



Transparency, Accountability
& Participation in Post-2015

TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND PARTICIPATION (TAP) NETWORK

FIRST MEETING OF THE PRAIA CITY GROUP ON GOVERNANCE INDICATORS

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ABOUT THE TAP NETWORK

- **Informal coalition of 183 experts from 115 Civil Society Organizations in 34 countries**
 - ≈ 40% of Organizations from Global South
- **TAP Network Secretariat based in New York**
- **Secretariat and activities funded by Open Society Foundations, Hewlett Foundation and Omidyar Network**
- **First mobilized around the Open Working Group on SDGs as coalition of CSOs supporting inclusion of a standalone goal on Governance**

TAP Network Mission Statement

The Transparency, Accountability & Participation (TAP) Network is a broad network of CSOs that works to ensure that open, inclusive, accountable and effective governance is at the heart of any sustainable development agenda, and that civil society are recognized and mobilized as indispensable partners in the design, implementation of and accountability for sustainable development policies, at all levels.

The TAP Network is united in the belief that open, inclusive, accountable and effective governance – framed by notions of rule-of-law and the TAP principles of transparency, accountability, citizen participation, and respect for human rights – is both an outcome and an enabler of sustainable and equitable development.

TAP's work also reflects the will and impetus of the millions of citizens from around the world who voted for 'an honest and responsive government' as one of their top priorities in the My World survey – a theme echoed in consultations with people around the world.



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TAP NETWORK ON POST-2015 GOVERNANCE



Making Goal 16 and the SDGs Transformative: An Indicator Framework Fit for Purpose

A Policy Paper from the Transparency, Accountability and Participation (TAP) Network

Key Messages

- As the foundation underpinning the goals and targets, the indicator framework must be fit for purpose to ensure that the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are truly transformative and advances transparency, accountability and inclusive citizen participation.
- Evidence from across the world shows that it is feasible to measure proposed Goal 16. A wide variety of data already exists for measuring governance, peace and justice, and any indicators for Goal 16 must be reflective of this reality.
- To capture the full story of progress towards the realization of Goal 16 and all other SDGs, indicators should be developed ranging from 1) **input, output, and process indicators** to show steps taken to address the problem, 2) **outcome indicators** to show changes on the ground, and 3) **impact indicators** to show whether these changes are contributing to improvements in people's lives.
- Any indicator framework should draw on both official as well as **third party data sources** - including data produced by the UN and other multilateral institutions, civil society organizations, research institutions, academia and the private sector - and should use a **wide range of data types**, including administrative data, experiential, factual and perception based surveys, and expert assessments.
- We must collectively use the **Post-2015 process as an opportunity to significantly improve, widen and deepen data availability** over the next fifteen years through increased capacity support, innovation and partnerships between national statistics systems and third parties.
- Civil society, the media and other development stakeholders must have political and legal freedom to produce, access, and use data** in order to hold governments to account.




Making Goal 16 Transformative: Governance Indicators in a Post-2015 World

ORGANIZED BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF ROMANIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY & PARTICIPATION (TAP) NETWORK




PERMANENT MISSION OF ROMANIA to the United Nations



An Open Letter to National Statistical Offices, UN Agencies and CSOs:
TAP Network Response to UN Technical Report on SDG Indicator Framework



Dear Sir/Madam,

25 March 2015

We, the undersigned civil society organizations from the Transparency, Accountability & Participation (TAP) Network, would like to share with you some thoughts on how TAP principles of transparency, accountability and citizen participation can be effectively measured to track the proposed sustainable development goals (SDGs), and in particular towards Goal 16 to "Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels." We hope these recommendations will be useful as your National Statistical Office (NSO) or UN Agency or organization reviews the technical report on an indicator framework from the UN Statistical Commission over the coming week and months ahead.

As organizations working in countries from the global north and south, our evidence and experiences have demonstrated that the TAP principles as related to peace and justice and effective, accountable and inclusive institutions can and have been successfully measured, and in countries all around the world. Measuring progress on these issues is not unprecedented - a wide variety of data currently exists from reliable sources that have been collected for a number of years and at multiple levels, including administrative information from governments, surveys (based on perceptions, facts and experiences) and assessments from a wide range of experts. This is true, for example, when it comes to corruption, bribery, access to information, budgets, illicit financial flows, levels of violence, access to justice, rule of law, and some forms of accountability and citizen participation.

Such a breadth and depth of data allows for feasible, suitable and potentially transformative indicators to be identified for TAP-oriented targets proposed for Goal 16, and others.

Events

- Event on "Making Goal 16 Transformative: Governance Indicators in a Post-2015 World"
 - Co-hosted with Government of Romania
- Interactive dialogue on multi-level review and monitoring of the Post-2015 Agenda
 - Co-hosted with Governments of Peru, France and Republic of Korea and Beyond 2015
- Series of events with UN Missions on Open Data and Financing for Development
 - Co-hosted with Government of the Netherlands

Policy Papers

- TAP Network Policy Paper on SDGs/Goal 16 Indicators
- TAP Network Open Letter Response on UN Technical Report on SDG Indicator Framework
- TAP Network Policy Paper on Follow-up and Review & Accountability
- TAP Network Policy Paper on Financing for Development
- TAP Network Response to the Post-2015 "Zero Draft"

TAP NETWORK ORGANIZATIONS

- Save the Children
- CIVICUS
- Oxfam
- Plan International
- Saferworld
- Transparency International
- International Budget Partnership
- Restless Development
- Article 19
- CARE International
- Development Initiatives
- International Rescue Committee
- IREX
- Namati
- ONE Campaign
- ... And More

TAP Network Steering Committee:

- Human Rights First Rwanda Association (HRFRA) - *Rwanda*
- International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) – *The Netherlands*
- National Campaign for Dalit Human Rights (NCDHR) - *India*
- Plan International – *United Kingdom*
- World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA) - *USA*



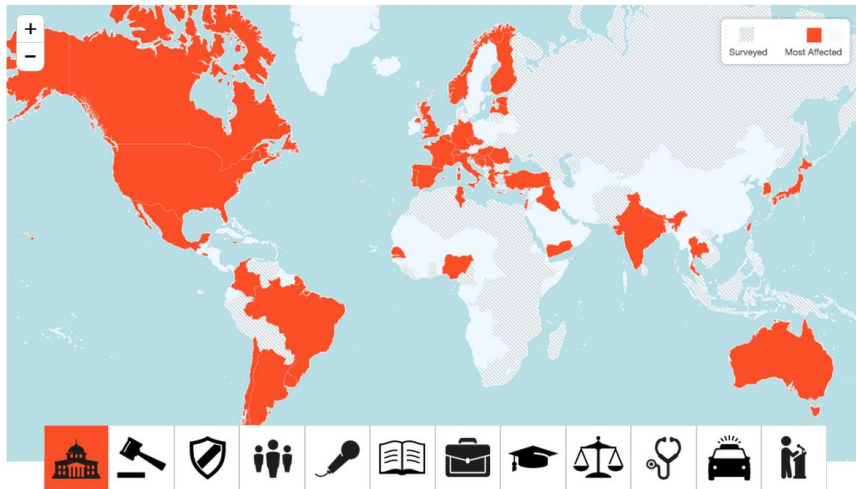
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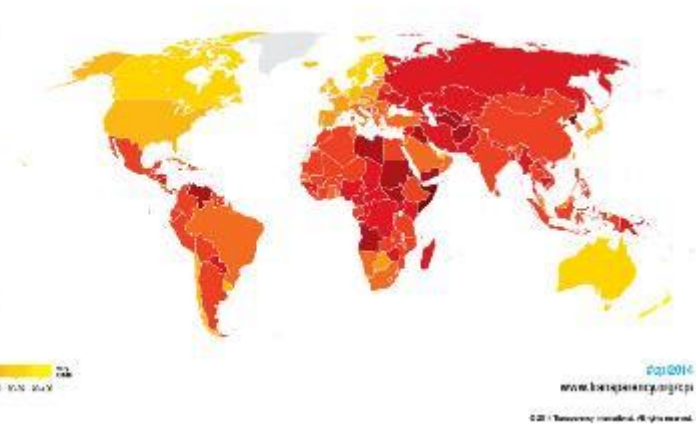
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1 INSTITUTIONS PERCEIVED BY RESPONDENTS TO BE AMONG THE MOST AFFECTED BY CORRUPTION

PREVIOUS NEXT



Transparency International’s **Global Corruption Barometer** is the largest world-wide public opinion survey on corruption. It addresses people’s direct experiences with bribery and details their views on corruption in the main institutions in their countries. Significantly, the Barometer also provides insights into how willing and ready people are to act to stop corruption.



The Transparency International **Corruption Perceptions Index** ranks countries and territories based on how corrupt their public sector is perceived to be. It is a composite index – a combination of polls – drawing on corruption-related data collected by a variety of reputable institutions. The index reflects the views of observers from around the world, including experts living and working in the countries and territories evaluated.



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The **DataShift** is a multi-stakeholder, demand-driven initiative that builds the capacity and confidence of civil society organisations to generate and use citizen-generated data to monitor development progress, demand accountability and campaign for transformative change. Ultimately, our vision is a world where people-powered accountability drives progress on sustainable development. Consultations on participatory governance are currently being piloted in four countries from the global south.



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The **Open Budget Survey Tracker** allows citizens, civil society, media, and others to monitor in real time whether central governments are releasing the requisite information on how the government is managing public finances. Using data collected by independent civil society budget experts in the countries covered, the OBS Tracker monitors and reports on whether central governments are publishing, on time, the eight key budget documents required by international standards on budget transparency.

Key: ● Publicly available ● Internal use only ● Not produced / Published late

Country	Open Budget Index	Pre-Budget Statement	Executive's Budget Proposal	Enacted Budget	Citizens Budget	In-Year Report	Mid-Year Review	Year-End Report	Audit Report
Armenia		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Bolivia	12	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Côte d'Ivoire		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Dem. Rep. of Congo	18	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Dominican Republic	29	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Ecuador	31	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Egypt	13	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
El Salvador	43	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Fiji	6	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Georgia	55	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Ghana	50	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Greece		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Hungary		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Iraq	4	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Kenya	49	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Kyrgyz Republic	20	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Macedonia	35	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Mali	43	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Myanmar	0	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Nicaragua	42	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Niger	4	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Nigeria	16	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●



The **Community Score Card (CSC)** approach can be used to facilitate good governance through promotion of participation, transparency, accountability and informed decision-making. The approach brings together community members, service providers, and local government to identify service utilization and provision challenges, and to mutually generate solutions, and work in partnership to implement and track the effectiveness of those solutions in an ongoing process of quality improvement.

The Community Score Card will help you...

Identify how **SERVICES** are being **EXPERIENCED** by the users and providers

REPORT on quality of services to a district executive committee or assembly

Ensure **INFORMED** decision making

Track if services and programs are **PROGRESSING WELL**

INVOLVE the community and service providers in joint decision-making and planning processes

SHARE responsibilities for monitoring the quality of services with users



PARTICIPATION, TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY, RESPONSIBILITY, INFORMED DECISION-MAKING



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FUTURE ACTIVITIES FOR TAP

- ❖ **Development of online platform/clearinghouse for engagement of all stakeholders on measuring Governance, Peace and Security (SDG 16)**
- **Platform to include information on:**
 - Proposals on indicators (global, regional and national)
 - Data sources
 - Case Studies, Lessons Learned and Best Practices
- **All data and inputs disaggregated by thematic issue, geography, relevance, etc.**
- **Provide governments, civil society experts, academics, practitioners and all relevant stakeholders with centralized and consolidated platform for information on these issues**
- **Streamline and intensify our efforts to communicate the issues related to governance data and measurement**

Now: Scoping phase, looking for additional substantive partners

- ❖ **Support for CSOs interested in engaging in the work of the Praia City Group, but with limited capacity to participate**
- ❖ **Shift in focus to “follow-up and review” and accountability issues around Post-2015 agenda**
- ❖ **Ongoing support for work by all stakeholders to develop global, regional and national level indicators on governance issues**

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