



Transparency, Accountability
& Participation in Post-2015

TAP Network Indicators Working Group

Meeting Minutes

August 28, 2015

Present:

- Mr. Peter Chapman, Open Society Justice Initiative
- Mr. Tom Cardamone, Global Financial Integrity
- Mr. Jack Cornforth, CIVICUS
- Ms. Cristina Diez, International Movement ATD Fourth World
- Mr. Ryan Kaminski, UNA-USA
- Mr. Liam Kincaid, TAP Network Deputy Coordinator
- Ms. Omoyemen Lucia Odigie-Emmanuel, Centre for Human Rights and Climate Change Research
- Ms. Quinn McKew, ARTICLE 19
- Mr. Bill Orme, Global Forum for Media Development
- Mr. Rick Orser, World Federalist Movement Canada (WFMC)
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator
- Mr. Rohan Weerasinghe, Nonviolence International

Next meeting: TBD

OUTCOMES FROM CALL:

- *Each drafting group will identify draft leads to ensure coordination in the [Google doc](#) by Monday, 31 August 2015.*
- *Timeline for TAP Network non-official data paper:*
 - *31 August: indicate interest to be a drafter*
 - *31 August to 15 September: drafting phase*
 - *16-18 September: Finalize response paper*
 - *21-25 September: Endorsements*

Follow-Up Actions:

- TAP Coordinators to send out minutes of conference call.

MEETING MINUTES

Key Issues Addressed:

1.1 Updates on Indicators Framework:

- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - Noted the group needs to discuss how move forward in a constructive and meaningful way with the inputs provided by members.
 - Noted what the Coordinators have done in the past has been to create a compilation document with all the inputs provided by members to maintain the integrity of the document, in addition to a synthesis of inputs.
 - Noted the [IAEG-SDGs open consultation with civil society, academia and private sector](#) comments on the indicators for the 17 goals and 169 targets there will be a character limit of 1,000 (approximately 200 words) for these responses.
 - Stressed we can have a two-tier approach by contributing to the open consultations but also diving deeper into issues.
 - Noted the membership list for the [TAP Network Data and Indicator Working Group Google Sheet](#) is the most up to date.
 - Suggested options in moving forward:
 - Option 1: colleagues who contributed to specific inputs can organize among themselves to synthesis their inputs.
 - Option 2: the Coordinators can synthesize the inputs, but this is the least ideal option because the Coordinators are not the true technical experts on indicators.
 - Option 3: identify priority indicators on behalf of the Network
- Ms. Omoyemen Lucia Odigie-Emmanuel, Centre for Human Rights and Climate Change Research:
 - Asked the Coordinators to send a word document of all the inputs to all members.
 - Recommend members provide suggestions on framing the targets.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - Will circulate a word version of inputs provided by members after synthesizing stage.
- Mr. Peter Chapman, Open Society Justice Initiative:
 - Asked who the audience for drafting this synthesis are?
 - Stressed if we want to influence the discussions of the IAEG-SDGs we will need to provide suggested indicators.
 - Underlined it is important we try to mitigate the bad indicators.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - Stated we had suggested to put together a synthesis of our inputs for the [IAEG-SDGs open consultation with civil society, academia and private sector](#) and also putting together a longer and more detail synthesis of our inputs for the targets.

- Recommended we use the latter document for outreach to NSOs and ongoing advocacy.
- Agreed the word limitation for the IAEG-SDGs open consultations might be more useful if we put forward suggested indicators instead of comments but we would need to agree on which indicators we would promote.
- Emphasized the preference if we decide to promote specific indicators is each member would work together to identify which indicators to promote.
- Suggested each member reconvene within their specific target group to synthesis their inputs.
- Ms. Quinn McKew, ARTICLE 19:
 - Agreed if we want substantive inputs it would be better for the technical experts to work together to synthesis their inputs.
 - Recommend each group have a drafting lead.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - Highlighted the [Google doc](#) has an area for members to put themselves as draft lead.
 - Called on members to put themselves forward as draft leads in the [Google doc](#).
- Mr. Bill Orme, Global Forum for Media Development:
 - Agreed if we want to have impact on the IAEG-SDGs we need to quickly reach consensus among ourselves.
 - Noted we should not propose third-party data unless it relates to a specific indicators that relies on third-party data or data exists for measuring that indicator.
 - Suggested that we build upon already existing inputs from UN agencies and others to ensure relevance to discussions in IAEG-SDGs
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - Agreed in areas we don't need to do any tweaking we shouldn't push for change.
 - Stated when making the justification for these indicators we could use this in the longer document for our advocacy.
- Ms. Quinn McKew, ARTICLE 19 highlighted, UNESCO has developed a Meta-data template that might be useful for our work which she will share with the group.
- Ms. Omoyemen Lucia Odigie-Emmanuel, Centre for Human Rights and Climate Change Research recommended we also need to look at the language on the indicators.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator recommended the discussion on language should be within each indicator and target working group.
- Ms. Omoyemen Lucia Odigie-Emmanuel, Centre for Human Rights and Climate Change Research asked is there still an opportunity to include new input recommendations.

- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator stated he would leave the decision to include new inputs to each indicator and target working groups.
- Mr. Ryan Kaminski, UNA-USA noted if members find synergies with the UNDP Virtual Network Report, referencing this report could reinforce our argument, and vice-versa.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator agreed with Mr. Ryan Kaminski, UNA-USA that when we are drafting the narrative for each of the targets and indicators it would be best to reference the UNDP Virtual Network Report and other inputs, if we find synergies to reinforce our argument.
- Mr. Peter Chapman, Open Society Justice Initiative:
 - Will attempt to obtain information on what is being uploaded to the IAEG-SDGs consultations platform.
 - Agreed if we can show commonalities with UN agencies and Member States suggested indicators and targets it can strengthen our hand.
- **Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:**
 - **Recap:**
 - **We agreed to break into drafting groups for each targets.**
 - **Each drafting group will identify draft leads to ensure coordination in the [Google doc](#) by Monday, 31 August 2015.**
 - **Each drafting group will identify priority indicators and draft 1-2 pages per target for inputs/advocacy.**
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- Mr. Jack Cornforth, CIVICUS:
 - Noted the non-official data paper would have to be very substantive if we want to influence the IAEG-SDGs.
 - He envision this paper containing a section with our broad top line points and another substantive section.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - Noted the first position paper will be an advocacy piece highlighting our key advocacy priorities around transparency, accountability and participation and the role of non-official data.
 - The paper will be around 5-6 pages, as we've done in the past.
 - However, as a move forward we can draft another technical version that dives deeper into the broader issues outlined in this first paper.
 - Noted the [2nd Meeting of the IAEG-SDGs](#) will be held 26-28 October 2015 in Bangkok, Thailand.
 - **Noted the TAP Network Coordinator will be attending the [2nd Meeting of the IAEG-SDGs](#). In addition, the TAP Network Steering Committee has**

approved travel funding for a technical expert from the TAP Network to attend the [2nd Meeting of the IAEG-SDGs](#).

- **The Coordinators will send a nomination form early next week.**
- The Coordinators are still ascertaining the level of participation at the [2nd Meeting of the IAEG-SDGs](#). Once we ascertain the level of participation we will decide whether to organize an event on non-official data at the [2nd Meeting of the IAEG-SDGs](#).
- Mr. Jack Cornforth, CIVICUS:
 - Noted deadline for the stakeholders who wish to attend the [2nd Meeting of the IAEG-SDGs](#) are required to pre-register by filling out the following online registration form: <http://bit.ly/1TRJYXp> Tuesday, 8 September 2015.
 - Noted 26 September 2015, a CSOs event will be held on how citizen generated data can generate accountability for the 2030 Agenda at the Church Center from 11AM-1PM. In addition, it will focus on how civil society can contribute to monitoring the SDGs.
 - The event will have an introduction on the new global partnership on sustainable development data and explain why it is an important opportunity for civil society.
 - The registration form will be coming out soon.