

TAP Network Steering Committee

Meeting Decisions

13 September 2019

Present:

- Ms. Coco Lammers, Namati
- Ms. Florence Syevuo, SDG Kenya Forum
- Mr. Louis Busingye, HRFRA
- Mr. Jordan Street, Saferworld
- Ms. Jyotsna Singh, ADA
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Secretariat
- Ms. Elle Sweeney, TAP Secretariat

Next meeting: 26 September 2019

Chairing Meeting: Ms. Florence Syevuo

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

Agenda Items:

1. Review and approval of last Steering Committee call notes

Decision: Approval of Decisions and Notes from TAP Network in-person Steering Committee on 30 August 2019.

2. Review of TAP Network Steering Committee Terms of Reference

- a. Proposed areas for potential review by TAP Secretariat

Discussion: The TAP Coordinator provided a brief overview of the current Terms of Reference for the TAP Network Steering Committee and provide comments on suggested areas for potential review. The Steering Committee then undertook a preliminary discussion of areas that potentially needed to be updated prior to the next Steering Committee election at the end of the year. Areas under consideration included: the institutional memory seat, which was a seat designated by the prior Steering Committee; expanding or shrinking the size of the Steering

Committee, which is currently set at five representatives; the regional, gender, and thematic area balance of the Steering Committee; and the duties, including participation commitments, of serving Steering Committee Members.

It was decided and agreed that the TAP Secretariat would provide a summary of today's discussion to pick up again and decide on during the next in-person Steering Committee.

Follow-up:

- The Secretariat to draft summary of comments made during today's call regarding the Steering Committee Terms of Reference to provide to the Steering Committee at the next discussion.

3. Update on plans around SDGs Summit

- a. Civil Society "People's Forum"
- b. Pathfinders reception on SDG16+
- c. TAP strategy meeting - Strategic Plan and "Decade of Accountability"

Discussion: The TAP Coordinator provided a brief update on TAP's plans for engagement at the SDG Summit, which will be limited to participation at the Civil Society "People's Forum" hosted by GCAP and the Pathfinders' reception on SDG16. At the People's Forum, the TAP Coordinator will be co-leading and working group session on Peace, Conflict, Transparency, and Accountability alongside GCAP and Namati. Outputs from this working group session, and the others taking place simultaneously, will contribute to the drafting of a declaration which will be drafted during the People's Assembly. At the Pathfinders' reception, TAP will man an exhibition space on behalf of the Network, which will feature the TAP Partner Platform, Rome Declaration, and other materials from TAP's key work and initiatives.

The TAP Secretariat will also host a TAP Partner Strategy Meeting, where Partners will be updated on work ahead and consulted around plans for 2020 and beyond, and a TAP Steering Committee Meeting.

It was noted that TAP's application to be a part of the SDG Action Zone was not accepted.

During the week, it was suggested that the TAP Secretariat and Steering Committee continue to push for further and stronger commitments to accelerated action for SDG16 from CSOs and other stakeholders, including at the Pathfinders' reception and the People's Assembly. It was also suggested that UNDESA be encouraged to continue to promote and strengthen its own accelerator actions platform and confirm the existing commitments that have been made to date.

The TAP Secretariat will also look to promote the Network's new idea around "A Decade of Accountability" during the Summit and look for potential partners to bring on board for the initiative.

4. Review of key opportunities ahead, and TAP coverage

- a. Busan Democracy Forum (14-16 October)**
- b. IAEG-SDGs, Addis Ababa (22-24 October)**
- c. 16+ Forum Annual Showcase, Dili (November 11-14)**
- d. Partners for Review Meeting, Hanoi (11-13 November)**
- e. Paris Peace Forum (12-13 November)**
- f. Other opportunities?**

Discussion: The TAP Coordinator provided an overview of potential opportunities and key moments in the months ahead, including the Busan Democracy Forum, IAEG-SDGs meeting, 16+ Forum Annual Showcase, P4R Meeting, and Paris Peace Forum.

It was noted that TAP still has a limited travel budget and that the Annual Showcase will be particularly expensive. As such, the TAP Coordinator is looking to find travel sponsorship where possible. It was noted that ADA has also been invited to participate and needs funding as well.

The TAP Coordinator noted that the Annual Showcase and P4R meeting conflict so he will not be able to attend both and will likely prioritize the Showcase. As such, Florence Syevuo or another Steering Committee member will look to try to attend the P4R meeting instead.

It was noted that the both the Paris Peace Forum and Busan Democracy Forum will not likely be worth attending.

Since the last call, the IAEG has communicated that it may allow for the resubmission of the civil justice indicator. As such, it is likely the Coordinator will not need to attend, and TAP can instead send a partner organization from the region that Louis is acquainted with. Louis will follow-up with this organization.

It was suggested that the TAP Secretariat also prioritize events where fundraising opportunities may be more readily available, given the Network's current funding needs.

The TAP Coordinator to put together a list of all upcoming opportunities head of the next Steering Committee meeting so the group can assign representatives for each as was done for opportunities this past year.

Follow-up:

- Louis to follow-up with partner organization from the region to potentially attend the IAEG-SDG meeting in Addis on behalf of the Network.
- The TAP Coordinator to put together a list of all upcoming opportunities head of the next Steering Committee meeting so the group can assign representatives for each as was done for opportunities this past year.

5. Partnerships and Fundraising updates

- a. **UNDP Proposal on Post-VNR engagement**
- b. **Additional World Vision Voluntary Contribution**
- c. **Soliciting additional voluntary contributions from TAP Partners**
- d. **Update on meeting with Ford Foundation**
- e. **Update on SDG16+ Localization Concept Note**

Discussion: The TAP Secretariat provided an overview of current partnership and fundraising opportunities. It was noted that UNDP recently approached TAP with a proposal for the Network to lead in the drafting of guidance on post-VNR engagement, as well as the coordination of national workshops to pilot the guidance after drafting. The TAP Secretariat has put together a proposal for UNDP to review and will provide further updates once they hear back. If successful in its bid, this opportunity will fit well into TAP's broader localization efforts which it is pursuing through its Consortium proposal. The TAP Coordinator will follow-up on the proposal and get more information about the budget and timeline for the project, as well as whether this guidance will be directly incorporated into existing guidance documents on the VNRs created by the Secretary General and the Global Alliance.

TAP recently received several unexpected voluntary funding contributions from World Vision, Civicus, and CSPPS, totaling at ~\$30k. These funds will be used to maintain the TAP Program Officer's contract, which was set to expire this month, through at least the remainder of the year.

The TAP Coordinator met with a grants officer from the Ford Foundation in August but was directed to speak with the governance team which is better suited to potentially fund our Network's work. The TAP Coordinator is scheduling this next conversation and will provide updates asap.

The concept note and MOU for the SDG16+ Localization Consortium has been finished and partners have begun to distribute this to potential donors to fund the work. More updates will be provided when available.

It is unclear at this point whether the voluntary funding contributions or the UNDP funding, if won, can be counted towards the Mott Foundation's match funding opportunity. The TAP Coordinator will follow-up with Mott to determine the specific requirements of the match funding agreement.

Follow-up:

- The TAP Coordinator will follow-up on the proposal and get more information about the budget and timeline for the project, as well as whether this guidance will be directly incorporated into existing guidance documents on the VNRs created by the Secretary General and the Global Alliance.

- The TAP Coordinator to follow-up with Mott to determine the specific requirements of the match funding agreement and whether the voluntary funding contributions and/or UNDP funding can be counted towards the match amount.

6. Review of TAP Network Partner Applications

Discussion: No TAP Partner applications have been submitted since the last Steering Committee call on 30 August 2019.

7. AOB

Discussion: Today is Louis' last day as a Steering Committee Member. Thank you for your years of dedication, Louis, and best of luck on your new adventure in London!