TAP Network Steering Committee

10 February 2017

Present:  
Ms. Mari Ullmann, WFUNA  
Ms. Arelys Bellorini, World Vision  
Mr. Savio Carvalho, Amnesty International  
Mr. Brenda Kayitesi, HRFRA  
Mr. John Romano, TAP Secretariat

Not Present: Mr. Zia Ur-Rehman, ADA

Next meetings: Doodle: http://doodle.com/poll/mrb69be8958d48qe

Chairing Meeting: Mr. Savio Carvalho

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 27 January 2016.

2. Update on TAP legal options

   Follow-up: TAP Secretariat and WFUNA to inquire with current donors about availability of “Organization Effectiveness Grant” to assist in TAP hosting process

Discussion: Questions were raised about clarifying where we were in the TAP “hosting/governance” process, in order to ensure that we are not deviating from the process outlined previously. Members expressed the importance of concluding the process first and depending on the final outcome proceed to discuss other options. However, preparatory work for other options can advance in tandem”. WFUNA and the TAP Secretariat have followed up with Hewlett Foundation to inquire about availability of an “Organization Effectiveness Grant” to help TAP consider its options for “hosting/governance” going forward. Current options for further consideration in discussions around TAP “hosting/governance” are:

   1. TAP organizations applying to “host” the TAP Network
   2. WFUNA, as current “host” of the TAP Network
   3. Exploring additional options for fiscal sponsorship or acquiring legal status for TAP
**Reservation:** WFUNA re-iterated a reservation from 1 December 2016 stating their preference to explore additional nominated organizations from the TAP hosting nomination process.

3. Update on current TAP Logframe and budget and priorities for remainder of grant period

**Discussion:** It was unanimously agreed that TAP should focus its efforts on additional outreach and activities around the Goal 16 Advocacy Toolkit. It was also suggested that it may be relevant to hire a short-term consultant to assist the TAP Coordinator with Goal 16 Toolkit related activities and follow-up. It was also suggested that the TAP Secretariat should explore hiring an intern to handle communications and outreach activities. Additionally, it was broadly agreed that TAP needed to also re-focus efforts on engaging with its members, particularly around various advocacy opportunities in the coming months. It was generally agreed that TAP could potentially help support this engagement by supporting travel costs for some TAP members at different events.

**Follow-up:** TAP Secretariat to put together list/calendar of advocacy opportunities for the Steering Committee to review which opportunities might be relevant to fund TAP Member travel

**Follow-up:** TAP Secretariat to undertake further outreach to solicit interest/proposals for additional national-level SDG16 workshops

**Follow-up:** TAP Secretariat and WFUNA review TAP Coordinator workload to consider priorities and make adjustments to the workplan as appropriate, as well as considering finding additional support.

4. SDG Accountability Handbook Concept Note

**Discussion:** Timing of taking the SDG Accountability Handbook forward was discussed, with differing opinions on if we should take this work forward now or defer to a later date.

**Follow-up:** TAP Secretariat to reflect latest comments in the concept note and take a decision on timing for taking this work forward on the following Steering Committee call, based on assessment of workload from TAP Secretariat and WFUNA.

5. AOB

It was noted that Mr. Savio Carvalho will be departing from Amnesty International in six weeks. Amnesty International will identify a replacement focal point for the TAP Steering Committee and will remain actively engaged as co-chairs.