

TAP Network Steering Committee

Meeting Decisions

2 February 2018

Present:

- Mr. Louis Busingye, HRFRA
- Mr. Rukshana Nanayakkara, Transparency International
- Ms. Coco Lammers, Namati
- Mr. Zia Ur-Rehman, ADA
- Ms. Jyotsna Singh, ADA
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Secretariat

Not Present:

- Ms. Hellen Malinga Apila, SDG Kenya Forum

Next meeting: Friday, 16 February 2018, 9:00 ET / 2:00 GMT

Chairing Meeting: Mr. John Romano, TAP Secretariat

DECISIONS TAKEN FROM CONFERENCE CALL IN GREEN; FOLLOW-UP ITEMS IN BLUE

Agenda Items:

1. Nominations for Co-chairs for Steering Committee

Discussion: The role of the Steering Committee co-chairs was outlined by the Secretariat, with their key role in the new revised Terms of Reference for the Steering Committee referenced. The opportunity was presented for Steering Committee members to self-nominate for co-chairmanship from the “global north” and “global south”, with Transparency International and Asia Development Alliance nominating from the “global north” and “global south” respectively. With no other nominations, it was decided that these organizations would be the new co-chairs for 2018. It was also proposed that co-chairs should serve for 1 year, at which point the co-chairs would rotate to two other Steering Committee members. This would be important for increasing ownership and responsibility within this current two-year term of the Steering Committee.

Decision: Transparency International and Asia Development Alliance elected as co-chairs of the TAP Network Steering Committee for one-year term in 2018.

Decision: Steering Committee co-chairs will rotate after one year to two new Steering Committee members.

2. In-person Steering Committee meeting

Discussion: The TAP Secretariat outlined the opportunity outlined in the new revised Terms of Reference of the TAP Steering Committee, as well as the need for hosting an in-person Steering Committee meeting to address many issues around strategic planning and budgeting for 2018, fundraising strategy, planning for the 2018 HLPF and other substantive work streams such as national SDG16 workshops and the SDG Accountability Handbook. Steering Committee members were all in agreement that this would provide a very good opportunity to convene and discuss all of these important issues together, and that this meeting should be hosted ASAP, with a preference from most Steering Committee members to host it the week of 26 February or 5 March, with the possibility of having the meeting over a weekend. It was noted that due easier access to travel visas for the majority of Steering Committee members, it would be preferable to host this meeting in either Kenya or Rwanda. It was highlighted that the Secretariat will explore possible dates and logistical options for hosting this meeting and will follow-up with Steering Committee members ASAP regarding travel arrangements. The co-chairs and the Secretariat will then work on an agenda for the meeting.

Follow-up: TAP Secretariat to send around a doodle to explore best dates for this in-person Steering Committee meeting, and will explore logistical arrangements to prepare for this meeting.

3. Overview of immediate opportunities in Q1 2018

Discussion: An overview of the various opportunities outlined by the TAP Secretariat was provided, including for the Partners for Review Network Spring Meeting, the Global Festival of Action for Sustainable Development, and the IAEG-SDGs spring meeting. It was noted that the Partners for Review Network meeting would be a key process to continue engaging with, and could provide a good opportunity to explore further partnership/fundraising with GIZ who will host the meeting. It was agreed that it would be ideal to have the TAP Secretariat and the co-chairs of the Steering Committee representing at this meeting. It was also noted that the Global Festival of Action would be a good opportunity to connect with donors as well, with a preference of having the TAP Secretariat and co-chairs attending this meeting as well. The opportunities for engaging around the IAEG-SDGs was also highlighted, with the Steering Committee agreeing that it would be preferable to have the TAP Coordinator represented at this meeting. Other opportunities for engagement were highlighted by other Steering Committee members, including the Asia Partnership for Sustainable Development meeting and the CPD. It was also mentioned that the Regional HLPF meetings would be hosted in the Spring of 2018, and it would be prudent to discuss how TAP can engage in these regional meetings, as well as other regional engagement opportunities in the future, at the upcoming in-person Steering Committee meeting.

4. Update on SDG Accountability Handbook work stream

Discussion: The TAP Secretariat updated the Steering Committee on the process to begin work on the SDG Accountability Handbook in the coming weeks ahead. This includes finalizing a contract with the consultant to help draft and coordinate this work, as well as a launch of a process for TAP Members to nominate themselves for an “advisory committee” for this SDG Accountability Handbook. It was noted that the Steering Committee would eventually need to take decisions on these nominations once the nomination process has concluded. It was also suggested that a July release date would be ideal, so that the Handbook could be launched around the 2018 HLPF.

5. Office space for the TAP Secretariat

Discussion: It was noted that the TAP Secretariat was still without a physical office space, and that a decision around the office space was deferred by the previous Steering Committee to this current Steering Committee. It was suggested that the co-chairs should once again send an email to the TAP Network inquiring about potential office spaces for the Secretariat, along with broader updates on the Steering Committee’s work and plans.

Follow-up: TAP Secretariat to work with co-chairs on email to TAP Network with Steering Committee updates and inquiry for TAP office space in New York.

6. AOB

Discussion: It was proposed that the Steering Committee should consider setting a day and time to host regular calls, instead of scheduling calls based on a doodle each week. It was agreed by all that this would be preferable, and the Friday 9:00 ET / 14:00 GMT time slot was the preferable option for all. The urgency of taking decisions around an office space for the TAP Secretariat was also highlighted, as TAP currently does not cover any costs of working from home for the Coordinator.

Decision: TAP Steering Committee calls to be hosted every other Friday at 9:00 ET / 14:00 GMT.