



Transparency, Accountability
& Participation in Post-2015

TAP Network Conference Call

Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2015

Present:

- Ms. Arelys Bellorini, World Vision
- Ms. Barbara del Castillo, Transparencia Mexicana
- Mr. Jack Cornforth, CIVICUS
- Ms. Stacey Cram, Namati
- Ms. Cristina Diez, International Movement ATD Fourth World
- Ms. Kathleen Hunt, CARE International
- Mr. Liam Kincaid, TAP Network Deputy-Coordinator
- Mr. Ryan Laddey, WFUNA
- Ms. Joke Lannoye, Restless Development
- Ms. Jeannet Lingan, Publish What You Fund
- Ms. Anna Moller-Loswick, Saferworld
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator
- Ms. Claire Schouten, International Budget Partnership (IBP)
- Mr. Rohan Weerasinghe, Nonviolence International
- Mr. Thomas Wheeler, 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 and analysis on FFD3 and Post-2015.
- TAP Coordinators to send out final version of the post-2015 outcome document once it becomes available.

MEETING MINUTES

Key Issues Addressed:

1.1. Updates and intel

Third International Conference for Financing for Development:

- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - Highlighted, the goals and objectives of the TAP Network during FFD3 were around transparency and open data. The outcomes of the conference were fairly good in terms of achieving our goals and objectives.
 - **The TAP Network drafted a response to the FFD3 outcome document, which you can find [here](#).**
 - Highlighted, the TAP Network response to the FFD3 outcome document was much more positive compared to other civil society groups.
 - The FFD3 CSOs didn't get the outcomes they expected such as a global tax body, which is the reason why they were far more negative.
 - **IISD Reporting Services has a comprehensive report on the FFD3 negotiations, which you can retrieve at <http://www.iisd.ca/ffd/ffd3/>.**
 - In addition, the FFD3 CSOs felt the conference was not transparent and the developed countries were bullying developing countries to agree to something that was less than fair for them.
 - This was exacerbated by the Government of Ethiopia, who took over negotiations to broker a deal with the G77 to ensure there was an agreement before the close of the conference.
 - **The TAP Network hosted two successful side-events with UN-NGLS and OSF. You can find the summaries at:**
 - **Monday, 13 July 2015, the Transparency, Accountability and Participation (TAP) Network and the UN Non-Governmental Liaison Service (UN-NGLS) co-hosted a side-event entitled [“Transparency, Accountability and Participation: Laying the Foundation for People-Centered Implementation”](#).**
 - **Wednesday, 15 July, the Transparency, Accountability and Participation (TAP) Network and the Open Society Foundations co-hosted a side-event entitled [“We Want Our Money Back: Stolen Asset Recovery and Resourcing the New Development Agenda”](#).**
 - Ms. Jeannet Ligan, Publish What You Fund
 - Agreed the TAP Network were one of the few groups that had a positive outcome from FFD3.
 - However, she noted there was a lack of concrete commitments made by Member States during FFD3.
 - Highlighted, the Network was able to input into the [CSO Declaration](#).
 - Noted Publish What You Fund partnered with IATA; TI and IBP to organized a side-event around “The Role of Data Standards and International Initiatives in Mobilizing and Monitoring Financing for Development”. She can share the summary report upon request.

- Ms. Kathleen Hunt, CARE International asked if we should attempt to bridge differences in priorities between CSOs in FFD3 and Post-2015 as we move forward. Or should we maintain the division of labor and specialization between CSOs in FFD3 and Post-2015.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - Highlighted based on his experience in dealing with the FFD3 CSOs, they see themselves on a different track/constituency in civil society that is very different from the sustainable development crowd.
 - Underlined one of the key issues they mobilized around was a separate review mechanism for FFD3, which is in the outcome document under ECOSOC.
 - Stressed this is a very relevant issue we need to think about as a move forward in our work because the FFD3 and Post-2015 processes are very much inter-linked.
- Ms. Arellys Bellorini, World Vision:
 - Emphasized it is not necessarily a “divide” between FFD3 and Post-2015 CSOs but both constituencies are working in different tracks.
 - Agree their needs to be a conversation between the two constituencies to analyze what are each other priorities and ensure co-habitation.
- Mr. Jack Cornforth, CIVICUS:
 - Highlighted, CIVICUS is assisting in co-organizing with other partners an event on 28 September with CSOs on the way forward. Can share more information upon request.
- Ms. Claire Schouten, International Budget Partnership (IBP) recommended organizations share their analysis on FFD3.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator agreed that a compilation of analysis on FFD3 might be useful and the Coordinators will share their analysis with the Network.

Post-2015 Intergovernmental Negotiations:

- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - The 1st week of the Post-2015 intergovernmental negotiations on the outcome document held 20 Jul 2015 - 24 Jul 2015 was mostly statements and Member States outlining their broader points.
 - The 2nd week of the Post-2015 intergovernmental negotiations on the outcome document held 25 Jul 2015 - 27 Jul 2015 was when the real negotiations started with informal discussions.
 - We started to see the fault lines in the negotiations as time went by during the second week. Some of the issues that started to emerge were CBDR, human rights, foreign occupation, climate change, MOI and discussions on the Preamble.

- Over the weekend, that's when Member Starts started to come together on agreeing on language for the outcome document.
- Foreign occupation and paragraph 34 was the last issue to be resolved, although no other issues – particularly Goal 16 related issues – in that paragraph were ever under threat.
- Some members of the Africa and Arab Group mobilized against human rights language and pushing back against language on “all economic and social groups”. However, this might have partially been posturing to gain leverage around other issues.
- Overall, the process and outcomes were decently positive for the TAP Network. There was a lot of TAP Network language included in the outcome document.
- The Coordinators will put together an analysis of the outcome document on where the TAP Network language was included.
- Over the weekend, the co-facilitators had informal negotiations to ensure they had consensus for the Plenary. These informal discussions benefited us because it allowed us push our positions with delegations.
- **The TAP Network drafted a response to the outcome document, which you can find [here](#).**
- In addition, the TAP Network held a side-event during the 1st week of the Post-2015 intergovernmental negotiations on the outcome document held 20 - 24 Jul 2015 on third party data that was a very successful. You can find the summary at:
 - Thursday, 23 July 2015, the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the UN, the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the UN, the Transparency, Accountability and Participation (TAP) Network and the UN Non-Governmental Liaison Service (UN-NGLS) co-hosted a side-event entitled [“The Role of Third-Party Data in Follow-Up and Review for the Post-2015 Agenda”](#).
- We had a strong response from Member States and event set the stage for our work on data as we move forward.
- The Coordinators will draft a report on the Post-2015 intergovernmental negotiations and will send it to the Network by the end of the month.
- Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld asked if it possible for the Coordinators to send the final version of the outcome document to the Network.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator stated the final version might be in the hands of the Office of Legal Affairs but as soon as it becomes available the Coordinators will forward it to the Network.
- Ms. Kathleen Hunt, CARE International highlighted the open access civil society had during the post-2015 intergovernmental negotiations.

- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator
 - Stated the post-2015 co-facilitators, Ms. Amina Mohammed, and Mr. Wu Hongbo highlighted the crucial role civil society played in the post-2015 negotiations.
 - Stated he is encouraged by the inclusion of language on transparency and participation.
 - In our assessment report, the Coordinators will highlight what comes next in our work for the 2030 Agenda.

1.2. TAP work/activities going forward

Post-2015 Summit and UN General Assembly

- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - Emphasized we already have established an Indicators Working Group. If any members are interested in joining this working group, please inform the Coordinators by email, [or join with this link](#).
 - Stressed the Network has a strong foundation for our engagement in the indicators framework discussions.
 - The 2nd Meeting of the IAEG-SDGs will meet in 26-28 October (location tbc).
- Ms. Jeannet Ligan, Publish What You Fund asked who are in the membership of the IAEG-SDGs?
 - You can find more information on the IAEG-SDGs at <http://unstats.un.org/sdgs/>
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - Stated the IAEG-SDGs will have an open consultation with all stakeholders from 11 August until 4 September 2015.
 - Will consult with NGLS on the status of civil society engagement and report back to the Network.
- Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld:
 - Stated the IAEG-SDGs will have consultations on their online platform with all stakeholders. By October they will attempt to finish their consultations and draft a report by November.
 - Highlighted, it might not be smooth sailing when the global indicators are put before the UNSC in March, especially on Goal 16 indicators.
 - In addition, it has to go before ECOSOC and the UNGA, which could become politicalized.
 - Underscored it is a mixed blessing to have the Praia City Group on Governance Indicators because there might be a risk the IAEG-SDGs might

put most of the work on developing governance indicators on the Praia Group which are not moving very quickly.

- Ms. Arelys Bellorini, World Vision:
 - Highlighted during the 1st meeting of the IAEG-SDGs Member States raised the issue of receiving late notices about participating in the meeting.
 - Recommended we encourage the UNSC to send out invitations in advance to ensure participation of all stakeholders.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator noted the TAP Network has had discussions with the UNSC to ensure strong participation at the IAEG-SDGs, especially if they want to include civil society.
- Ms. Kathleen Hunt, CARE International:
 - Noted UN agencies are participating on their own track and don't have access to the Member States track.
 - Concerned that expertise they offer might not be heard that could assist us in our advocacy for the most marginalized.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator stated there was push back from Member States in the 1st Meeting of the IAEG-SDGs that this process was very UN agency heavy.
- Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld:
 - Highlighted the IAEG-MDGs were UN agency led and run.
 - The IAEG-SDGs are led by NSOs and the UN agencies have Observer status.
- Ms. Claire Schouten, International Budget Partnership (IBP) asked if there are any TAP Network side-events planned during the Post-2015 Summit in September or ahead of the 2nd Meeting of the IAEG-SDGs.
- Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld:
 - Stated the indicators working group, the Praia Group, UNDP Virtual Network have had discussions around having a side-event at the 2nd Meeting of the IAEG-SDGs.
 - Stated Saferworld have been in conversation with Member States to have an event in September but will have clarification next week whether they will be planning an event.
- Mr. Jack Cornforth, CIVICUS:
 - Stated the CSOs event on the 28 September will have break out working sessions on advocacy, public mobilization and; monitoring and accountability.
 - However, another session could include indicators and producing a joint CSOs paper to present at the 2nd Meeting of the IAEG-SDGs.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - Noted it would be a good idea to put together a side-event during the 2nd Meeting of the IAEG-SDGs.

- Noted the Coordinators were thinking about hosting an event before the UN Summit but other Member States are thinking about hosting a Goal 16 event. An ideal situation would be for the Coordinators to pull all these groups together for a Goal 16 event but the Coordinators will update the Network on the status of this initiative.
 - In addition, the Coordinators will explore options with other colleagues to hold a reception with the co-facilitators and Member States in September, to build on momentum from last weeks.
- Ms. Stacey Cram, Namati asked if there is any clarification on the status of extending the funding for the TAP Network and the Coordinators.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator stated the Coordinators have not had a conversation with the Steering Committee or the donors but would expect to begin conversation with them soon.
- Mr. Jack Cornforth, CIVICUS stated if the Coordinators needed a letter of support from members of the TAP Network, CIVICUS would be willing to provide one and surely others would support.