

# TAP Network Steering Committee

## Meeting Decisions

9 June 2017

**Present:**

- Ms. Arelys Bellorini, World Vision
- Mr. Louis Busingye, HRFRA
- Mr. Mohammed Zia Ur-Rehman, ADA
- Ms. Jyotsna Singh, ADA
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Secretariat
- Mr. Reyhanillo Andi Kasim, TAP Secretariat
- Ms. Jennifer Tsai, ABA ROLI

**Not present:** Ms. Bonian Golmohammadi, WFUNA

**Next meetings:** Doodle: <https://doodle.com/poll/7t5ruty5iqamvqub>

**Chairing Meeting:** Mr. Louis Busingye

**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 Steering Committee Decisions from 26 May 2017.

#### **2. Replacing Nnenna Nwakanma for TAP funding support**

**Decision:** Selection of Mr. Tola Winjobi, Civil Society Coalition on Sustainable Development (Nigeria) to replace Nnenna Nwakanma for TAP HLPF funding, due to scheduling conflicts.

#### **3. TAP National SDG16 workshops proposal**

**Decision:** Approval of proposal to explore national workshops in the following countries, with corresponding maximum budgets:

- Nigeria (\$3,200)
- Malaysia (\$3,200)
- Colombia (\$3,200)
- Rwanda (\$3,200)
- Cambodia (\$3,200)
- United Kingdom (\$1,500)

## **Follow-up: TAP Secretariat to begin planning workshops with partner organizations ASAP**

**Discussion:** It was noted that despite the national focus that these workshops would have, we should also try and include experts from around the region if possible, to encourage cross-fertilization and sharing of best practices. It was suggested that we could have TAP Steering Committee members potentially engage in some of these workshops as facilitators, with possibility of Louis for Africa workshops, ADA colleagues for Asia workshops, and Arellys to inquire within WVI offices in the Latin America region as well. The need for effective follow-up from these workshops was also highlighted, and it was noted that the TAP capacity building consultant would help develop efficient and effective ways to do this, including in the design for the workshops themselves. It was also noted that we will need to liaise with these organizations hosting the workshops in country to ensure that TAP members are participating in the workshops. It was suggested that we might also want to consider the USA as a potential workshop location. We have focal points and potential organizations to help lead on logistics and planning of the workshops in these countries, who will lead in logistical support, identifying and reaching out to participants, and will also be able to facilitate the workshops.

### **4. Update on consultants for governance review and capacity building Discussion:**

**Discussion:** It was suggestion to explore handing over the capacity building consultancy work to Richard Bennett, in addition to the hosting/governance review. Concerns and frustrations were expressed regarding the delays in the contracting process. It was noted that this was beyond the control of the organizations that had looked to contract these consultants, as the consultants themselves had requirements for the contracts that were not easy to resolve quickly. Secretariat to follow up with Richard Bennett about taking on this work ASAP.

### **5. Update from TAP SC co-chairs on call with donors**

**Discussion:** TAP Steering Committee co-chairs were very encouraged from the call with the current donors (Hewlett Foundation and Open Society Foundations) which was held on 1 June. The donors were very supportive of helping us through this hosting/governance review process, and offered any assistance that we might need throughout this process. The co-chairs had expressed to the donors that in the future, they'd like to have calls between the donors and the entire Steering Committee to update them on TAP's work periodically.

### **6. Strategic discussion on "Pathfinders" Initiative**

**Discussion:** Working with Pathfinders could possibly provide a good platform to engage with to help with publicity and sharing of TAP resources. It was agreed that it might be a bit too early to discuss anything concretely, since this Roadmap will be further developed going

forward. Overall, partnering with other networks and other civil society or multi-stakeholder networks should be a good idea, and how we should be working to maximize our reach and impact. We'll need to analyze how we would partner and engage with this initiative, taking into consideration the added value and what role we play going forward. All were encouraged by the proposal that Pathfinders has put together thus far, but will need to explore more about what it means for TAP to be a "Pathfinder" within another initiative. We may also need to have some informal conversations with other civil society networks that Pathfinders will engage, to help inform how we approach this. We'll need to ensure that the Secretariat also has the capacity to engage fully, and compare against what we'll get out from engaging in this work.

**Follow-up:** Secretariat to arrange a meeting with NYU CIC around the HLPF to discuss the Pathfinders Initiative

**7. AOB**

