

Transparency, Accountability & Participation for 2030 Agenda

Background

In September 2015, world leaders agreed on the 2030 Agenda, which includes the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)—a set of 17 Goals and 169 targets to guide global development. Of these 17 SDGs, Goal 16 represents a ground-breaking commitment by governments to foster peaceful, just and inclusive societies and accountable institutions.

The 2030 Agenda reaffirms the wealth of evidence that there can be no sustainable development without peace and no peace without sustainable development'. It also recognizes that good governance and strong and accountable institutions underpin development and peace-building efforts.

The TAP Network's Goal 16 Advocacy Toolkit builds on this recognition of the role of peace, justice and strong institutions. It is a resource for stakeholders, particularly national level Civil Society Organizations (CSOS), to use in advocacy around the implementation of and accountability for Goal 16 and the broader 2030 Agenda. It provides detailed guidance on opportunities and entry points for working with governments and other local, regional or international stakeholders to support the planning, implementation, follow-up and accountability of Goal 16 commitments.

Objectives

The objectives of the Goal 16 Advocacy Toolkit are to help CSOs:

- 1) Understand the SDGs and Goal 16
- 2) Put together national-level advocacy strategies around Goal 16 issues.
- Engage with their governments (as well as other local, regional or international stakeholders) in planning, implementation, follow-up and accountability of Goal 16.
- 4) Build or strengthen coalitions of partners working around Goal 16 issues at the national level

Future opportunities

The TAP Network is seeking partners for its future work around the Goal 16 Advocacy Toolkit, particularly in the following areas:

- Goal 16 workshops and webinars at the national level.
- Issue-specific modules for guidance on advocacy around Goal 16-related issues (for example, Peaceful Societies, Access to Information, or Human Rights)
- 3) Translation of Toolkit materials into local languages
- 4) Building or strengthening of national-level CSO coalitions around Goal 16 issues

For more information on partnership opportunities around the Goal 16 Advocacy Toolkit, please contact the TAP Network Secretariat at TAPinfo@wfuna.org

What is in the Goal 16 Advocacy Toolkit?

The toolkit is divided into six different parts, outlined below. Each part also includes tips for CSO advocacy and detailed case studies, providing real life examples from the national level of CSOs influencing their governments on issues related to Goal 16.

PART 1: UNDERSTANDING GOAL 16: PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

Contextualises Goal 16 within the SDGs and Agenda 2030. Highlights the interlinkages between Goal 16 targets and targets in other goals.

PART 2: PREPARING TO ENGAGE WITH GOAL 16 AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

Provides concrete tools to engage at the national level: Gap analysis, stakeholder analysis, developing an advocacy plan and advocacy messages.

PART 3: SUPPORTING NATIONAL PLANNING FOR GOAL 16

Clarifies where and how to engage with the different types of coordination mechanisms for the SDGs and Goal 16, as well as how to incorporate input into implementation plans.

PART 4: SUPPORTING NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF GOAL 16

Provides details of how to engage in the implementation, by supporting the efforts of governments, drafting or amending laws, working with legislators or undertaking strategic litigation.

PART 5: SUPPORTING NATIONAL FOLLOW-UP AND MONITORING FOR GOAL 16

Highlights how to engage in national follow up process, and provides examples of citizen led data collection.

PART 6: ENGAGING WITH GOAL 16 AT THE GLOBAL LEVEL

Suggests targets and partners, and highlights how to participate in the primary multi-lateral process for Agenda 2030.