Making them Count:
The role of international framework indicators in driving accountability

Led by Saferworld, the TAP Network and UNDP, this will be an SDG16 Data Initiative workshop held as part of the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data OGP Summit Side Event

**11am-4pm - Tuesday 6 December -
George C Marshall Center,
Place de la Concorde, Paris**

Context: Several international frameworks are supported by indicator based monitoring systems. The SDGs have adopted and expanded this model with a more robust indicators framework. The New Deal for Fragile States uses indicators for tracking progress towards Peacebuilding and Statebuilding Goals. There is an assumption that these indicators are used by a range of accountability actors - including the media, parliamentarians, civil society organisations and citizens themselves - to hold governments, donors and other representatives to account for the political commitments promised in these frameworks.

But is this true? Are framework indicators really used by domestic actors to drive implementation of international commitments? Are they really used to hold governments to account? If so, under what conditions, and what does "accountability" look like at a practical level for frameworks such as the SDGs and OGP? What are the limits to the power of indicators and data to drive accountability? And what can be learned from efforts to use data for accountability in situations *outside* of international frameworks?

To be held in Paris ahead of the OGP Summit, this workshop will seek to critically examine the theories of change underpinning the use of indicators and data in international frameworks, with a view to informing those working on issues related to peace, justice, governance and human rights.

Overall aim: To understand how indicators and data are and can be effectively used to implement policies and also hold governments to account for delivering on their international commitment to SDG 16

Specific objectives:
- To **interrogate the assumptions** underpinning the use of indicators and data in international frameworks, including the SDGs
- Better understand the **implicit biases of international indicators** and the role of locally produced and owned indicators
- **Explore cases** where accountability actors have successfully used data to help advance peace, justice and inclusion - and cases where this has failed
- Understand the **conditions and ingredients necessary** for accountability actors to use indicators and data to hold governments to account for delivering on issues related to peace, justice, governance and human rights
- Identify indicator and data **strategies and tools** which accountability actors can use to hold their governments to account
- Identify **implications for the 2030 Agenda**, especially Goal 16, and explore possible future entry points and opportunities for action

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Agenda

08.30: Global Partnership for Effective Development Event welcoming sessions and lightening talks – open to all participants

11.00 Workshop Kick-off: Thomas Wheeler, Conflict and Security Advisor, Saferworld

11.10 Session 1: The reality of international indicators and our theories of change: An open discussion moderated by Jairo Acuña–Alfaro, Policy Advisor, Responsive and Accountable Institutions Team, United Nations Development Programme

- Claire Melamed, Executive Director, Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data
- Mihaela Serban, Associate Professor of Law and Society, Ramapo College of New Jersey
- Kathryn Nwajiaku. Coordinator of the International Dialogue on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding
- Munyema Hasan, Program Manager, Learning and Impact, Open Government Partnership Support Unit

12.00 Session 2: Where data and indicators have (or have not) worked in driving accountability: An open discussion moderated by John Romano, Coordinator, Transparency Accountably and Participation Network

- Pranav Budhathoki, Founder, Local Interventions Group
- Nnenna Nwakanma, Africa Regional Coordinator, Web Foundation
- Anwar Elhaj, Senior Researcher, Sudan Democracy First Group
- Anna Gvenetadze, Head of the Government Planning & Innovations Department at the Administration of the Government of Georgia

13.00 Lunch Break

14.00 Session 3: What ingredients do we need? What tools and strategies could be useful? Moderated breakout groups

15.30 Session 4: Bringing it all together: *Plenary discussion on what this all means for SDGs moderated by Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld*

16.00 Join final Global Partnership for Effective Development Event Joint Discussion

Outputs:
- Summary of discussions presented at OGP side-event on Thursday 8th, Tokyo Venue – Room Power, 15.45
- 3-4 page summary note
- Blog post on SDG16DI website
- Commitment by SDG16DI to continue to facilitate discussion to inform national level change

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