



TAP Network Engagement Structures

The TAP Network's engagement structures are broken down into two main categories: "**Members**" and "**Partners**," with each enjoying very different sets of privileges and benefits. These various options for organizations provide a responsive yet flexible engagement structure that enables TAP to identify key implementation partners to support its work, while at the same time being open and inclusive of organizations that are supportive of TAP's work, but who may be unable to make explicit commitments to helping advance TAP's work.

General TAP Network "**Members**" are organizations that can register to stay up-to-date on TAP's work and can loosely contribute to taking TAP's substantive work forward. They are able to share in the information and intel-sharing and general updates that the TAP Network has become known for, and have access to a listserv of hundreds of experts on SDG16 and the 2030 Agenda.

TAP Network "**Partners**" are organizations that take part in the substantive work of the TAP Network, and work closely with each other through various engagement structures and channels. These "**Partners**" make explicit commitments that outline their work to advance the overall mission and objectives of TAP Network on the issues they work on. In exchange for making these commitments, "**Partners**" enjoy an exclusive set of benefits and privileges, and can benefit from direct support, both technical and financial, from the TAP Network Secretariat.

Members

TAP Network "**Members**" are organizations that are interested in benefiting from the information and intel-sharing and updates from the TAP Network, but may not have the capacity or desire to engage with TAP's substantive work explicitly. Members benefit from having access to the general membership listserv, which consists of hundreds of organizations and individual advocates for SDG16 and the 2030 Agenda more broadly. TAP Network Members will be identified on the TAP Network website, however the work of their organizations will not be showcased in the same way that TAP Network "**Partners**" will be featured.

Partners

TAP Network "**Partners**" are organizations that are explicitly committed to helping take TAP's agenda and work forward, and are identified as TAP's key champions and go-to implementation partners. These **Partners make specific commitments outlining their work to advance the overall mission and objectives of the TAP Network - particularly working around SDG16 or accountability for the 2030 Agenda - and pledge to report on their commitment in the future.** Partners are expected to report on their progress towards these commitments every two years, with interim mid-term reports uploaded onto the TAP Network website every year.

In addition to having their organization's work and their commitments showcased prominently on the TAP Network's website, TAP Network Partners enjoy a number of privileges and benefits as a result of their commitment to TAP's work.

Benefits of becoming a TAP Network "Partner"

- Access to TAP funding for travel
- Access to TAP funding for national and regional workshops
- Access to voting on TAP Steering Committee and other ballots
- Organization's work and commitments will be showcased on TAP's website and on any future information sharing platforms
- Ability to contribute to any TAP resources developed
- Work can be showcased in TAP's newsletter
- Ability to engage in working groups and/or serve as "focal points" of any TAP working/coordination groups
- Can use TAP "partnership" for promotion/outreach

Apply to become a TAP Network Partner here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/become-TAP-partner>

What kinds of commitments are expected of TAP Network Partners?

TAP Network Partners are expected to outline their commitment to implementing SDG16 or towards accountability for the 2030 Agenda more broadly. These commitments should be clear and succinct and have very clear objectives. The more specific organizations can be when submitting commitments, the stronger the commitment and subsequent follow-up will be. Since these commitments will be showcased publicly, it is important to highlight the great work and realistic but lofty ambitions of your organization, and to clearly outline how you will go about implementing this commitment.

Additionally, TAP Network Partners are expected to commit to:

- Uphold and embody the principles enshrined in the Universal Declaration on Human Rights in your organization's work;
- All of the targets and principles outlined within SDG16 and the 2030 Agenda, including by upholding the commitment to leaving no one behind in the work of their organization, and working openly and inclusively with other TAP Network Partners or Members;
- Helping advance the overall mission and objectives of the TAP Network, including around SDG16 and accountability for the 2030 Agenda;
- Ensuring that your organization's work embodies the principles of transparency, accountability and participation.

With accountability as one of TAP’s founding and guiding principles, any conduct detrimental to these principles will be reviewed by the TAP Network Steering Committee for subsequent action, including removal of TAP Partner status by any violating organization.

It is also important for these commitments to fit the S.M.A.R.T. criteria: Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time-bound.



Making a Commitment to become a TAP Partner

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SPECIFIC	MEASURABLE	ACHIEVABLE	RELEVANT	TIME-BOUND
<p><i>What objectives do you want to achieve through this commitment?</i></p> <p>Being as specific as possible will help you and your partners understand how your organization is hoping to make an impact.</p>	<p><i>How will you track progress towards your commitment?</i></p> <p>Ensuring that you have measurable targets for your commitment will help you quantify the impacts of your work, and help you align your work to these objectives. It will also help you report on your progress later.</p>	<p><i>Can your organization deliver on this commitment?</i></p> <p>While setting lofty goals is always encouraged, it's important to evaluate your commitment to ensure that you have the capacity to deliver on your objectives.</p>	<p><i>Is your commitment relevant to TAP's work and SDGs?</i></p> <p>In addition to assessing if your commitment is relevant for TAP's work, it's important to consider its relevance to achieving meaningful outcomes towards the 2030 Agenda.</p>	<p><i>When do you plan on meeting objectives from your commitment?</i></p> <p>Setting deadlines and timelines for achieving your objectives is key for aligning your work plan. It's also vital for reporting on your commitment, and holding yourself accountable!</p>

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To find out more about becoming a TAP Network Partner, visit www.tapnetwork2030.org/join

You can [submit your commitment](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/become-TAP-partner) and apply to become a TAP Network Partner here:

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[Additional background on the benefits of becoming a TAP Network Partner:](#)

Access to TAP Network Funding

Only TAP Network Partners are eligible to apply for the modest funding allocated to support travel and accommodations for key opportunities that may arise – most notably for the yearly High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development. In addition to being eligible to apply for travel support, only TAP Network Partners are eligible to apply for funding to support national or regional workshops around TAP’s [Goal 16 Advocacy Toolkit](#), [Advocacy: Justice and the SDGs](#) and TAP’s upcoming SDG Accountability Handbook.

Thematic Working Groups:

To assist the TAP Network in achieving its far-reaching goals, it may be necessary for TAP Network Partners to explore establishing dedicated “thematic working groups” to bring experts from within the network together to work on specific topics. While reporting to the TAP Secretariat and the Steering Committee, these thematic working groups will be expected to help drive TAP’s strategy around these particular issues, and to help take some of this work forward. Thematic working groups can be led by one or more organizations, but are expected to be open and inclusive in their work, and to adequately consult with TAP partners to achieve consensus viewpoints whenever necessary.

Regional Working Groups

With its increasing focus on engaging and strengthening the capacity of civil society organizations to work at the national-level, the TAP Network is working to establish regional coordination mechanisms in three regions: Africa, Asia-Pacific and Latin America and the Caribbean. These regional coordination groups will be coordinated by a **Regional Focal Point** – an organization tasked with facilitating and engaging with TAP’s members and partners in their respective region. TAP Partners are eligible to put themselves forward as Regional Focal Points, and you can find more information and the [Terms of Reference for these Regional Focal Points](#) on TAP’s website here: <http://tapnetwork2030.org/tapregionalfocalpointstor/>

Voluntary Funding Contributions

While not a requirement to become a TAP Network Partner, organizations may opt to provide voluntary funding contributions to support TAP’s work more broadly. These voluntary contributions will not only help support TAP programmes, but your support will also send a very strong signal to any donors, countries and other groups that TAP’s Partners are committed and dedicated to the issues we cover, and to strengthening our collective work going forward. Since these contributions are entirely voluntary, participation in the TAP Network will be in no way dependent on financial contributions. Members who do contribute financially will not receive any additional privileges or opportunities, and all members will continue to be treated equally

in this respect. Each organization contributing funding will be listed on the TAP Network website for full transparency, but without the values of each contribution.

Voting for TAP Network Steering Committee and other ballots

TAP Network Partners will also have the opportunity to cast votes for the TAP Network Steering Committee during election cycles, and will be able to vote during any other opportunities that may arise that may require balloting in the future. Each organization will receive one vote, regardless of how many individuals may work within an organization.

Showcasing your organization's work on TAP website

TAP Network Partners will have their commitments showcased on the TAP Network website, and will be recognized for any voluntary funding contributions they have made (see above). With additional plans to expand this space on the TAP Network website, Partners are also able to provide any additional information to highlight on the TAP Network website, including SDG civil society/shadow reports, advocacy case studies, reports and other resources. TAP Partners are also able to submit content that can be included in TAP Network newsletters going forward as well.

TAP Network Google Group/Mailing List Code of Conduct:

This listserv is a medium for sharing of information, coordination, and exchange on timely and topical issues directly related to the work of the Transparency, Accountability, & Participation (TAP) Network. In order to facilitate efficient communication between members of the Network, every effort should be made to ensure that exchanges via the listserv remain focused on this core purpose of coordination, and unrelated email traffic is kept to a minimum.

We therefore ask that you:

1. Please keep the post relevant to the purpose of this listserv – Transparency, Accountability and Participation and governance in a 2030 Agenda context;
2. Please be respectful of individuals and organizations on the listserv, and do not make personal attacks of any nature on individuals or their organizations;
3. Please do not engage in comments, postings or statements that are not directly relevant to core goals of the Network;
4. Please follow-up bilaterally with colleagues if relevant, and please avoid replying all;
5. Please do not use this list to promote your organization's online publications or blogs; there is a space on the TAP website for members to share these documents and links via the [resources page](#) and the [blog](#). If interested in sharing this information, please contact the TAP Network Coordinator.
6. Please respect the confidentiality of communications that go to this list—i.e. please do not forward or at least forward with vigilance;
7. Please avoid broader discussions or debate via the listserv: these should be pursued bilaterally between members, on TAP Network conference calls or via the TAP Network blog. If interested in pursuing discussion space for various issues, please contact the TAP Network Coordinators.

The TAP Network Steering Committee may, at its discretion, give a formal notification of breach of code of conduct to a TAP member. In exceptional circumstances, the Steering Committee may choose to suspend a members rights to email the listserv. This would be at the Steering Committee's discretion and would be based on severity and/or frequency of breaches of code of conduct.

Members who feel that the code of conduct has been breached by another member should contact a member of the Steering Committee or the TAP Coordinator, who will promptly bring the issue to the attention of the Steering Committee.

**TAP Network
Organisational Chart**

