

TAP Network Steering Committee

Meeting Decisions

September 1, 2016

Present:

- Mr. Savio Carvalho, Amnesty International**
- Ms. Doun Moon, Asia Development Alliance**
- Mr. Anselmo Lee, Asia Development Alliance**
- Mr. Louis Busingye, Human Rights First Rwanda Association**
- Mr. Bonian Golmohammadi, WFUNA**
- Ms. Arelys Bellorini, World Vision**
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator**
- Ms. Dylan Hunzeker, TAP Network Program Assistant**
- Ms. Mari Ullman, WFUNA**

Next meetings:

- Doodle, Next week's call:** <http://doodle.com/poll/5vn74vsez78d4mum>
- Doodle, The following week's call:** <http://doodle.com/poll/2mxunvksuvdraz7c>

Chairing Meeting: Mr. Savio Carvalho, Amnesty International

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

Agenda Items:

1. Approval of last Steering Committee Call Decisions

Decision: **Approval** of last TAP Steering Committee call decisions from 29 July.

2. Review of Draft TAP Strategy Document

Discussion:

- It was noted that while the current drafts do take into account the TAP consultation inputs, it is important and necessary for Steering Committee Members to take into account the TAP consultation when commenting/editing all of these documents. It was also noted that the overall objective of TAP's work should be more clearly articulated in this document.
- A question was asked about how regional actors could make more effective inputs into the work of the network going forward.

- It was suggested and noted that the UNGA was missing as an entry point for TAP's work at the global level.
- It was also noted that it is necessary to explicitly delineate how precisely the network will grow and expand, within this document and the LogFrame. It was also highlighted there is a need to further outline specific entry points for engagement regarding various work streams going forward.

3. Review of Draft TAP LogFrame

Discussion

- There was the question of how to engage in processes related to data indicators, and we will need to clarify these "how" questions at a later stage.
- There was the question of how to build upon the work of TAP's partners, especially for certain areas like Africa where a lot of other organizations are doing similar work.
- It was noted that the TAP consultation showed a desire from Members for TAP to lead on global advocacy work and national-level capacity building, with "coordination" at the regional and national level left to organizations and Networks already undertaking this work. TAP can build upon and help strengthen this work already being done.
- It was decided that a year by year strategy would need to be elaborated for TAP, once this broader programme has been agreed upon and fully funded.
- There was a suggestion to add an additional outcome/work stream to explore the interlinkages between SDG16 and other SDGs, which would help strengthen TAP's work and relate it to other areas/issues.

4. Review of Draft TAP Budget

Discussion

- There were questions raised and a discussion on the overall funding that goes to WFUNA, and whether or not it could be changed/alterd going forward.
- There was a question as to the importance and relevance of the travel subsidy to TAP representatives, particularly if there is a shift in focus from global to national work.
- There was a question about how the voluntary contributions that TAP collects from Members would be used and reflected in this budget going forward.
- It was discussed that there might be a need to reflect on salaries for TAP Secretariat staff members, without TAP Secretariat present.

- There was the discussion on whether or not two coordinators were enough, and whether there was enough staff for amount of proposed work, as well as the potential for additional staffing to be built into this budget and programme.
- There was an in-depth discussion on the overall hosting of the TAP Secretariat and grant, with WFUNA being completely open to exploring other options for hosting.
- -It was noted that if the Steering Committee would pursue a significant expansion in TAP's work going forward, that WFUNA might not be in the best position to host the Secretariat, due to office space restrictions and other considerations.
- It was also suggested that staffing of the network should not be concentrated in New York if expanded to more than two, and that a "capacity building officer" should be housed at a regional location maybe in Europe or elsewhere.
- It was noted that there would likely be logistical challenges in shifting the hosting for TAP, and that the Steering Committee would need to discuss potential options over the coming weeks ahead.

Follow-up: Steering Committee to host separate call/discussion on hosting of the TAP Network going forward.

5. Timelines and next steps

Discussion:

- It was noted that the Steering Committee would need to meet over the next couple of weeks to discuss agenda items left over from this call, and other issues, and to discuss the proposal documents again.

Follow-up Item: The TAP Secretariat will host one-on-one discussions with each of the Steering Committee Members over the next week to compile comments/edits to the proposal documents, to compile in one master document for the Steering Committee to discuss in two weeks.

Follow-Up Item: TAP Secretariat to re-send Documents to order to compile comments/edits

Follow-up Item: Steering Committee to fill out doodles for next two weeks' calls ASAP

6. Discussion on next steps on Voluntary Funding Contributions

Agenda Item 6 postponed to next week's Steering Committee call

7. Debrief on Bangkok ToT

Agenda Item 7 postponed to next week's Steering Committee call

8. SC Communications with TAP Network

Follow-up: TAP Secretariat to send out list/order of TAP Steering Committee Members for sending monthly update to TAP Network.

The order is as follows:

- 1. September: Louis Busingye, HRFRA**
- 2. October: Savio Carvalho, Amnesty International**
- 3. November: Arelys Bellorini, World Vision International**
- 4. Zia Ur-Rehman, Asia Development Alliance**
- 5. Bonian Golmohammadi, WFUNA**