TAP Network Indicators Working Group

Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2015

Present:

Mr. Tom Cardamone, Global Financial Integrity
Ms. Cristina Diez, International Movement ATD Fourth World
Ms. Ulrika Soneson Cilliers, Save the Children
Mr. Jack Cornforth, CIVICUS
Ms. Cristina Diez, International Movement ATD Fourth World
Ms. Dorothée Guénéheux, CIVICUS
Ms. Peggy Hicks, Human Rights Watch
Mr. Ryan Kaminski, UNA-USA
Mr. Liam Kincaid, TAP Network Deputy Coordinator
Mr. Bill Orme, Global Forum for Media Development
Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator
Ms. Claire Schouten, International Budget Partnership
Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld

Next meeting: TBD

OUTCOMES FROM CALL:

- 12 October 2015: Final inputs for TAP Network Data and Indicators Working Group.

Follow-Up Actions:

- TAP Coordinators to send out minutes of conference call.
- TAP Coordinators to send Google doc nomination form for members to fill out if interested in attending the 2nd Meeting of the IAEG-SDGs in Bangkok, Thailand.
- TAP Coordinators to send Google doc for members to fill out to notify the Coordinators if they are attending the Post-2015 Summit and UNGA.
- TAP Coordinators to send a Google doc with a list of Goal 16 side-events occurring during the UN Summit.
- TAP Coordinators send word document template of metadata and Google doc containing current inputs from the TAP Network Data and Indicators Working Group.
- TAP Coordinators will send a document with the complete membership of the TAP Network Data and Indicators Working Group.
• TAP Coordinators will reach out to the drafters of the TAP Network Third Party Data Paper to start initial drafting next week.

MEETING MINUTES

Key Issues Addressed:

1.1 Updates on the Indicators Framework & IAEG-SDGs:

• Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
  o Noted the Coordinators submitted the TAP Network inputs to the IAEG-SDGs open consultation with civil society, academia and private sector.
  o Noted the TAP Network have been in consultations with various UN and civil society stakeholders in potentially organizing an event on Goal 16 before or during the 2nd Meeting of the IAEG-SDGs in Bangkok, Thailand, although nothing has been decided.
  o Stressed there has not been a lot of information on the working methods and level of participation at the upcoming meeting for the 2nd Meeting of the IAEG-SDGs in Bangkok, Thailand.
  o Noted UNSD has sole responsibilities for the registration and selection process for the 2nd Meeting of the IAEG-SDGs in Bangkok, Thailand.
  o CSOs can expect an email on whether they have been selected to attend the 2nd Meeting of the IAEG-SDGs in Bangkok, Thailand in the next two weeks.
  o Underscored the TAP Network has appropriated funding for a technical expert from the membership to attend the 2nd Meeting of the IAEG-SDGs in Bangkok, Thailand.

• Ms. Claire Schouten, International Budget Partnership: asked whether there is an opportunity for members who will be in New York for the UN Summit to have an informal meeting with UNSD or IAEG-SDGs members.

• Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
  o Underscored the Coordinators are trying to organize meetings with high-level officials around the UN Summit but not necessarily indicators/data specific.
  o Emphasized during the UN Summit we might not have indicators/data officials present. Participants would most likely be ministers and not technical experts. However, the Coordinators will reach out to colleagues to see if they would like to setup meetings with TAP Network members during the UN Summit.

• Mr. Jack Cornforth, CIVICUS: highlighted, Paris21 will be holding a side-event during the UN Summit on “Strengthening Capacity in Developing Countries: It’s time to get it right” Saturday 26 September 2015 that will feature indicators/data specialist’s panelists.
• Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator: encouraged members to fill out the Google doc to notify the Coordinators whether they will be attending the UN Summit in order to organize advocacy opportunities as they arise.
• Ms. Claire Schouten, International Budget Partnership: requested if possible a document with a list of side-events during the UN Summit.
• Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator: the Coordinators to send a list of Goal 16 side-events occurring during the UN Summit.
• Mr. Bill Orme, Global Forum for Media Development:
  o Asked whether UNSD will disclose the number of applications and organizations that have registered for the 2nd Meeting of the IAEG-SDGs in Bangkok, Thailand. Requested the TAP Network inquire with UNSD on this matter.
  o Asked if anyone has information on the timetable for the release of an updated version of the list of indicators proposals currently under discussion by the IAEG-SDGs.
• Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
  o The Coordinators will reach out to UNSD and NGLS to obtain information on the number of applications and organizations that have registered for the 2nd Meeting of the IAEG-SDGs in Bangkok, Thailand.
  o The Coordinators will reach out to UNSD and NGLS to inquire what are the next steps concerning the release of an updated version of the list of indicators proposals currently under discussion by the IAEG-SDGs.
  o Emphasized if there is a release of an updated version of the list of indicators proposals currently under discussion by the IAEG-SDGs it may require rapid response from the TAP Network.
• Ms. Claire Schouten, International Budget Partnership: noted there is a tentative timeline, work plan and organization of work from the IAEG-SDGs.
• Ms. Cristina Diez, International Movement ATD Fourth World: asked if other members are having difficulty in outreaching to NSOs.
• Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld: noted the UK, US and Kenya NSOs has been open to consultations with CSOs.
• Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator: noted the Coordinators will outreach to Member States and NSOs to see if they are open to meetings with CSOs.

1.2 Next Steps on the Indicators Framework:
• Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
  o Stressed the drafting leads for each indicators working group will need to take the lead on organizing their method of work as we move forward.
  o Highlighted, we still lack drafting leads for Targets 16.1, 16.2, 16.8, 16.a, 16.b – called for volunteer drafting leads.
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- Stressed we need final inputs by 12 October 2015 in order to do outreach and advocacy before the 2nd Meeting of the IAEG-SDGs in Bangkok, Thailand.

  - Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld:
    - Noted he is willing to take the drafting lead for 16.1 and 16.a
    - Asked what is the difference between this new phase of inputs compared to the previous inputs.
    - Requested an outline of what needs to be done from the present until October.

  - Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
    - What would be required would be detailed metadata and indicator recommendations utilizing the template in the Google doc provided by the Coordinators.
    - The template Metadata for SDG indicators for indicators/target include sections for:
      - Recommendations:
      - Rationale and interpretation:
      - Examples of available data sources and methods of collection:
      - References:
      - Disaggregation:
      - Interlinkages with other goals and targets:
    - Stressed this new phase of inputs will dive deeper into indicators and targets discussion.

  - Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld: asked whether we are still commenting on the inputs provided already or adding new indicators recommendations.

  - Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
    - Stressed it will be up to each drafting groups on whether they wish to add new language or provide new indicators recommendations.
    - Stressed the IAEG-SDGs inputs was more for the 2nd Meeting of the IAEG-SDGs in Bangkok, Thailand.

  - Ms. Cristina Diez, International Movement ATD Fourth World: asked if we are still using the comments already provided for the inputs.

  - Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
    - Noted comments already provided are still valid.
    - Reiterated it will be up to each drafting leads to coordinate there working group but if needed the Coordinators can provide assistance if requested.
    - Requested volunteer drafting leads for Targets 16.2, 16.8, 16.b
    - The Coordinators will send a document with the complete membership of the TAP Network Data and Indicators Working Group.
    - Noted the Coordinators will reach out to the drafters of the TAP Network Third Party Data Paper to start initial drafting next week.