

TAP Network Indicators Working Group

Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2016

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 ECOSCO 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.

- 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.
 - Noted the programme of work for the 3rd meeting of the IAEG-SDGs is attempting to build “flexibility” within its future work.
 - 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):
 - Suggested the metadata template put forward by UNESCO might serve as a model for other indicators.
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - 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.
 - 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:
 - 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.
 - Underlined as we move towards developing national indicators there is an opportunity for the TAP Network to mobilize around national indicators.
 - Asked about initial thoughts about mobilizing around national indicators.
- Ms. Jennifer Tsai, ABA Rule of Law Initiative:
 - Asked what extend is it possible to include more indicators during Tier 3 discussion with the IAEG-SDGs?
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator:
 - 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:
 - Noted UNSD is assembling a list of views from Member States on indicators.
 - 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:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.