



Transparency, Accountability
& Participation in Post-2015

TAP Network Indicators Working Group

Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2015

Present: Ms. Fiona Bradley, The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)
Mr. Klaus Lehn Christensen, Nonviolence International
Mr. Craig Fagan, Transparency International
Mr. Liam Kincaid, TAP Network Deputy-Coordinator
Mr. Rick Orser, World Federalist Movement Canada (WFMC)
Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator
Ms. Cliona Sharkey, Trocaire
Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld

Next meeting: Monday, 15 June, TIME TBD

OUTCOMES FROM CALL:

Follow-Up Actions:

- TAP Coordinators to send out minutes of conference call.
- TAP Coordinators to send out [survey to members](#) of the Indicators Working Group, which includes survey on times for next call on Monday, 15 June.
- TAP Coordinators to send draft proposal for the selection of the TAP Network speaker for the first meeting of the Praia City Group on Governance Indicators held 17-19 June that will be submitted to the TAP Network Steering Committee for approval.
- Indicators Working Group to re-convene call on Monday, 15 June to discuss priorities and key points around the First Meeting of the Praia City Group on Governance Indicators.

MEETING MINUTES

Key Issues Addressed:

1.1 Priorities and Working Methods

- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - Highlighted there are 19 members in the [Indicators Working Group](#).

- Group created to help streamline the TAP Network's work around SDGs/Goal 16 Indicators and to identify experts on Goal 16 issues, data and statistics.
 - Stressed there are a lot of upcoming opportunities for the TAP Network to provide their inputs until March 2016 and beyond.
 - Asked members how they wish to develop their working methods for the Indicators Working Group.
- Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld:
 - Highlighted the group needs to take into consideration whether the Indicators Working Group can follow through on its commitments until March 2016.
 - Recommended the Indicators Working Group focus on specific responses to the IAEG-SDGs whether on the framework or individual indicators. The working group could draft various responses or positions and put it forward to the wider TAP Network for endorsements.
- Mr. Rick Orser, World Federalist Movement Canada (WFMC) recommended we go beyond the issue of indicators and into broader issues like data and statistics for the Post-2015 agenda. The working group outputs should motivate change.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator emphasized a lot of members within the working group have expressed interest in the work going beyond the indicators work and into data and statistics realm.
- Mr. Klaus Lehn Christensen, Nonviolence International stated that it might be good for the working group to develop multi-functional indicators.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator stressed the UN Statistical Commission emphasized the need for crosscutting indicators. Goal 16 represents an opportunity for the TAP Network to develop multi functional indicators on governance that can assist in our advocacy.
- Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld:
 - Recommended the Indicators Working Group think about two streams of work:
 1. Top level on wider issues
 2. Issues on specific indicators – recommend we focus on global indicators.
 - Agree it would of interest to look at multi functional indicators but remain a bit skeptical about narrowing the numbers of indicators right away.
 - Stressed the Indicators Working Group could look at the role of third parties playing a more active role, as many issues remain how to define that role. The Indicators Working Group could provide practical suggestions on what that role would look like for third parties. The wider objective could be to make sure third parties have the door open for them.
 - Might be useful for the working group to develop top 3 priorities we want to work on and key messages.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:

- Agreed one of the priorities of the TAP Network is third party data.
- Noted if the working group develop a few priority indicator on Goal 16, it might be political within the TAP Network.
- Highlighted an option to this problem might be putting together a compendium of inputs on indicators that can be a resource for Member States.
- Ms. Fiona Bradley, The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) asked whether the TAP Network is feeding into the UNDP Virtual Network?
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - Stressed the TAP Network is working closely with UNDP Virtual Network and have had discussions on feeding inputs into their work. However, they are in a phase of developing next steps for the virtual network. They are developing a report based on the inputs they have received over the past months.
 - Stressed there is add value in working with the UNDP Virtual Network. There is an opportunity to develop a civil society platform on the World We Want website with the virtual network.
 - Will circulate a survey on what are the priorities of the Indicator Working Group.

1.2 TAP Network Engagement in Praia City Group on Governance Indicators

- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - Underlined the Praia City Group on Governance Indicators held 17-19 June is a key entry point for the TAP Network.
 - The UN Statistical Commission established Praia City Group on Governance Indicators in March 2015 consisting of high-level experts working around developing indicators. It is led by the NSO Cape Verde and will host the first meeting in Praia, Cape Verde 17-19 June.
 - The TAP Network has been invited to be a member of the Praia City Group and it represents an opportunity for the Indicator Working Group to feed our inputs.
 - During the first meeting of the Praia City Group, they have given us an opportunity to present the work of the TAP Network on Goal 16 indicators/data. The first meeting will determine the working methods and roadmap of the group.
 - The initial inclination from the TAP Coordinators was to select an expert to represent the TAP Network at this and subsequent, but based on conversation with Mariana Neves she recommended a speaker that would advocate on the work of the TAP Network and its possible contributions to the Praia City Group, and not necessarily an expert.

- Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld will be attending the first meeting of the Praia City Group on Governance Indicators in Praia, Cape Verde 17-19 June.
- The Coordinators had a conversation with the TAP Network Steering Committee and they agreed that the Indicators Working Group would propose a speaker to the Steering Committee to take a decision if the recommended speaker can represent that TAP Network at the Praia City Group on Governance Indicators. In addition, they would decide whether funding for travel would be available for the speaker.
- As we move forward with our engagement with the Praia City Group in future meetings on the substantive issues, we will need to identify experts to represent the TAP Network.
- Mr. Craig Fagan, Transparency International:
 - Asked whether the Coordinators were thinking of another option beside Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld as the speaker to represent the TAP Network.
 - Recommended we select Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld as TAP's representative.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - Welcome Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld as TAP's representative.
 - Highlighted concerns about Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld wearing two-hats at this first meeting, which might confuse people when providing inputs.
- Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld:
 - Stated he willing to represent the TAP Network and Saferworld at the first meeting of the Praia City Group, but is aware of concerns.
 - Asked if anyone else from the TAP Network has put themselves forward as a speaker? Do they have travel funding? Or does the Coordinator have funding to travel to Praia?
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - Agreed it would preferable to send Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld as a speaker on behalf of the TAP Network, but it is up to the Indicators Working Group to select the speaker.
 - The Indicator Working Group need to put forward a proposal to the TAP Network Steering Committee and they will approve and if needed provide travel funding.
- Mr. Craig Fagan, Transparency International:
 - Suggested the person attending the Praia City Group should be someone who can continue the conversation at the technical level, but also build relationships with NSOs. The speaker should be able to talk about the broader policy issues but also the technical issues.
 - Recommended Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld or Ms. Claire Schouten, International Budget Partnership.

- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - Agree we need identify a focal point that can attend all meetings, but also should be flexible on who we should send to future meetings and respond to how things develop through the Praia City Group's programme of work.
- Mr. Rick Orser, World Federalist Movement Canada (WFMC) suggested putting forward Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator as the representative to reaffirm our commitment to the Praia City Group.
- Mr. Craig Fagan, Transparency International:
 - Highlighted the overlap with upcoming meetings at UNHQ (FfD3 & Post-2015 IGN) with the Praia City Group meeting.
 - Suggested we prioritize our resources with these upcoming meetings, and reiterated the need for sending representatives that have technical expertise in these issues.
 - Recommend we have the Coordinators at the upcoming FfD3 and Post-2015 IGN meetings in New York. However, have no problem with Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator attend the Praia City Group, if needed.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator recommended he stay in New York for the upcoming FfD3 and Post-2015 IGN meetings.
- Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld agreed to speak on behalf of the TAP Network at the first meeting of the Praia City Group, and will coordinate with the Indicators Working Group on key messages.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator suggested the Indicators Working Group have another conference call next week on Monday, 15 June, to agree key messages for Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld to deliver at the First Meeting of the Praia City Group on behalf of the TAP Network.

1.3 Update from First meeting of the IAEG-SDGs

- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - Stated the first meeting of the IAEG-SDGs was not encouraging. It seems it was not well organized and there was not full agreement from Members on the way forward.
 - Because the first meeting was not well organized, a lot of delegations from UN Missions attended on behalf of their NSOs, which stalled the work of the group.
 - However, the IAEG-SDGs still represents an opportunity for our advocacy work because their working methods remains undefined, it gives us an opportunity to step in and contribute to the discussions.
 - The Coordinators emailed [briefing notes on the first meeting of the IAEG-SDGs](#) and it is available on our website.
- Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld:

- Stated that the briefing notes were very helpful, and recommended the Coordinators continue to send briefing notes on future IAEG-SDGs meetings and update the group on any new documentation from the IAEG-SDGs.
 - Recommended the Coordinators to build relationships with NSOs.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator emphasized the Coordinators are a resource to the Indicators Working Group, and will send the group regular updates.

1.4 Other TAP opportunities, priorities and activities around SDGs/Goal 16 Indicators

- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - Some TAP Network members have put forward a proposal to organize a side-event during the post-2015 IGN in July on third party data.
 - Also some members recommended we put together a side-event on third party data during the UN Summit to adopt the post-2015 agenda.
- Mr. Klaus Lehn Christensen, Nonviolence International highlighted we don't know what methods CSOs can engage the IAEG-SDGs. When we know the methods of engagement we can develop how to engage in this process in detail.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - Suggested that these events will be key to our advocacy success, as it allows us to contribute to the discussions around the IAEG-SDGs with NSOs and delegations, regardless of the engagement modalities within the IAEG-SDGs.
- Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld:
 - Agree a side-event around third party data would be a good idea during the post-2015 IGN in July 2015.
 - Highlighted, an event on third party data during the UN Summit might not get a lot of traction, as it is a very specific and pointed topic.
 - Recommended the Indicators Working Group draft a proposal (4 pager) on indicators, which would be sent to all NSOs and presented during the side-events.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - Stated we are in preliminary discussions to put together an online consultations/crowdsourcing platform to gather proposals on Goal 16 indicators whether at the global, regional or national level disaggregated by issues, geographical relevance, etc.
 - The platform will also gather case studies and best practices on Goal 16 issues.
 - It will also act as a pilot in the way forward for CSOs to engage in follow-up with the post-2015 agenda through the SDGs. This platform could be a model for other goals that takes a deeper dive at the data and statistics from third party sources, and provide a platform for following-up on these goals through the World We Want.
 - Underlined the Coordinators are open to suggestions from the members on other advocacy opportunities.
 - Recommended we have co-chairs for the Indicators Working Group.