it out for endorsements by early next week.
- The accountability position paper is open for comments until the 6 May for the first round of consultations.
- However, an opportunity has come up with UN DESA, the secretariat of the post-2015 process and the HLPF, who have invited the TAP Network to contribute to the input/output of the HLPF this year. We would get free translation in the six official UN languages, which would help us with our own outreach. Also this would be considered as an official input/output to the HLPF. However, they have given us a deadline of the 6 May to submit our paper, which has implications for our deadline on the accountability position paper.
- Mentioned the Coordinators had discussions with the drafting group if we should take advantage of this opportunity, which would condense the timeframe and deadlines for this position paper.
- Suggested pushing the first round of consultations up to 1 May and then have a quick turnaround with a second draft opening it for comments for four days to meet the deadline on the 6 May. Another added benefit with moving up the deadline would be it would give us more time for endorsements.
- The Coordinators are planning to send out the accountability position paper to all Member States on the 13 May, which would give them time to follow-up with the TAP Network.
- Ms. Ulrika Soneson Cilliers, Save the Children recommended we give more time for comments on the first round of consultations, and keep the current 4 May deadline, and have a quick turnaround with a second draft with 24hours for comments to meet the deadline for the 6 May.
- Ms. Jeannet Ligan, Publish What You Fund (PWYF) stated they wouldn't be able to comment on the accountability position paper but recommended we be more efficient in our work products to avoid spreading ourselves too thin.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - Agreed with Ms. Jeannet Ligan that we should not undertake more work streams, and highlighted that the TAP Network has only three position papers at the moment in circulation, and we have a TAP Network website at www.tapnetwork2015.org that could help us communicate more efficiently with both TAP Members and Member States alike.
 - Underlined the accountability position paper will be the Network's main input into the Post-2015 intergovernmental negotiations (Follow-up and review) to be held 18-22 May 2015 and the broader issue of accountability in the next couple of months.
 - Agreed with Ms. Ulrika Soneson Cilliers, Save the Children suggested timeline on the accountability position paper. The Coordinators will follow-up with an email on next steps on the accountability position paper.

1.3 Looking ahead and strategizing for May Post-2015 negotiations

- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - Stated the Coordinators have submitted an application to NGLS to have a TAP Network speaker at the Post-2015 intergovernmental negotiations (Follow-up and review) to be held 18-22 May 2015.
 - Stated the Coordinators will send a google doc for TAP Network members to notify us who will be in New York during the post-2015 negotiations session to be held 18-22 May. This would help the Coordinator in planning meetings with Member States, and TAP Network Steering Committee in identifying speakers for any potential opportunities that arise.
 - Mentioned the TAP Network will be hosting an event with Beyond 2015 on follow-up and review to be held Friday, 15 May. We have three Member States that have committed to

host with us: Peru, Republic of Korea and France. We have an outstanding invitation with Mexico, which we are meeting tomorrow. We will identify a speaker that will deliver and present the TAP Network Accountability position paper at this event on 15 May.

- Stated the TAP Network will also be hosting a side-event during the Post-2015 intergovernmental negotiations (Follow-up and review) to be held 18-22 May 2015. The initial thought around this event is framing it around participatory governance and the role of participatory governance in monitoring Goal 16 and post-2015 agenda.
- Stated we have initial commitments from delegations that are high on the governance agenda to co-host the side-event, and as we have firm commitments the Coordinators will have discussions with the TAP Network Steering Committee on how best to select speakers.
- Ms. Ulrika Soneson Cilliers, Save the Children asked what date would the side-event occur during the post-2015 negotiations.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator stated we are waiting for the Secretariat to confirm the date but we asked for Wednesday and Thursday. When we get confirmation we will notify the group.

1.4 Introduction to the TAP Network Steering Committee

- Information/membership of the TAP Network Steering Committee can be found at <http://tapnetwork2015.org/about/tap-network-steering-committee/>