

TAP Network Steering Committee

Meeting Decisions

20 October 2017

Present:

- Ms. Arelys Bellorini, World Vision
- Mr. Louis Busingye, HRFRA
- Ms. Jyotsna Singh, ADA
- Ms. Jennifer Tsai, ABA ROLI
- Mr. Pablo Angulo, WFUNA
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Secretariat
- Mr. Reyhanillo Andi Kasim, TAP Secretariat

Next meetings: Doodle: <https://doodle.com/poll/5aryb4ur4x8pnk34>

Chairing Meeting: Ms. Arelys Bellorini, World Vision

DECISIONS TAKEN FROM CONFERENCE CALL IN GREEN; FOLLOW-UP ITEMS IN BLUE

Agenda Items:

1. Approval of last Steering Committee Call Decisions

Decision: Approval of Steering Committee Decisions from 29 September 2017.

2. Review of Revised Draft of TAP Steering Committee ToR

Discussion: Richard Bennett joined the call to outline his proposed revised draft of the ToR for the Steering Committee, and availed himself to any questions that the Steering Committee had in regards to this draft. The Steering Committee had a brief discussion with Richard on these revisions, clarifying any questions that they had. Steering Committee Members expressed their appreciation to Richard for the revised ToR. Once this discussion concluded, the Steering Committee continued its discussion on the ToR without Richard.

It was highlighted that this is one part of the overall governance arrangements of the TAP Network, with Richard expected to take on further work around a ToR for the TAP Secretariat. It was proposed that the revised ToRs are circulated to the Steering Committee [by google doc](#), and left open until Tuesday 24 October, for Steering Committee members to provide any last-minute suggestions and comments, before the Steering Committee would need to adopt these new ToR. Through discussions on the ToRs themselves, it was highlighted that the Steering Committee needed to consider boosting the active role of alternates participating in Steering Committee meetings, particularly since institutions are

represented on the Steering Committee. It was proposed that one of the criteria for nominations for this new Steering Committee could require any organization to identify a primary and alternate representative during the nomination process. It was highlighted that it was important for the Steering Committee to be represented by organizations, and not individuals, and that each of these nominees would need to demonstrate their work around SDG16. The concept of identifying a “specialist organization” to fill the 5th Steering Committee spot was thoroughly discussed. In this regards, it was highlighted that there was a preference for the Steering Committee to identify a specialist from the global south, and to ensure that there is a good balance of organizations that cover a wide range of SDG16-related issues as well – including the possibly that these organizations may work on other issues related to SDG16, such as health or gender equality. Gender balance was also identified as a key consideration for the Steering Committee’s individual representatives from these organizations, and for the specialist organization as well.

Decision: Steering Committee members to provide any final comments/edits to the revised ToR in google doc by Tuesday, 24 October, for the co-chairs to finalize.

3. Next steps in TAP Governance Review

Discussion: The co-chairs updated the Steering Committee on the proposal for Richard Bennett to draft a ToR for the TAP Secretariat, which he will provide in the next week or so. The Coordinator also updated the Steering Committee on the TAP Governance Review Questionnaire and the forthcoming Consultation Report that will analyze these inputs from the questionnaire, as well as from the TAP strategy workshop around the HLPF. It was noted that given the numbers of responses to the questionnaire, this analysis would not represent a referendum on TAP member’s opinions on these issues, nor would it be a scientific analysis. However, it would provide some interesting insights into how TAP Members generally view TAP’s work around key governance issues.

4. Next steps for TAP Steering Committee nominations and elections

Discussion: The Secretariat updated the Steering Committee on the next steps for the upcoming nomination and election process for the TAP Steering Committee. It was highlighted and agreed that the Secretariat will work with the co-chairs to launch this nomination process on 1 November 2017, and will coordinate closely together going forward. It was also mentioned that the Secretariat, as outlined in these new ToR, will not have the ability to speak to any TAP members about their prospective nominations for the Steering Committee coming up, and that the onus would be on current Steering Committee members to help encourage strong candidates to nominate themselves. It was agreed that

the Steering Committee would collectively discuss potential candidates for TAP Steering Committee to reach out informally, to avoid any conflicting advocacy.

Decision: Steering Committee to collectively discuss potential candidates for TAP Steering Committee to reach out informally.

5. Update on transition to Proteus Fund

Discussion: The co-chairs updated the SC on the process to transition to Proteus Fund, which is still underway. Proteus Fund is currently awaiting disbursement of these funds, which has prevented them from issuing a contract for the Coordinator currently. However, Proteus has been flexible to work out an arrangement for a consultancy contract to ensure that the Coordinator receives a salary for October, regardless of this lack of a contract. It was noted that the funding transfer from WFUNA to Proteus will be completed early next week, and that WFUNA has processed all other past-due payments for TAP to date. It was suggested that Proteus utilize funding that is received from WFUNA to process a contract for the Coordinator ASAP, and that the co-chairs would coordinate with Proteus Fund to communicate this to them.

6. AOB

Discussion: It was proposed that the Steering Committee develops a handover note for the new Steering Committee, which will prepare the new Steering Committee to take up their work effectively. The Steering Committee will consult with the Secretariat on putting this together in the coming days.

Decision: Steering Committee to produce a handover report for new Steering Committee