

TAP Network Indicators Working Group

Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2015

Present: Ms. Fiona Bradley, The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)
Mr. Craig Fagan, Transparency International
Ms. Sarah Haynes, Restless Development
Mr. Ryan Kaminski, UNA-USA
Mr. Liam Kincaid, TAP Network Deputy Coordinator
Ms. Quinn McKew, Article 19
Mr. Rick Orser, World Federalist Movement Canada (WFMC)
Ms. Allison Pytlak, Control Arms
Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator
Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld

Next meeting: January 2016 (After the holidays!)

OUTCOMES FROM CALL:

- **TAP Network to organize a workshop/side-event during the 47th Session of the UN Statistical Commission.**
- **TAP Network Indicators Working Group to setup a drafting group to draft a position paper on third party data.**

Follow-Up Actions:

- TAP Coordinators to send out minutes of conference call.
- TAP Coordinators to send inputs from open consultation on 'grey indicators' to IAEG-SDGs members.
- TAP Coordinators to send briefing notes from conference calls on the global indicators held in December with UN agencies.
- TAP Coordinators to send concept note for a workshop/side-event during the 47th Session of the UN Statistical Commission.

MEETING MINUTES

Key Issues Addressed:

I. Reflection on IAEG-SDGs and Open Consultations:

- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - Noted the TAP Network provided inputs into the [open consultation on proposed global SDG indicators coded as 'grey'](#) which was launched on 9 December 2015.
 - In addition, the Network provided input into the open consultation on the 'green' indicators last month when the opportunity was presented.
 - Underscored there is still uncertainty as to how stakeholder's inputs from the IAEG-SDGs open consultations will be utilized.
 - Emphasized the Coordinators will outreach to IAEG-SDGs members with our inputs from the open consultation on the 'grey' indicators.
 - However, the work on the indicators will still continue from now until the 47th Session of the UN Statistical Commission.
 - Highlighted, the United Nations Statistical Division will submit a secondary report to the 47th Session of the UN Statistical Commission which will highlight the work on the IAEG-SDGs has done thus far.
 - Noted there will be a 3rd IAEG-SDGs meeting after the 47th Session of the UN Statistical Commission, which will be held in a venue outside of New York.
 - Noted there will be a tentative work programme for the group in the IAEG-SDGs report to the UN Statistical Commission, which will present an overview of the work of the group and cover issues of disaggregation, need for capacity building, and links to the High Level Group, and will include the current indicator proposals as an annex.
 - Highlighted, the United Nations Statistical Division envision one agenda item and 90 minutes will be allocated to the IAEG-SDGs report during the 47th Session of the UN Statistical Commission.
 - Highlighted, during a briefing by the PGA for the 2nd Meeting of the IAEG-SDGs, member states emphasized they wanted some political oversight over the process and outcome of the IAEG-SDGs to check their validity against the "political ambition" expressed by Member States in negotiations on the SDGs.
 - Noted the TAP Coordinator, participated in a HLPF Retreat held 21-22 November by the President of ECOSOC.
 - During discussions, many developing countries noted that we needed further work on the indicators past the UN Statistical Commission in March, whereas a lot of developed country delegations felt the report on the indicators to the UN Statistical Commission should be adopted and be final in March, so as to

have them ready for national reporting through the follow-up and review process of the HLPF. You can find the full report [here](#).

- Noted the Coordinators will send briefing notes from conference calls on the global indicators held in December with UN agencies, as it is a very helpful background document.
- Emphasized the Praia City Group on Governance is envision to support the work on Goal 16 indicators.
- Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld noted the Praia City Group on Governance has submitted their programme of work to the UN Statistical Division which will be transmitted to the 47th Session of the UN Statistical Commission and discussed.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - Noted the UN Statistical Division might go back to the tier system for the indicators when they submit their secondary report.
 - Underscored we should be advocating for the inclusion of the Praia City Group on Governance and UN agencies in the work for the Goal 16 global indicators.
- Mr. Craig Fagan, Transparency International noted during a briefing by Ms. Francesca Perucci, Chief UN Statistics Division she underscored discussions on the 'grey' indicators will continue after March 2016.

II. **Next Steps and Opportunities for Mobilization and Advocacy:**

- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - Highlighted key advocacy opportunities in early 2016 around data/indicators:
 - **The [third meeting of the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for post-2015 monitoring \(HLG for post-2015 monitoring\)](#), will be held from 14-15 January 2016 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.**
 - **The [47th Session of the UN Statistical Commission \(UNSC\)](#) will be held from 8-11 March 2016 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.**
 - **3rd Meeting of the IAEG-SDGs (location tbc)**
 - Suggested three potential areas for the TAP Data/Indicators Working Group to consider working around to prepare inputs for these opportunities, and going forward:
 - Possible "update" of the [TAP Network Metadata Report](#) to use for advocacy around the 47th session of the UN Statistical Commission and 3rd meeting of the IAEG-SDGs.
 - Further elaboration of the TAP Network brief on third party data into a position paper for the 47th Session of the UN Statistical Commission and the HLPF 2016, which the Network can use to advocate for third party data in follow-up and review processes.

- Hosting of a workshop around third party data during the 47th Session of the UN Statistical Commission.
 - Noted there will negotiations in spring 2016 on the modalities for the HLPF follow-up and review mechanisms, where these inputs will also be very relevant for.
- Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld:
 - Noted that Saferworld will be helping to organize a side-event during the 47th Session of the UN Statistical Commission on conflict and data issues.
 - The event might possibly present the outcomes from the expert meeting on measuring SDG 16 targets on peace and inclusion, held 28-29 January 2016, Oslo, Norway.
 - Emphasized Saferworld would be willing to help support a TAP Network side-event on non-official data during the 47th Session of the UN Statistical Commission.
- Ms. Quinn McKew, Article 19 posed a question to the group on if we should highlight key examples where partnerships already exist and where third party data is used within official data metrics.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator responded by suggesting that we should bring these examples of where this kind of data has been used before, and that the TAP Coordinators will work with relevant colleagues to help bring these examples to the event.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - Stated the Coordinators would send more details on organizing a workshop/side-event during the 47th Session of the UN Statistical Commission to the Network.
 - Called on volunteers for a drafting group on third party data data brief:
 - Volunteers: Ms. Quinn McKew, Article 19; Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld; Mr. Ryan Kaminski, UNA-USA; Mr. Craig Fagan, Transparency International volunteered to be on the drafting group.
 - For others interested in contributing to this drafting group, please reach out to the TAP Coordinators (romano@wfuna.org, kincaid@wfuna.org)

III. **AOB:**

- Mr. Rick Orser, WFMC highlighted that he is working on a project for a global survey for governance issues, and will send around a concept note to the Data/Indicators Working Group.