

TAP Network Steering Committee

Meeting Decisions

14 June 2019

Present:

- Ms. Coco Lammers, Namati
- Ms. Florence Syevuo, SDG Kenya Forum
- Mr. Louis Busingye, HRFRA
- Mr. Zia Ur-Rehman, ADA
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Secretariat
- Ms. Elle Sweeney, TAP Secretariat

Not Present:

- Ms. Jyotsna Singh, ADA
- Mr. Jordan Street, Saferworld

Next meeting: 28 June 2019

Chairing Meeting: Ms. Florence Syevuo, SDG Kenya Forum

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 10 May 2019.

2. **Welcoming Saferworld to the TAP Steering Committee and next steps**

Discussion: As Jordan Street was not present, this agenda item was deferred to the next meeting. The TAP Coordinator noted, however, that there is a need to announce this change to the Network, which could be done next week during the Coordination Call as well as with an official email. In addition to announcing Saferworld's new role, this email would mention other updates around the recent dismissal of one of our Network members for his breach of the Code of Conduct, and then also remind the Network about TAP's community standards around our

listservs and otherwise. The TAP Coordinator suggested sending a second email to the Network, which would include more information around engagement opportunities around the 2019 HLPF. It was also noted that there is a need to follow-up with TI to respond to their previous email regarding their replacement on the Steering Committee by Saferworld, and an email to the dismissed Network member notifying him of his removal from the listserv. **It was decided and agreed that these emails would be sent by the TAP Coordinator to the Network, and that the co-chair for the Global North would send follow-up emails to both TI and to the dismissed TAP Member.**

Decisions:

- It was decided and agreed that two emails regarding Saferworld and the Code of Conduct and then about the 2019 HLPF would be sent by the TAP Coordinator to the Network.
- It was decided and agreed that the co-chair for the Global North would send follow-up emails to both TI and to the dismissed TAP Member.

Follow-up:

- Coordinator to send two emails regarding Saferworld and the Code of Conduct and then about the 2019 HLPF to the Network.
- Co-chair for the Global North to send follow-up emails to both TI and to the dismissed TAP Member.

3. Partnerships updates (20 minutes)

a. Update from Partners for Review Meeting

Discussion: The TAP Coordinator provided updates from the Partners for Review Meeting. At this event, the TAP Coordinator presented the SDG Accountability Handbook as well as information around our workshops. These opportunities were well-received, and a few partners offered to help translate the Handbook in kind. With regard to the workshops, the TAP Coordinator noted a couple attendees of the conference expressed interest in organizing workshops in their own countries, however, there is currently no funding left for additional workshops to be planned—though if partners are interested in organizing a workshop and able to fund it themselves, then the TAP Network is eager to assist.

b. Funding renewal proposal to Mott Foundation

Discussion: The TAP Coordinator noted that he spoke with the Mott Foundation in Rome. Mott has proposed a grant of \$200,000 over the course of the next two years, which is not much to work with. They have requested a proposal by the end of June, which is very tight turn around and would mean that the proposal would be largely speculative, as the Network has not planned its work beyond 2019 to date. The TAP Coordinator noted that the Steering Committee would need to strategize with the broader Network to determine where our Members would

like to go with our work beyond 2019. Mott noted that a speculative proposal is fine at this time.

There are a handful of donors that the TAP Network can pursue to supplement the Mott grant. In addition, the TAP Network is planning to host a donor forum at the HLPF. A fundraising strategy will need to be developed in the coming weeks prior to the 2019 HLPF

c. Next TAP Coordination Call

Discussion: The TAP Coordinator will provide the above updates to the Network during the next Coordination Call. In addition, he will note that the TAP website is under construction and will soon include Partner pages.

Follow-up:

- TAP Coordinator to draft the Mott Proposal and send to the Steering Committee for review prior to the submission deadline.

4. Update from Rome SDG16 Conference

1. Rome Conference Civil Society Day
2. Rome Civil Society Declaration on SDG16+

Discussion: The TAP Coordinator noted that the Rome Conference, including the Civil Society Day, was a very long, but fruitful event and many TAP Network Members and Partners were present at the event. Coco Lammers led the drafting process for the Rome Declaration.

The Civil Society Day was very well received and included over 50 representatives from more than 28 countries. This event, along with the Rome Declaration and conference sessions that TAP led, were viewed as highlights of the conference by many in the SDG16 community and hopefully positioned our Network very well for the lead up to the HLPF and beyond, particularly with regard to mobilizing future resources.

The conference itself was not particularly dynamic, which was disappointing. However, the Rome Declaration was, again, one of the best outcomes of the gathering.

Our very own, Jyotsna Mahan-Singh, was selected by the civil society colleagues present at the conference to present the statement on the Rome Declaration during the second day plenary. She did a wonderful job speaking and the statement was very well received.

The Rome Declaration has been shared with the Network and broader civil society community and is now open for endorsements. To date, there are roughly 80 endorsements, with more to come.

The TAP Network made a point to note the frustrations of civil society participants, particularly from the Global South and from grass roots organizations, about their inability to attend and participate in the event. There is a need to follow-up with the letter drafted by Louis, Zia, and Florence to UNDESA about the limited inclusion of the civil society. The group will tweak the letter to aim more directly at UNDESA.

Follow-up:

- The Steering Committee members of the Global South to update the UNDESA letter regarding the Rome Conference and then submit to the rest of the group for review and approval before sending.

5. Update on HLPF 2019 planning (20 minutes)

Discussion: The TAP Coordinator will send out a note to the network about the below opportunities and ask members to tell us their plans for the 2019 HLPF.

a. Voices of SDG16+

Discussion: The campaign has enough funding to support up to 12 participants at the HLPF. The official Voices event will be held on the 11th of July, broken up into two parts, the first being an invite-only roundtable discussion around the challenges and opportunities for SDG16 and the second being a public-facing policy forum to promote the campaign, as well as the work of TAP.

Our Africa Regional Focal Point, Tola from Nigeria, was selected as one of the participants for the campaign and will therefore be in New York during the HLPF, which is great!

b. TAP/SDG16 Donor Forum

Discussion: This event scheduled to take place during the HLPF was originally envisioned as an exclusively-TAP opportunity, however, conversations with other CSO networks in Rome, including GPPAC and CSPPS, have led the TAP Coordinator to re-think TAP's strategy for this event. His thought is that we could use this opportunity to bring together the broader SDG16 community and key funders to strategize together about future work, including where we want to go after the 2019 HLPF and where support is needed to achieve our broader aims. The event would therefore be more of a roundtable discussion, rather than a showcase, and would likely lead to a series of follow-up conversations. A similar strategy session around SDG16 happened a few years back and led the formation of the Pathfinders. We hope our event will help TAP to take a similar leadership position in the space.

c. SDG16 “Umbrella Event”

Discussion: This joint event is organized by Pathfinders, 16+ Forum, and the Global Alliance, in partnership with TAP, the UK Mission, and LexisNexis.

Florence will be a lead speaker for civil society during the UNHQ portion of the event, with her travel funding covered by the Pathfinders.

d. “Empowering Civil Society for SDG16” Report and event

Discussion: This joint report is a product of TAP, Forus, ADA , and 7 additional content contributors from across the SDG16 space. It includes a showcase and analysis of spotlight reporting methodologies as well as national implementation efforts, noting where additional support is needed for civil society in the recommendations section.

The event around this report will be hosted on Friday July 12th at the South Korean Mission.

e. TAP Network Strategy Workshop

Discussion: The amount of interest by our Network members in the HLPF this year has been overwhelming, which is great, but also challenging as there are limited opportunities to engage.

Given the number of Partners who will be in New York for the events, the TAP Coordinator wants to put together a Partner strategy meeting. This is especially important given that our strategic plan expires this year and that HLPF more broadly will be at the end of its first reporting cycle for the SDGs.

We will look to host this event on the Wednesday, 14th of July, and hope that the entire Steering Committee will be present, funding permitted.

6. Review of TAP Network Partner Applications

Discussion: The TAP Coordinator reviewed the most recent partner applications.

Decisions: It was decided and agreed that both applications would be approved

7. Discussion on TAP Network code of conduct and review of mailing list privileges

Discussion: The TAP Coordinator reviewed the Network’s code of conduct and mailing list privileges with the Steering Committee.

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