TAP Network Indicators Working Group

Meeting Minutes

July 1, 2015

Present: Ms. Fiona Bradley, The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)
Ms. Ulrika Soneson Cilliers, Save the Children
Mr. Craig Fagan, Transparency International
Ms. Sarah Haynes, Restless Development
Mr. Ryan Kaminski, UNA-USA
Mr. Rick Orser, World Federalist Movement Canada (WFMC)
Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator
Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld
Mr. Bill Orme, Global Forum for Media Development (GFMD)

Next meeting: TBD

OUTCOMES FROM CALL:

Follow-Up Actions:
- TAP Coordinators to send out minutes of conference call.
- TAP Coordinators to circulate updated briefing notes from the first meeting of the Praia City Group.
- Tom Wheeler to share outcome document of the first meeting of the Praia Group when it is available.
- TAP Coordinators to share concept notes on upcoming TAP Network events in July and September 2015.
- TAP Coordinators to share report from the first meeting of the IAEG SDGs.

MEETING MINUTES

Key Issues Addressed:

1.1 Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld presentation on behalf of the TAP Network at the First Meeting of the Praia City Group on Governance:
- Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld:
o Representation varied but there were a high number of individuals from developing countries at the first meeting of the Praia City Group on Governance.

o The Praia City Group will, by the end of its mandate in 2020, develop and disseminate a handbook on governance indicators.

o Most of debate was on how to develop governance indicators, formation of secretariat, mapping of existing governance indicator initiatives and progress made, mapping of demand for governance indicators, and work on Goal 16.

o There are NSOs that are measuring governance but using different methodology that presented at the first meeting of the Praia City Group on Governance.

o There was a clear willingness to engage the IAEG SDGs through the Praia City Group.

o There was a lot of interest to engage third parties and civil society on building governance indicators.

o Stated he was the only civil society member present and the presentation on the TAP Network membership was well received.

o Presentation on third party data received some skepticism by many NSOs.

o The key issue is whether we will be using official statistics or can use other data methodology.

o Many NSOs don’t have enough capacity to monitor the 169 proposed SDG targets and this is a gap civil society could fill in the short term.

o A key issue for the TAP Network is how to get NSOs to prioritize Goal 16 indicators.

o Stated NSOs need clear instructions on how to measure Goal 16 indicators because they don’t know how to measure it.

- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator asked what is the process for the Praia Group to input into the IAEG SDGs?

- Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld:
  o Stated there is a clear mandate for the Praia Group to develop governance indicators.
  o Potential entry point is through members that apart of the IAEG SDGs and the Praia Group.
  o Stated they want to meet before the 2nd IAEG SDGs meeting and come to a consensus on how to measure governance indicators.
  o Another potential entry point could be the work produced by members of TAP Network that can feed into the IAEG SDGs.

- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator asked what are the next steps for the Praia City Group?

- Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld:
o By November 20 the Praia Group need to submit a roadmap of its work for the next five years to be adopted at the next UN Statistical Commission in March 2016.

o Praia Group wants to outreach to other initiatives and platforms. This could be an area civil society could assist the Praia Group.

o They want to expand the group to include more NSOs from developed countries and setup a Secretariat to include one civil society representative.

o The TAP Network could organize events with the Praia Group.

o The TAP Network needs to ask whether we should engage as a Network or individual organizations.

o Stressed the Praia Group want a long-term commitment from CSOs over the next five years.

o Asked whether members of the Indicators Working Group have an interest in engaging with the Praia Group over the next five years.

• Ms. Sarah Haynes, Restless Development stated they are interested in engaging with the Praia Group.

• Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
  o Stated the Coordinators will bring to the attention of the TAP Network Steering Committee the need to provide resources for the Network to engage in the work with the Praia Group.
  o The Coordinators will be organizing a side-event on third party data during the July Post-2015 IGN.
  o Might organize an event a week before the UN Summit in September 2015.

• Ms. Sarah Haynes, Restless Development; Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld; Mr. Craig Fagan, Transparency International; Mr. Ryan Kaminski, UNA-USA stated they might be interested in co-organizing or participating in upcoming TAP Network events in July and September 2015.