TAP Network Conference Call

March 23, 2016

Present:  
Ms. Arelys Bellorini, World Vision
Ms. Fiona Bradley, IFLA
Ms. Nicole Cardinal, Save the Children
Mr. Savio Carvalho, Amnesty International
Mr. Joseph Cornelius, CARITAS Internationalis
Mr. Craig Fagan, Transparency International
Mr. Ryan Kaminski, UNA-USA
Mr. Liam Kincaid, TAP Network Deputy-Coordinator
Ms. Caroline Poirrier, Results for Development
Ms. Rachel Quint, Hewlett Foundation
Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator
Ms. Maribel Soliván, Brookings Institution
Ms. Jennifer Tsai, ABA Rule of Law Initiative
Ms. Mari Ullmann, WFUNA
Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld

Chairing Meeting:  Ms. Fiona Bradley, IFLA

Next meeting:  tbc

OUTCOMES FROM CALL:

Follow-Up Actions:
• TAP Coordinators to send out minutes of conference call.

MEETING MINUTES

Key Issues Addressed:

1.1. Update on 47th Session of the UN Statistical Commission (UNSC)
• Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
Please find notes for the 47th Session of the UN Statistical Commission [here](#).

Noted the 47th Session of the UNSC adopted the Report of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators.

Member States and National Statistical Offices original planned to have two separate outcomes for the 47th Session of the UNSC.

1. Decisions of the 47th Session of the UNSC
2. A draft resolution that would endorse the global indicator framework forwarded to ECOSOC

However, at the end of the 47th Session of the UNSC only decisions were adopted and Member States deferred a decision on the draft resolution.

Noted the outcomes of the 47th Session of the UNSC was fairly positive for the TAP Network.

Highlighted, by deferring a decision on the draft resolution this has separated the political discussions from the technical discussions.

Noted we are still awaiting what are the next steps for these discussions at ECOSOC and UNGA.

Noted as discussions move towards ECOSOC and the UNGA it will become more politicize.

Stressed there is still more work to be done after the 47th Session of the UNSC.

Noted the Third meeting of the IAEG-SDGs will be held 30 March – 1 April in Mexico City.

Stressed this 3rd meeting of the IAEG-SDGs is very significant for the TAP Network because it will discuss methods of stakeholder engagement and:

- Establishment of a tier system for indicators
- Establishment of procedures for the methodological review of indicators, including approval mechanisms of needed revisions
- Development of global reporting mechanisms, including identifying entities responsible for compiling data for global reporting on individual indicators and discussing data flow from the national to the global level
- Discussion of the work plan and next steps

Noted the TAP Network has been advocating for greater stakeholder engagement, especially for the 3rd meeting of the IAEG-SDGs.

Noted the TAP Network drafted a positon paper for the 47th Session of the UNSC.

The TAP Network Global SDGs Indicator position paper identifies some of the key areas for further collaboration and work between the IAEG-SDGs, the Official Statistical community and stakeholders more broadly, and outlines some concrete recommendations on how we can best undertake this work together.

- Download: TAP Network Global SDGs Indicators: building a Framework that is Fit for Purpose
o Noted the TAP Coordinator will be attending the 3rd meeting of the IAEG-SDGs with other TAP colleagues coordinating our advocacy and providing briefing notes.

- Ms. Jennifer Tsai, ABA Rule of Law Initiative:
  o Asked why the 47th Session of the UNSC decided not to forward the draft resolution to ECOSOC?

- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
  o Noted Member States at the 47th Session of the UNSC determined they did not have the mandate to forward the draft resolution on to ECOSOC.

- Ms. Jennifer Tsai, ABA Rule of Law Initiative:
  o Asked whether the IAEG-SDGs will consider including additional indicators at the 3rd meeting of the IAEG-SDGs in Mexico City?

- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
  o Noted it is not likely the IAEG-SDGs will consider additional indicators at the 3rd meeting of the IAEG-SDGs in Mexico City.
  o Presumably, when the IAEG-SDGs review the current indicators in the next coming months or years there will be opportunities to include new indicators.

- Ms. Rachel Quint, Hewlett Foundation:
  o Asked what will be discussed at ECOSOC for the global indicator framework?

- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
  o Noted Member States will be deciding on how to accept and take forward the outcomes of the 47th Session of the UNSC - global indicator framework.
  o Underlined it is not a given, Member States will unconditionally endorse these outcomes. It may be possible Member States request the IAEG-SDGs develop another set of global indicators.

- Ms. Fiona Bradley, IFLA:
  o Noted on the side of the 47th Session of the UNSC, IFLA had discussions with other TAP colleagues on steps they could take to measure contributions on 16.10.
  o Asked other colleagues, if they are working on contributions for 16.10 to contact Ms. Fiona Bradley, IFLA.
  o Will share more information through the TAP Network mailing list.

- Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld:
  o Stated Saferworld and a few others have started discussions on using existing data sets to setup a data platform for Goal 16 at the global level. Will keep the Network updated.

- Mr. Savio Carvalho, Amnesty International:
1.2. Update HLPF:

- **Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:**
  - Noted the Permanent Representatives of Belize (Ms. Lois Young) and Denmark (Mr. Ib Peterson) were appointed as co-facilitators to lead an open, inclusive and transparent process of informal consultations with Member States and Stakeholders, to take decisions on the most critical issues, as seen by Member States, addressed in the report of the Secretary-General outlining milestones and way forward towards coherent, efficient and inclusive follow-up and review at the global level of the 2030 Agenda.
  - Please find TAP Network briefing notes and roadmap provide by the co-facilitators here.
  - Co-facilitators will hold first informal consultations with Member States on 31 March and with Stakeholders on the 1 April.
  - Noted the modalities of these consultations remains vague but we will engage with these consultations as we move forward.
  - Co-facilitators hope that an agreement will be reached in early June, in time for action for the HLPF.
  - Co-facilitators hope to have zero draft resolution for negotiations ready in early May.
  - Noted we are working to finalize the TAP Network HLPF position paper and will circulate in the next few days for comments and consultations.

- **Ms. Nicole Cardinal, Save the Children:**
  - Noted the co-facilitators for the informal consultations with Member States and Stakeholders would like to hear what issues they want to be addressed with the draft resolution.

1.3. Elections for next TAP Network Steering Committee

- **Ms. Fiona Bradley, IFLA:**
  - Noted there will be new elections for a new TAP Network Steering Committee.
  - Noted the current Steering Committee will be revising the terms of references for the new Steering Committee.
  - Emphasized members to look out for an email which they will receive soon on the nomination process for the next TAP Network Steering Committee.
  - Stressed the programme of work for the next Steering Committee will include:
Guiding the TAP Network as we move into its next phase.
National level implementation/capacity building through the TAP Network Goal 16 Advocacy Toolkit.
Emerging processes that the TAP Network can influence or collaborate with as we move forward.
Managing the TAP Network grants.
Determining the longer term strategy of the TAP Network.
Working to develop funding proposals for additional resources as needed.

- Encourage organizations to submit their nominations if they are interested.

1.4. Update TAP Network Independent Evaluation:
- Ms. Fiona Bradley, IFLA:
  - Noted the results for the TAP Network Independent Evaluation will be available next week.

1.5. Update on TAP Network Goal 16 Advocacy Toolkit:
- Ms. Fiona Bradley, IFLA:
  - Noted the Goal 16 Advocacy Toolkit will likely be released next week.

1.6. Update TAP Network Internship:
- Ms. Fiona Bradley, IFLA:
  - Called for members to share with their Network the internship opportunity available with the TAP Network which is posted on the WFUNA website or on idealist.org here: http://bit.ly/1SVPbvu

1.7. AOB:
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
  - Noted there will be a TAP Network Indicator Working Group call Thursday, 24 March 2016 at 8:00 EST/12:00 GMT. You can join by going: https://www.uberconference.com/wfuna or just call 888-919-9843. No PIN needed.
  - You can sign-up for the TAP Network Indicators Working Group here http://bit.ly/1pyWtti