

TAP Network Steering Committee

Meeting Decisions

23 March 2017

Present:

- Ms. Mari Ullmann, WFUNA
- Ms. Arellys Bellorini, World Vision
- Mr. Savio Carvalho, Amnesty International
- Mr. Louis Busingye, HRFRA
- Ms. Jyotsna Singh, ADA
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Secretariat
- Mr. Reyhanillo Andi Kasim, TAP Secretariat

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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

Discussion: Concerns were highlighted from multiple Steering Committee members that some action items and decisions taken from previous Steering Committee calls have yet to be taken forward – including around convening a Steering Committee call with TAP donors and hiring a full-time capacity building consultant. It was agreed that the Secretariat will provide details on the status of taking forward decisions from Steering Committee calls in their weekly updates to the Steering Committee, and that they would prioritize follow-up items from these calls to take forward urgently.

Decision: Approval of Steering Committee Decisions from 9 March 2017.

Follow-up: TAP Secretariat to set-up call between Steering Committee and TAP donors

2. Discussion on Amnesty International Steering Committee Resignation and next steps, and review of draft email to TAP on extending SC mandate

Discussion: It was unanimously agreed that the vacant Steering Committee seat should be offered to the American Bar Association – Rule of Law Initiative (ABA-ROLI), in accordance with the procedure outlined in the TAP Steering Committee ToR. It was noted that the Steering Committee needed to work to sufficiently brief ABA-ROLI on the current state of discussions around TAP governance and hosting, to enable them to transition quickly and contribute to these discussions. It was proposed that if ABA-ROLI accepts this seat on the

Steering Committee, that the Secretariat would arrange for a call with all Steering Committee members to provide an inclusive and transparent opportunity to brief them on these issues. World Vision International was nominated – and subsequently accepted – to fill the vacant role of co-chair of the Steering Committee.

Decision: Approval for offering vacant Steering Committee seat to ABA-ROLI.

Decision: World Vision International to take on role as co-chair of the TAP Steering Committee.

Follow-up: TAP Secretariat to reach out to ABA-ROLI to offer this Steering Committee seat, and if accepted, arrange a call for the Steering Committee to brief ABA-ROLI on current discussions.

Follow-up: Steering Committee co-chairs to coordinate with the Secretariat to send out revised email to the TAP Network regarding extension of Steering Committee mandate on Monday, 27 March.

3. Discussion on Governance and Hosting review and Independent Evaluation

Discussion: The Steering Committee agreed to begin work to commission an independent review of governance and hosting, as well as an independent evaluation ASAP. Outputs for this review would include:

1. Institutional Arrangement Scoping Paper
2. TAP “Governance” Review and Options Paper
3. Independent Evaluation for TAP’s 2016-2017 work

Given the condensed timelines and workload, it was proposed that multiple consultants working closely together might be a preferable option to take on this work. It was also noted by various Steering Committee members that the Terms of Reference (ToR) for this consultancy should not pre-empt the consultant’s work by providing an outline of expected options for any of these outputs.

Follow-up: TAP Secretariat to draft ToR for this consultancy for the TAP Steering Committee to review, with aim to circulate ASAP for applicants.

4. AOB