



Transparency, Accountability
& Participation in Post-2015

TAP Network Indicators Working Group

Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2015

Present:

- Mr. Dave Banisar, ARTICLE 19
- Mr. Peter Chapman, Open Society Justice Initiative
- Ms. Ulrika Soneson Cilliers, Save the Children
- Mr. Jack Cornforth, CIVICUS
- Ms. Cristina Diez, International Movement ATD Fourth World
- Mr. Craig Fagan, Transparency International
- Ms. Sarah Haynes, Restless Development
- Mr. Ryan Kaminski, UNA-USA
- Mr. Liam Kincaid, TAP Network Deputy Coordinator
- Ms. Joke Lannoye, Restless Development
- Ms. Omoyemen Lucia Odigie-Emmanuel, Centre for Human Rights and Climate Change Research
- Mr. Rick Orser, World Federalist Movement Canada (WFMC)
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator
- Ms. Claire Schouten, International Budget Partnership (IBP)
- Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld

Next meeting: TBD

OUTCOMES FROM CALL: Timeline for TAP Network Response to the IAEG-SDGs

- 21 August 2015 – Deadline for Initial Inputs
- 24 August 2015 – Initial Drafting Phase

Follow-Up Actions:

- TAP Coordinators to send out minutes of conference call.
- TAP Coordinators to open Google document for members to submit their inputs to draft reactionary document for outreach to members of the IAEG-SDGs.
- TAP Coordinators to organize Indicator Working Group membership Google document.

MEETING MINUTES

Key Issues Addressed:

1.1 Updates on Indicators Framework:

- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - Noted the [2nd Meeting of the IAEG-SDGs](#) will be held 26-28 October 2015 in Bangkok, Thailand.
 - Underscored we need to ask ourselves what we put together in preparation for this meeting.
 - Noted the UN Statistical Division has released an [updated list of indicator proposals as 11 August 2015](#) that the IAEG-SDGs will consider as we approach the [2nd Meeting of the IAEG-SDGs](#) in Bangkok, Thailand.
 - Noted that the updated list states that not much has changed in the indicator proposals compared to the last version of 7 July 2015. This updated version has a lot of inputs from Member States and UN agencies.
 - Asked what is the best input for the group to develop as we approach the [2nd Meeting of the IAEG-SDGs](#) in Bangkok, Thailand. Should we develop a list of priority indicators, response paper or open letter to Member States advocating to not limit the number indicators per targets.
 - Stressed the TAP Network common message over the last couple of months has been not to limit the number of indicators per targets.
- Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld:
 - Noted the [updated list of indicator proposals as 11 August 2015](#) is slightly different from the version of 7 July 2015.
 - Highlighted there are additional indicators and there is an attempt to prioritize whether there are differences between UN agencies.
 - Noted the UN Statistical Division prioritized the opinions of UN agencies that were already collecting data on certain indicators.
- Mr. Craig Fagan, Transparency International:
 - Highlighted the [IAEG-SDGs open consultation with civil society, academia and private sector](#) are asking for new inputs only.
 - Asked if the group has new inputs to submit or would it be better for our advocacy to focus on members of the IAEG-SDGs and UN agencies by providing our inputs directly to them.
- Ms. Claire Schouten, International Budget Partnership (IBP):
 - Agreed with Mr. Craig Fagan, Transparency International.
 - Recommended we conduct a mapping of our inputs to various indicators.
- Ms. Cristina Diez, International Movement ATD Fourth World:
 - Agree the [IAEG-SDGs open consultation with civil society, academia and private sector](#) are asking for new inputs.

- Concur we should focus our advocacy on members of the IAEG-SDGs and UN agencies.
- Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld:
 - Noted there are new indicators that might be of concern for some members of the TAP Network which individual organizations can provide their inputs through the consultations.
- Ms. Ulrika Soneson Cilliers, Save the Children:
 - Agree individual organizations can provide their inputs through the consultations if they have concerns about the [updated list of indicator proposals as 11 August 2015](#).
 - Recommended members share among themselves what they considered “key wins or concerns” on Goal 16 indicators for the [updated list of indicator proposals as 11 August 2015](#).
 - Asked to what extent the UNDP Virtual Network will feed into the IAEG-SDGs consultations.
- Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld:
 - Noted the UNDP Virtual Network has finalized their handbook and submitted it to the IAEG-SDGs and UN Statistical Divisions. They asked them to share it with members of the IAEG-SDGs.
 - Highlighted the previous version of 7 July 2015 was more aligned with the UNDP Virtual Network as compared to [updated list of indicator proposals as 11 August 2015](#).
 - Noted if the IAEG-SDGs will prioritize the light blue rows for suggested indicators some members of the TAP Network might have some concerns about this approach.
- Mr. Peter Chapman, Open Society Justice Initiative:
 - Agree each organizations can provide their inputs through the consultations if they have concerns about the [updated list of indicator proposals as 11 August 2015](#).
 - Agree it would be useful to have a common position on linking accountability/monitoring structures to the broader approaches to measurement.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - Emphasized two approaches are being examined amongst members on the call:
 - Drafting a response to [updated list of indicator proposals as 11 August 2015](#) or mobilizing around individual indicators.
 - Drafting a proposal, paper or response to the broader indicator framework.
 - Noted the [TAP Network SDG Indicators Position Paper](#) might be a useful starting point to draft a broader paper on the indicators framework.

- Asked if the group decides to draft a broader paper, what will be the specific focus of the paper.
- Ms. Ulrika Soneson Cilliers, Save the Children:
 - Asked who would be the primary target audience for the broader paper?
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - Stated the primary target audience would be the NSOs of the IAEG-SDGs and UN agencies.
 - Highlighted, the main addition to the [updated list of indicator proposals as 11 August 2015](#) is the inclusion of all proposals from UN agencies.
 - **Stated the Coordinators would create a Google document to start the initial phase of drafting a broader paper on the indicators framework.**
- Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld:
 - Agreed with suggestions the paper could be around issues of Transparency, Accountability and Participation and how they apply to data production and collection.
 - For example, ensuring data collection and the methodology is transparent, NSOs are accountable and it is participatory (third parties).
 - Stressed these examples would be important as we move forward.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - Noted the TAP Network has been pushing for the inclusion of third-party data sources for the past couple of months.
 - Highlighted during the TAP Network side-event held 23 July on [“The Role of Third-Party Data in Follow-up and Review for the Post-2015 Agenda”](#) during the last week of the post-2015 intergovernmental negotiations, key questions that emerged during discussions included:
 - Where can third-party be used?
 - How is it relevant?
 - What standards to adopt to ensure third-party data are robust and complimentary to NSOs data?
 - How to ensure third-party data address data gaps?
 - Agreed it is a good idea to focus on how we put together a framework on data collection that is Transparent, Accountable and Participatory but also how do we involve third-party data.
 - Noted we can build on content from the [TAP Network SDG Indicators Position Paper](#).
- Ms. Claire Schouten, International Budget Partnership (IBP):
 - Recommended we gather members “indicator redlines” through a Google document.
 - Stated willing to develop principles on collaborative data for the paper.
- Ms. Cristina Diez, International Movement ATD Fourth World:

- Stated what is most important to her organization is to mention in the paper is often the poorest population are not reflected in official statistics and this can be addressed through other data sources.
 - In addition, NSOs need to analyze data gaps and reach the poorest population.
 - Furthermore, NSOs need to include qualitative data and perception based indicators.
- Mr. Peter Chapman, Open Society Justice Initiative:
 - Noted OSF has been trying to get experiential and perception data included in the global framework.
 - Stressed it would be important to get experiential and perception data included in the global framework to engage in a longer conversation.
- Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld:
 - Agreed with Mr. Peter Chapman, Open Society Justice Initiative it would be useful to include experiential and perception data within the global framework.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - Agreed with Mr. Peter Chapman, Open Society Justice Initiative and Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld.
 - Noted the TAP Network could provide resources/tools for governments and NSOs when they develop national level indicators and strengthen their capacity to collect data.
 - Asked how would we approach individual indicators in our response?
 - Noted one approach the Coordinators have taken is putting together a compendium for organizations that can be used as a tool for Member States.
- Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld:
 - Stated will share Saferworld thoughts on the updated indicators with the group and recommend other share their organization thoughts as well.
 - Underscored it might be difficult to come to consensus if developing a common position for the updated indicators.
- Mr. Peter Chapman, Open Society Justice Initiative:
 - Stated will share OSF thoughts on the updated indicators.
 - Agreed with Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld if consensus emerges could draft public paper on the indicators but it would be useful for organizations to submit their inputs to the IAEG-SGDs consultations platform.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - Agreed if consensus emerges we could draft public paper on the indicators.
 - However, concur it might be difficult to come to a consensus if developing a common position for the updated indicators.
 - **TAP Coordinators to open Google document for members to submit their inputs to draft reactionary document for outreach to members of the IAEG-SGDs.**

- Ms. Claire Schouten, International Budget Partnership (IBP):
 - Stated will share there thoughts on the updated indicators to the group.
 - Asked if there will still be an event during the UN Summit at UNHQ on third-party data.
- Ms. Omoyemen Lucia Odigie-Emmanuel, Centre for Human Rights and Climate Change Research recommended the Coordinators to share the emails of members for the Indicators Working Group.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - **TAP Coordinators will organize Indicator Working Group membership Google document.**
 - **TAP Coordinators to put together Google document for IAEG-SDGs inputs.**

1.2 Going Forward:

- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - Noted the Coordinators are attempting to organize a workshop during the [2nd Meeting of the IAEG-SDGs](#) in Bangkok, Thailand.
 - In addition, the Coordinators are attempting to organize an event during the UN Summit in September 2015.
 - Noted the Coordinators were originally planning an event in September 2015 with the Group of Friends on Governance (Romania, ROK and Peru). However, other Member States were interested in putting together an event on Goal 16 (US, UK, Australia and others). The Coordinators decided not to have competing events and pushed the Group of Friends on Governance to plan together with the other Member States. Unfortunately, those Member States could not take the lead in planning the event. The broader group is currently trying to figure out who will be leading the planning and logistics to move forward.
 - The Coordinators will keep everyone updated on the event in September 2015 as things developed.
 - For the event in October for the IAEG-SDGs, we will need a more in-depth discussion.
 - Underscored from our last side-event on third-party data this was an issue that was well received.
- Ms. Ulrika Sonesson Cilliers, Save the Children:
 - Stated it would be great to have a board Goal 16 event.
- Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld:
 - Asked if members are planning to attend [2nd Meeting of the IAEG-SDGs](#) in Bangkok, Thailand.
- Mr. Jack Cornforth, CIVICUS:
 - Noted CIVICUS might send a representative to the [2nd Meeting of the IAEG-SDGs](#) in Bangkok, Thailand.

- Highlighted, the CSOs event on the 28 September will try to produce something on what civil society can do to monitor the SDGs, which could be presented to the IAEG-SDGs.
- Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld:
 - Noted Saferworld is still in discussions on whether to send a representative to the [2nd Meeting of the IAEG-SDGs](#) in Bangkok, Thailand.
 - However, if there are events going on during the IAEG-SDGs they are more likely to send a representative.
 - Asked if civil society can participate at the [2nd Meeting of the IAEG-SDGs](#) in Bangkok, Thailand?
 - Recommended Beyond 2015 and the TAP Network write to the Co-Chairs of the IAEG-SDGs to ensure civil society presence at the [2nd Meeting of the IAEG-SDGs](#) in Bangkok, Thailand.
- Mr. Jack Cornforth, CIVICUS:
 - Recommended the TAP Network contact NGLS to ensure civil society participation at the [2nd Meeting of the IAEG-SDGs](#) in Bangkok, Thailand.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - Noted already in contact with NGLS on civil society participation at the [2nd Meeting of the IAEG-SDGs](#) in Bangkok, Thailand.
 - If there are no modalities for civil society participation will contact Beyond 2015 to put together a letter to send to the Co-Chairs of the IAEG-SDGs.
 - Will also contact Co-Chair Lisa Grace Bersales.
 - Expect the TAP Coordinators to attend the [2nd Meeting of the IAEG-SDGs](#) in Bangkok, Thailand if we are planning an event.
 - Will also send around a Google document to members to coordinate our activities during the [2nd Meeting of the IAEG-SDGs](#) in Bangkok, Thailand.
 - Timeline for TAP Network Response to the IAEG-SDGs:
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 - Stressed the TAP Network Response to the IAEG-SDGs would be a good advocacy tool during the UN Summit in September 2015.