



TAP Network Response to the Financing for Development “Addis Ababa Action Agenda”



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The endorsing organizations of the *Transparency, Accountability & Participation (TAP) Network* welcome the outcome document of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD3), the “Addis Ababa Agenda for Action” (AAAA). It provides recognition of the importance of the TAP agenda. The agreement’s inclusion of references to existing open data standards and transparency initiatives is a positive step. It also recognises the need to fight corruption, end illicit flows and general recognition of civil society participation in the implementation and follow-up of the FfD3 agenda.

However, such an ambitious agenda demands ambitious and transformational commitments. We express our disappointment that the AAAA does not provide:

- concrete, action-oriented, and measurable commitments;
- significant and new financial resources to achieve sustainable development;
- the means to deliver systemic reform, at all levels;
- an institutional framework for more effective, transparent, accountable and participatory development finance;
- explicit and concrete commitments to implement open data and transparency initiatives

Still, the AAAA provides an entry point for greater change that must be seized.

The SDGs, and their Means of Implementation, create an opportunity to take forward the FfD3 agenda by making concrete, strong commitments to deliver on sustainable development. Now is the time for member states to ensure that the Post-2015 Outcome Document to be agreed in September achieves this goal. To do so:

- Investments must be made for capacity building to equip all stakeholders to understand and use financial and development data effectively;
- Full transparency of revenues, allocation, spending, contracting and results data and statistics, at all levels is ensured;
- Strengthening of open data standards and initiatives (IATI, EITI, Open Contracting), and a full commitment to establish global and national tracking systems to report spending and results must be made.
- Inclusive, active and meaningful participation of all stakeholders, particularly civil society, at all stages of financing and governance processes must be ensured and strengthened;
- The international community must strengthen its collective efforts to build effective and accountable financial and governance institutions, particularly aimed towards reducing corruption and bribery in all its forms, and enhancing delivery of public goods and services.
- Citizen generated data must be recognized and harnessed for its role in planning, implementation, and accountability for sustainable development commitments, at all levels.

As a network of over 130 CSOs from around the world, we look forward to implementing this agenda in partnership with Member States, and to ensuring that the FfD3 and Post-2015 Agenda truly drive transformative action on Sustainable Development.