

TAP Network Steering Committee

Meeting Decisions

30 August 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. Zia Ur-Rehman, ADA
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Secretariat
- Ms. Elle Sweeney, TAP Secretariat

Next meeting: 13 September 2019

Chairing Meeting: Ms. Coco Lammers, Namati

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 28 June 2019.

2. Review and Update from 2019 HLPF

Discussion: The TAP Coordinator provided a brief overview of the TAP's experience at the 2019 HLPF. After the HLPF, the Secretariat sent a comprehensive email to the Network, which included a social media review and event summary notes. In addition, the Secretariat hosted a webinar with Together 2030 to recap about the HLPF and discuss HLPF reform. Another recap will be sent to membership again prior to our next TAP coordination call in the lead up to the summit.

Overall, the Network received great feedback about its presence and activities at the HLPF, including the 12 events TAP organized directly. IN particular, TAP received a large amount of positive feedback about the grassroots representation it helped to facilitate through the Voices campaign and other activities. The TAP Coordinator noted that the Network should work to turn this momentum and positive feedback into funding support.

In terms of lessons learned, the Secretariat noted that with so many TAP-led events, TAP found that it did not end up having a lot of time for bi-lateral meeting with colleagues, especially those interested in learning more about the network. Next time, the Secretariat will look to do a little less so that TAP can carve out more time for this type of personal meetings.

In terms of next steps, the Secretariat will look to wrap -up event reports, specifically for the Voices Campaign, as well as to Mott Foundations more broadly.

It was noted that during the HLPF in July, there was also a national event hosted in Rwanda for civil society. Louis will share a report about how vulnerable and marginalized groups have a role to play in implementing and monitoring SDG16.

Follow-up:

- The Secretariat to schedule a coordination call with the Network prior to the SDG Summit and to send an additional recap of the HLPF prior to this call.
- Louis to send the report from the national event in Rwanda.

3. Review of Opportunities and TAP plans around SDGs Summit

Discussion: It was noted that while the UNGA will be important very important giving how high-level the SDG Summit is, but the high-levelness of this event will also mean that it will be more difficult to engage. As such, the TAP Secretariat will focus on connecting with key partners and donors during this event. It was noted that Florence, Zia, and Jyotsna (TBD) will be in attendance.

It was noted by that there is a risk that the proposed civil justice indicator that was set to be accepted as a new justice indicator for SDD16 is at risk of not being included as planned at the Summit due to unspecified Member State push-back. Given TAP's previous work with the IAEG, it was suggested that TAP lead advocacy amongst civil society to push for this indicator to be included. To do this, **it was decided and agreed that TAP would put together an advocacy letter to circulate amongst civil society organizations to sign-on to, and to work with World Vision to utilize its upcoming preparatory webinar in advance of UNGA to advocate for civil society mobilization around this new justice indicator.**

Decisions:

- It was decided and agreed that TAP would put together an advocacy letter to circulate amongst civil society organizations to sign-on to, and to work with World Vision to utilize its upcoming preparatory webinar in advance of UNGA to advocate for civil society mobilization around this new justice indicator.
- It was also agreed that Florence would reach out formally to contacts in Kenya who work around the IAEG to find out more information about which Member States are pushing back against the indicator and why so that TAP can focus its advocacy efforts going forward.

Follow-up:

- Coco to draft an advocacy letter for the Steering Committee's review and approval by the end of next week.
- The TAP Coordinator to reach out to World Vision regarding the webinar
- Florence to reach out to her contacts in Kenya about the indicator.
 - a. Co-hosting Civil Society "People's Forum"

Discussion: The People's Forum is a two-day event on September 24-25 led by GCAP. TAP has been invited to co-host the forum alongside others in the civil society space. The Forum is intended to be a parallel event to the SDG Summit, hosted at the church center, where civil society can dialogue with one another and also create a declaration to be shared with the broader SDGs community. TAP will look to incorporate the Rome Declaration into this new declaration. In addition, TAP will convene two panels for the Forum: 1) on SDG16 and 2) on HLPF reform.

- b. Pathfinders reception on SDG16+

Discussion: A reception on SDG16+ will be hosted by the Pathfinders during the Summit. The focus of the reception will be on commitments, similar to the umbrella event reception at the HLPF, and will feature booths/exhibition spaces where partners in the SDG16+ community can showcase their work. TAP has been offered one of these spaces to showcase our work and specifically our civil society commitments.

It was suggested that TAP look to showcase some of its Partner commitments at the reception, as well as its registry more broadly. In addition, TAP should look to encourage its Partners to submit their commitments to the formal UNDESA registry, and to also submit our civil society registry itself to the DESA registry as a formal commitment, too. It was noted that there will be a need to follow-up with DESA to ensure that these commitments are received and uploaded in a timely manner, especially given the long processing time we have seen with the registry in the past.

Follow-up:

- The Secretariat to create promotional and outreach material to encourage Partners to submit their commitments to DESA.
- The Secretariat to follow-up with DESA to ensure that these commitments are received and features.

c. Proposal to SDG Action Zone

Discussion: The TAP Secretariat submitted a proposal to the SDG Action Zone to host an action event around the SDG Accountability Handbook. More information of the status of the application TBD.

In terms of contingency plan should the proposal be denied or the event too expensive to host, TAP plans to feature the SDG Accountability Handbook at the People's Forum. This proposal has already been floated to GCAP.

d. TAP strategy meeting - Strategic Plan and "Decade of Accountability"

Discussion: TAP hosts a strategy meeting with its members and partners every year as a way for the Network to meet one another at UNGA. This year, the TAP Secretariat will organize this same gathering again but will also use it as an opportunity for an in-person discussion around TAP's strategy in 2020 and beyond, with a specific eye to discuss the new concept of a "Decade of Accountability", which the Secretariat has been discussing with partners since the 2019 HLPF.

The TAP Coordinator noted that the Decade of Accountability has the potential to compliment member states Decade of Action quite well. It hopes to consult civil society present at UNGA about what we can do to hold member states more accountability to their commitments. It could also use this campaign as a potential fundraising opportunity.

4. Review of Timeline for TAP Strategic Plan Consultations and Draft

Discussion: The TAP Coordinator provided an overview of its upcoming plans and timeline to consult the Network about TAP's strategic plans for 2020 and beyond. It was decided and agreed that the Steering Committee would review and provide feedback on the draft survey by the end of next week so that the survey can be circulated to the Network immediately thereafter in the lead-up to the Summit and the London Strategy meeting hosted by DFID.

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5. Review of MoU and Concept Note for proposed Civil Society Consortium on SDG16+ Localization

Discussion: The TAP Secretariat provided an overview of the proposed Civil Society Consortium concept it has been discussing with its partners: CSPPS, Saferworld, and GPPAC. The consortium will focus on coordinating efforts around localization and national capacity-building work.

It was decided and agreed that the Steering Committee would review and provide feedback on the MoU and Concept Note for the consortium by Wednesday of next week.

It was noted that the consortium may be a great opportunity for SDG16 specific capacity building resources to be created and circulated amongst national level civil society. Jyotsna to send an email to the Steering Committee outline the needs around these types of materials.

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6. Partnerships and Fundraising updates

- a. Mott Foundation Match Funding Opportunity
- b. CSPPS funding for Elle consultancy

Discussion: It was noted that the Mott Foundation has offered to provide a match funding option for the TAP Network if it is able to raise an additional \$200k for other funders, thus bringing the Network's two-year budget up to over \$600k if successful.

It was also noted that the Secretariat has received a voluntary funding contribution from CSPPS of at least \$10k or more to retain Elle for a minimum of two additional months. Fundraising

efforts will continue to focus on raising additional funds to retain Elle as a consultant in the long-term.

Beyond these two opportunities, the Secretariat will continue to focus on partnership building and fundraising in the months ahead, specifically at the London Strategy Meeting hosted by DFID, which will include select funders alongside TAP and other key partners in the SDG16 community and will focus on continuing dialogue around where we are at with SDG16 implementation and where we should go from here. In addition, the Secretariat will focus on continuing to refine its fundraising plan and develop additional promotional products to use in its fundraising efforts.

7. Preliminary discussion on TAP Network Steering Committee elections

Discussion: TAP is scheduled to have another round of Steering Committee election at the close of this year. In preparation for this event, it was decided and agreed that the current Steering Committee will review and provide feedback on the current Terms of Reference and have an initial discussion about updating these ToRs at the next Steering Committee Meeting scheduled for Friday 13 September 2019.

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8. Review of TAP Network Partner Applications

Discussion: The TAP Coordinator reviewed the most recent 7 partner applications and recommended that all be approved with the exception of East African Charity Sweepstake, which requires more information prior to approval.

Decisions: It was decided and agreed that these 6 applications would be approved.

9. AOB

Discussion: Louis announced that he was married last week. In addition, he also announced that he has been accepted for a second graduated program in the UK beginning shortly. As

such, he will be stepping down from his formal position with Human Rights Rwanda Association and in turn the TAP Steering Committee and replaced by his colleague Brenda.

It was also announced that Coco will soon go on maternity leave in expectation of the birth of her little baby girl and will have other colleagues from Namati represent her on the Steering Committee in her absence.