



Holding Duty-Bearers Accountable to the SDGs: A Workshop for Civil Society

Organized by the Transparency, Accountability & Participation (TAP) Network and Action for Sustainable Development (A4SD)

When: Monday, 15 July 2019; 9:30 – 12:00 ET

**Where: UN Church Center, 10th Floor
(777 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017)**

Coffee and light refreshments will be served for workshop participants

Background

While global processes around the 2030 Agenda to date have seen unprecedented levels of engagement by civil society, a significant gap still remains in overall awareness and action from states on the SDGs. This is particularly true at the national-level, where action and follow-up by civil society with their governments will be most critical.

In an effort to help Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) working at the national-level work towards SDG Accountability, the TAP Network has recently launched its [***SDG Accountability Handbook: A Practical Guide for Civil Society***](#). The SDG Accountability Handbook is a capacity development resource that seeks to support national-level civil society hold their government accountable for 2030 Agenda promises, better understand specific approaches to hold governments accountable for the SDGs, and guide them through the practical steps they can take to improve accountability for the 2030 Agenda in their country. It features a variety of distinct approaches civil society can use to monitor and follow-up on SDG implementation, as well as country-specific case studies and key resources and tips.

To advance these capacity building efforts, the [***TAP Network***](#) and [***Action for Sustainable Development \(A4SD\)***](#) supported a series of national workshops to help national and local CSOs engage in the Voluntary National Review (VNR) processes, particularly in countries that are presenting their VNRs at the 2019 HLPF. Additionally, both the TAP Network and A4SD have worked extensively with their members to encourage and strengthen the development of national SDG “Spotlight Reports” or SDG Scorecards, which this workshop will also feature guidance towards.

This workshop, hosted alongside the 2019 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) will help participants work with the wealth of resources available to support SDG accountability and engagement in VNR processes, and explore concrete areas in-depth that are crucial for SDG accountability, in an interactive format with participants.

This Advocacy Training Workshop has the following objectives:

1. To explore relevant issues around SDG accountability, using the SDG Accountability Handbook and other relevant resources to help organizations engage with and utilize these resources in their own work at the national level.
2. To showcase encouraging and positive work that has been done at the national and local levels to advance SDG accountability
3. To build and strengthen national-level networks and identify ongoing opportunities for national level collaboration around advocacy related to SDG accountability

As space is limited, please RSVP here ASAP: <http://bit.ly/2J8L5jC>