

TRANSPARENCY ACCOUNTABILITY & PARTICIPATION POST-2015 NETWORK

TAP Network Conference Call

March 3, 2015

Present:

- Ms. Fiona Bradley, The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)
- Ms. Ulrika Soneson Cilliers, Save the Children
- Mr. Michael Cooper, Ploughshare Group, LLC
- Ms. Nicole Cardinal, Save the Children
- Ms. Barbara Del Castillo, Transparency International
- Ms. Neva Frecheville, CAFOD
- Mr. Jaimie Grant, Namati
- Mr. Bonian Golmohammadi, WFUNA
- Ms. Sarah Haynes, Restless Development
- Mr. Ryan Kaminski, UNA-USA
- Mr. Liam Kincaid, TAP Network Deputy-Coordinator
- Mr. Joseph Kraus, One Campaign
- Mr. Ryan Laddey, WFUNA
- Ms. Sayre Nyce, International Rescue Committee (IRC)
- Ms. Minh-Thu Pham, UN Foundation
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator
- Ms. Claire Schouten, International Budget Partnership (IBP)
- Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld

MEETING SUMMARY

Key Issues Addressed:

1.1 Updates, intel and key entry points around key Post-2015 processes

- John Romano, TAP Coordinator:
 - Thanked those from the Network that have already filled out the TAP Network Survey, and highlighted that survey is still open: <http://goo.gl/forms/1zdl2twmPY>.
 - It was stressed that discussions on indicators for the post-2015 development agenda is an important work stream for the TAP Network on Goal 16.
 - One way the TAP Network members can engage in discussions on indicators is to provide a set of recommendations of quantitative indicators on Goal 16 but also providing the justification/evidence base for those indicators.
 - Ways to engage discussions on indicators for the post-2015 development agenda:
 - Inter-Agency Expert Group on the SDGs; however the entry point is unclear for civil society
 - UNDP Virtual Network on Goal 16
 - Influence discussions at the political level on the work plan for the indicators
 - One outcome for the 46th UN Statistical Commission (UNSC) will be a preliminary list of recommendations on indicators for the post-2015 agenda, submitted for consideration at the Post-2015 Negotiations from 23-27 March.
 - A preliminary draft document on indicators that the UNSC has drafted and disseminated to National Statistical Offices was circulated by the TAP Coordinators last week.

- A tentative work plan on indicators was presented at the Expert Group Meeting on Indicators for the post-2015 development agenda which can be found [here](#).
 - The first proposed draft on indicators will occur in July 2015, which will be based on discussions from the 46th Session of the UN Statistical Commission and the Post-2015 intergovernmental negotiations (Sustainable development goals and targets) 23-27 March 2015.
 - The middle of December 2015 the second draft proposal on indicators will be submitted by the UN Statistics Division. It is likely that Member States will adopt the SDGs in September 2015 without the indicators, which will be decided by March 2016.
- Discussions on indicators will likely feature prominently during the Post-2015 intergovernmental negotiations (Sustainable development goals and targets) 23-27 March 2015.
- TAP Network is discussing organizing a side-event with the Permanent Mission of Romania and Mexico to present indicators on Goal 16 during the Post-2015 intergovernmental negotiations (Sustainable development goals and targets) 23-27 March 2015.
- The Co-Chairs on Financing for Development (FfD) will circulate a new draft document next week. TAP Coordinators will circulate the draft document to the group once it become available.
- TAP Coordinator suggested the TAP Network might need to organize a rapid response group to react to outcome documents from the intergovernmental negotiations processes as they become available.
- Nicole Cardinal from Save the Children highlighted the discussion from Member States on the issue of “*technical proofing*” of SDG targets, and the opposition from the G77 members to the idea. It was stated in discussions with a delegate from Kenya it was stressed if negotiations were to open on the proposed goals it could trigger an all attack on Goal 16.
- John Romano, TAP Coordinator highlighted the TAP Network potentially has a lot to lose in Goal 16 if there was technical proofing on goals and targets. He suggested that members of the TAP Network should be very adamant with Member States that a technical proofing should not happen, and that instead the focus should be turned to the indicators to make them technically sound.
- Thomas Wheeler from Saferworld stated that TAP should explore the possibility of technical proofing of some of the targets in Goal 16, and contribute to this discussion.
- Nicole Cardinal from Save the Children stated that there were rumors that the UN Task Team might be carrying out some technical proofing behind closed doors, and they might only share it with the Co-Chairs of the Post-2015 negotiations.
- John Romano, TAP Coordinator highlighted that the TAP Coordinators will be developing a Newsletter to keep the members informed with the latest information and intelligence from all of the Post-2015 related processes going forward.

1.2 Discussion on TAP activities and outputs going forward

- John Romano TAP Coordinator:
 - JR, TAP Coordinator highlighted the areas TAP Network members wanted to work on from the TAP Network Survey and ongoing discussions:
 - SDG Indicators
 - Review and Monitoring/Accountability
 - Means of Implementation
 - Financing for Development
 - Global Partnership
 - Data Revolution

- John Romano, TAP Coordinator reiterated it might be useful to have a drafting group to carry out a rapid response to any outputs from the post-2015 intergovernmental processes.
 - TAP Coordinator stated an ideal process for drafting position papers would be:
 - Organizing a drafting committee for each TAP position paper
 - Drafting committee puts together first draft of position paper
 - Circulate draft position paper to wider TAP Network for comments and inputs
 - Finalize draft position paper for endorsement from TAP Network members
 - Send out for advocacy and outreach
- Claire Schouten from IBP stated the TAP Network FfD position paper will include impact stories on transparency, accountability and participation. The document will be around 4 pages and will be circulated by Thursday to the TAP Network for feedback.
- Ulrika Soneson Cilliers from Save the Children stated they have done some work on accountability and review. They are drafting a position paper and willing to share to the group once it is finalized. Also a few organizations such as World Vision and others are in the process of finalizing a joint paper on child sensitive post-2015 accountability framework and what the global to the local framework would look like to ensure the involvement of children. They will share that joint paper next week to the group.
- Neva Frecheville from CAFOD stated Beyond 2015 task force on accountability is writing a paper that is analyzing the follow-up and review process. The paper will analyze the national, regional and thematic components.
- Neva Frecheville from CAFOD stated the TAP Network need to think about what contributions the Network can make in the follow-up and review process.
- John Romano, TAP Coordinator:
 - Stated there is a huge potential for the TAP principles to be a part of the HLPF review mechanism.
 - Stated Member States see the HLPF as a review and monitoring mechanism not an accountability mechanism. However, the TAP Network can take that review and monitoring mechanism and turn it into an accountability mechanism with citizen driven accountability through transparent access to data.
 - Highlighted Paragraph 8 ([*Format and organizational aspects of the HLPF*](#)) which states that the review mechanism “shall provide a platform for partnerships, including through the participation of major groups and other relevant stakeholders;” present an opportunity for civil society to submit ideas to Member States on mechanisms of engagement for third party reviews which need to be centered on participation and transparency that would lead to accountability.
- Nicole Cardinal from Save the Children agreed that Member States wanted to hear from civil society on what kind of mechanism will apply to make sure civil society is transparent and accountable in the post-2015 agenda.
- John Romano, TAP Coordinator stated the Network could provide the evidence base and case studies to illustrate the relevance of transparency and accountability and how they can fit into the agenda.
- Claire Schouten from IBP stated that Peru and Canada has been working on participatory monitoring and accountability mechanism. They will share the link to the paper Peru have written on participatory monitoring and accountability.

1.3 AOB

- Sayre Nyce from IRC are interested in working with TAP Network members to get indicators on displacement within Goal 16.
- The TAP Coordinators are creating a TAP Network website for engagement and information sharing.

Follow-Up Actions:

- TAP Coordinators to send out Google Doc sign up form for TAP Network Drafting Committees and Focal Points.
- Tap Coordinators to share FfD position paper to the broader TAP Network for comments, once it is finalized.
- Ulrika Soneson Cilliers from Save the Children to share position paper on accountability and review once it is finalized.
- Ulrika Soneson Cilliers from Save the Children to share joint paper on child sensitive post-2015 accountability framework once it is finalized.
- Claire Schouten from IBP to share the link to the paper Peru have written on participatory monitoring and accountability.

MEETING MINUTES FOR TAP NETWORK CALL

Key Issues Addressed:

1.1 Updates, intel and key entry points around key Post-2015 processes

- JR, TAP Coordinator highlighted the important feedback received from the TAP Network Survey which is still open (<http://goo.gl/forms/1zdl2twmPY>).
- JR, TAP Coordinator stressed the Coordinators are a resource available to the TAP Network members.
- JR, TAP Coordinator stressed the discussions on indicators for the post-2015 development agenda is an important work stream for the TAP Network on Goal 16.
- JR, TAP Coordinator highlighted one way the TAP Network members can engage in discussions on indicators is to provide a set of recommendations of quantitative indicators on Goal 16, but also providing the justification/evidence base for those indicators.
- JR, TAP Coordinator stressed the TAP Network can make the argument governance can be measured, provide mechanisms to measure governance and provide examples where governance has been successfully measured in the past. In addition, the Network can make the case for a more ambitious mechanism to measure governance.
- JR, TAP Coordinator highlighted ways to engage in the discussions on indicators for the post-2015 development agenda:
 - Inter-Agency Expert Group on the SDGs; however the entry point is unclear for civil society
 - UNDP Virtual Network on Goal 16
 - Influence discussions at the political level by lobbying Member States and the UN Statistics Division
- JR, TAP Coordinator highlighted that one outcome for the UN Statistical Commission (UNSC) will be a preliminary list of recommendations on indicators for the post-2015 agenda. The Co-Chairs for the post-2015 negotiations had asked the UNSC for this list.
- JR, TAP Coordinator circulated a preliminary draft document on indicators that the UNSC has drafted and disseminated to National Statistical Offices for their inputs to the TAP Network. This document was not meant to be public, but has been shared widely and was shared to the TAP Network by JR.
- JR, TAP Coordinator circulated notes on the Expert Group Meeting on Indicators for the post-2015 development agenda. A tentative work plan on indicators was presented which can be found [here](#).
 - The first proposed draft on indicators will occur in July 2015, which will be based on discussions from the 46th Session of the UN Statistical Commission and the Post-2015 intergovernmental negotiations (Sustainable development goals and targets) 23-27 March 2015.
 - The middle of December 2015 the second draft proposal on indicators will be submitted by the UN Statistics Division. It is likely that Member States will adopt the SDGs in September 2015 without the indicators, which will be decided by March 2016.
- JR, TAP Coordinator emphasized discussions on indicators will feature prominently during the Post-2015 intergovernmental negotiations (Sustainable development goals and targets) 23-27 March 2015.
- JR, TAP Coordinator highlighted the TAP Network might organize a side-event with the Permanent Mission of Romania and Mexico to present indicators on Goal 16 during the Post-2015 intergovernmental negotiations (Sustainable development goals and targets) 23-27 March 2015.
- JR, TAP Coordinator stated he applied to the Steering Committee for the third session on the Post-2015 intergovernmental negotiations (Sustainable development goals and targets) 23-27 March 2015 in an attempt to position a TAP Network speaker for the civil society segment. In addition, the Steering Committee selects the next Steering Committee for the fourth session on the Post-2015

intergovernmental negotiations and it might provide an opportunity to position TAP Network members to select TAP Network speakers for the fourth session.

- JR, TAP Coordinator highlighted the Co-Chairs on Financing for Development (FfD) will circulate a new draft document next week. TAP Coordinators will circulate draft document to the group once it become available.
- JR, TAP Coordinator suggested the TAP Network might need to organize a rapid response group to react to outcome documents from the intergovernmental negotiations processes as they become available.
- USC, Save the Children supported the suggestion for a rapid response group to react to outcome documents from the intergovernmental negotiations.
- NC, Save the Children highlighted the opposition from the G77 members for Goal 16. She stated in her discussions with a delegate from Kenya it was stressed if negotiations were to open on the proposed goals it could trigger an all-out attack on Goal 16.
- NC, Save the Children stated they will have a representative from Mexico during the Post-2015 intergovernmental negotiations (Sustainable development goals and targets) 23-27 March 2015 that could be a speaker for the TAP Network side-event.
- JR, TAP Coordinator highlighted the TAP Network potentially has a lot to lose in Goal 16 if there was technical proofing on goals and targets. He suggested that members of the TAP Network should be very adamant with Member States that a technical proofing should not happen, and that instead the focus should be turned to the indicators to make them technically sound.
- TW, Saferworld advocated for a more a proactive stance from civil society in making the goals and targets better.
- NC, Save the Children agreed with TW, Saferworld and stated Save the Children is evaluating their position on what they will say on goals and targets.
- NC, Save the Children stated that there were rumors that the UN Task Team might be carrying out some technical proofing behind closed doors, and they might only share it with the Co-Chairs of the Post-2015 negotiations.
- JR, TAP Coordinator highlighted the TAP Coordinators are developing a Newsletter to keep the members informed on all of the developments around the Post-2015 processes.
- CS, IBP stated she would be happy to support Southern participation as speakers at the Post-2015 negotiation sessions.
- JR, TAP Coordinator stated the organizers of the proposed TAP Network side-event are supportive to have speakers from the Global South.
- NF, CAFOD asked what are the procedures to developing TAP Network joint position papers/statements.

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- JR, TAP Coordinator reiterated it might be useful to have a drafting group to have a rapid response to any outputs from the post-2015 intergovernmental processes.
- TW, Saferworld asked about the status of the TAP Network FfD position paper.
- JR, TAP Coordinator pointed out that CS, IBP and other members are finalizing the draft FfD position paper and will circulate to the group for feedback.

- JR, TAP Coordinator stated an ideal process for drafting position papers would be:
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- CS, IBP stated they are revising the FfD position paper to include impact stories on transparency, accountability and participation. The document will be around 4 pages and will be circulated by Thursday to the TAP Network for feedback.
- TW, Saferworld asked if any organizations has ideas about how to engage in the “*Review and Monitoring/Accountability*” issues and what that would look like.
- USC, Save the Children stated they have done some work on accountability and review. They are drafting a position paper and willing to share to the group once it is finalized. Also a few organizations such as World Vision and others are in the process of finalizing a joint paper on child sensitive post-2015 accountability framework and what the global to the local framework would look like to ensure the involvement of children. They will share that joint paper next week to the group.
- NF, CAFOD stated Beyond 2015 task force on accountability is writing a paper that is analyzing the follow-up and review process. The paper will analyze the national, regional and thematic components.
- NF, CAFOD stated the TAP Network need to think what contributions the Network can make in the follow-up and review process. She is willing to convene a small working group on behalf of the TAP Network. Save the Children stated they are willing to join the group.
- JR, TAP Coordinator stated there is a huge potential for the TAP principles to be a part of the HLPF review mechanism.
- JR, TAP Coordinator stated Member States see the HLPF as a review and monitoring mechanism not an accountability mechanism. However, the TAP Network can take that review and monitoring mechanism and turn it into an accountability mechanism through citizen driven accountability with transparent access to data.
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- JR, TAP Coordinator stated the Network could provide the evidence base and case studies to illustrate the relevance of transparency and accountability and how they can fit into the agenda.
- NF, CAFOD emphasized we have to be clear on the level of impact governments and transnational corporations are having on people’s lives. She want to avoid attention being diverted from areas where it is lacking.
- CS, IBP stated that Peru and Canada has been working on participatory monitoring and accountability mechanism. She will share the link to the paper Peru have written on participatory monitoring and accountability.
- USC, Save the Children stated the participation of citizens in monitoring and review is crucial in their work.
- NF, CAFOD advocated for a light touch governance structure as we move forward with the drafting committees.
- JR, TAP Coordinator supported a light touch approach to drafting TAP common positions.

- JR, TAP Coordinator stressed that the content of these position papers must come from a wide range of TAP Network members, as it is an opportunity to reflect as much expertise on these topics as possible.

1.3 AOB

- SN, IRC asked whether any TAP Network members were involved in attempting to get a target on displacement in Goal 16.
- SN, IRC stated there is ongoing efforts to get indicators on displacement within Goal 16.
- TW, Saferworld stated they are interested in having indicators on displacement in *"Indicator 16.1"*. He asked SY, IRC to send any information to incorporate in their publication for next week.
- NC, Save the Children stated they are pushing the idea of *"no target met, unless met for all"*. They will incorporate migratory status, aging etc. – that maybe of interest to IRC.
- JR, TAP Coordinator highlighted the Coordinators are creating a TAP Network website for engagement and information sharing.