TAP Network Indicators Working Group

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Present: Ms. Fiona Bradley, The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)
Mr. Peter Chapman, Open Society Foundations
Ms. Shruti Chopra, Nonviolence International
Ms. Ulrika Soneson Cilliers, Save the Children
Mr. Craig Fagan, Transparency International
Mr. Liam Kincaid, TAP Network Deputy Coordinator
Mr. Bill Orme, Global Forum for Media Development (GFMD)
Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator
Ms. Jennifer Tsai, ABA Rule of Law Initiative
Ms. Mari Ullmann, WFUNA

Next meeting: TBC

OUTCOMES FROM CALL:

Follow-Up Actions:
- TAP Coordinators to send out meeting minutes of the conference call.

MEETING MINUTES

Key Issues Addressed:

1.1 Update on 47th Session of the UN Statistical Commission (UNSC)
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
  - Please find notes for the 47th Session of the UN Statistical Commission [here](#).
  - Noted the 47th Session of the UNSC adopted the Report of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators.
  - Member States and National Statistical Offices original planned to have two separate outcomes for the 47th Session of the UNSC.
    - Decisions of the 47th Session of the UNSC
    - A draft resolution that would endorse the global indicator framework forwarded to ECOSOC
  - However, at the end of the 47th Session of the UNSC only decisions were adopted and Member States deferred a decision on the draft resolution.
Noted the outcomes of the 47th Session of the UNSC was fairly positive for the TAP Network.

Highlighted, by deferring a decision on the draft resolution this has separated the political discussions from the technical discussions.

Noted as discussions move toward ECOSOC and the UNGA it will become more politicalize.

Stressed there is still more work to be done after the 47th Session of the UNSC.

Noted the TAP Network drafted a position paper for the 47th Session of the UNSC.

The TAP Network Global SDGs Indicator position paper identifies some of the key areas for further collaboration and work between the IAEG-SDGs, the Official Statistical community and stakeholders more broadly, and outlines some concrete recommendations on how we can best undertake this work together.

- Download: TAP Network Global SDGs Indicators: building a Framework that is Fit for Purpose

Highlighted, the TAP Network had meetings with the Co-Chair of the IAEG-SDGs, Ms. Lisa Bersales and the Chair of the Praia Group on Governance Statistics, Mr. Antonio dos Reis Duarte, President of Cabo Verde National Institute of Statistics.

Underlined we will have to discuss what are the next steps as we move forward.

Noted potential entry points for our advocacy is the draft declaration that will be discussed in ECOSOC and the upcoming informal consultations on follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda at the global level.

In addition, another potential entry point for our advocacy will be the Third meeting of the IAEG-SDGs which will be held 30 March – 1 April in Mexico City.

Asked for comments, reflections, recommendations and suggestions on the outcomes.

- Ms. Ulrika Soneson Cilliers, Save the Children:
  - Asked how likely it is for Member States to reopen negotiations on the global indicator framework as it moves to ECOSOC for adoption.
  - Asked how the TAP Network can build around messages of “flexibility” within the global indicator framework but do not reopen negotiations.

- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
  - Noted Member States still have different opinions whether the global indicator framework should be adopted or not.
  - Noted a general consensus among Member States is the IAEG-SDGs report on the global indicator framework is a good start but “flexibility” will be needed as we move forward.
o Underlined it is not a given, Member States will unconditionally endorse these outcomes. It may be possible Member States request the IAEG-SDGs develop another set of global indicators.

o Noted the programme of work for the 3rd meeting of the IAEG-SDGs is attempting to build “flexibility” within its future work.

o Noted IAEG-SDGs might focus more on Tier 3 indicators over the next months or year as they move forward.

- Mr. Bill Orme, Global Forum for Media Development (GFMD):
  o Suggested the metadata template put forward by UNESCO might serve as a model for other indicators.

- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
  o Noted during the Third meeting of the IAEG-SDGs which will be held 30 March – 1 April in Mexico City will discuss metadata compilation for global SDG indicators.
  o Noted these discussions on metadata at the IAEG-SDGs is another entry point for the TAP Network advocacy, especially on the inclusion of third-party data.

1.2 Next steps

- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
  o Noted the TAP Coordinator will be attending the 3rd meeting of the IAEG-SDGs with other TAP colleagues coordinating our advocacy, meetings with IAEG-SDGs members and providing briefing notes.
  o Underlined as we move towards developing national indicators there is an opportunity for the TAP Network to mobilize around national indicators.
  o Asked about initial thoughts about mobilizing around national indicators.

- Ms. Jennifer Tsai, ABA Rule of Law Initiative:
  o Asked what extend is it possible to include more indicators during Tier 3 discussion with the IAEG-SDGs?

- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
  o Noted if there is an opportunity to add additional indicators with little risk to losing or weakening current indicators we support will gather intelligence and notify the Network.

- Mr. Peter Chapman, Open Society Foundations:
  o Noted UNSD is assembling a list of views from Member States on indicators.
  o Noted the US government raised concerns about the current list of indicators and the need for “flexibility” to further refine the global indicator framework.

- Mr. Craig Fagan, Transparency International:
• Stressed it will be important for TAP Network colleagues attending the 3rd meeting of the IAEG-SDGs to have an escalation strategy in case discussions are not favorable towards our goals and objectives.

• Noted Transparency International is currently working on developing national indicators for anti-corruption. They will be ready over the next couple months.

• Noted Transparency International is also working on developing surveys to measure people’s experience with corruption. Will have a blog up before the 3rd meeting of the IAEG-SDGs in Mexico City.

- Ms. Ulrika Soneson Cilliers, Save the Children:
  • Asked if the TAP Network has a position on what we think is a reasonable timeframe for Tier 3 discussions.

- Mr. Peter Chapman, Open Society Foundations:
  • Asked if the 3rd meeting of the IAEG-SDGs will be discussing Tiering indicators goal by goal.
  • Share concerns some of the global indicators will be roll-backed.

- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
  • Noted for the 3rd meeting of the IAEG-SDGs in Mexico City the draft agenda has dedicated slots to discuss the Tier system for goals which you can find http://unstats.un.org/sdgs/meetings/iaeg-sdgs-meeting-03.
  • Noted for this meeting the IEAG-SDGs will discuss next steps for the metadata process.
  • Agreed we need to be more clear on how we want the metadata process to be played out.
  • Underlined the Praia Group is an entry point for the metadata process on Goal 16.

- Mr. Craig Fagan, Transparency International:
  • Noted Transparency International is a part of the Praia Group Steering Committee.
  • Noted there were discussions on the side-lines of the 47th session of the UNSC with UNDP and some members of the Praia Group Steering Committee.
  • Noted there is an interest from members to take a more active role in the IAEG-SDGs process around Goal 16.
  • Called for TAP Network members attending the 3rd meeting of the IAEG-SDGs to ask NSOs if they want the Praia Group to take a more active role around Goal 16.

- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
o Emphasized because of the short-timeframe available as we approach the 3rd meeting of the IAEG-SDGs in Mexico City it would be difficult to develop a common escalation strategy for the TAP Network.

o Underlined, the TAP Network Coordinator will coordinate with members attending the 3rd meeting of the IAEG-SDGs in Mexico City to run through scenarios and potential reactions if needed.

o Underscored the TAP Network Global SDGs Indicators: building a Framework that is Fit for Purpose will be our main advocacy tool at the 3rd meeting for the IEAG-SDGs in Mexico City.