TAP Network Steering Committee - 2020-2021 Steering Committee

Meeting Decisions

26 June 2020

Present: Mr. Peter van Sluijs, CSPPS
Ms. Florence Syevuo, SDG Kenya Forum
Ms. Jean Scrimgeour, Accountability Lab
Mr. Hideki Wakabayashi, ADA
Mr. John Romano, TAP Secretariat
Ms. Claudia Villalona, TAP Secretariat
Ms. Judith Kaulem, Poverty Reduction Forum Trust

Absent:

Next meeting: 12 June 2020

Chairing Meeting: Ms. Judith Kaulem, Poverty Reduction Forum Trust

Agenda Items:

1. Review and Approval of last Steering Committee Call Notes
2. Update on UNDP Contract and Proposal
3. Partnership Updates
4. Review of TAP Partner Applications
5. AOB

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

1. Review and Approval of last Steering Committee Call Notes

Discussion:
Committee Members present had no comments on the last call’s notes.

DECISIONS:

• Approval of Decisions and Notes from TAP Network Steering Committee Call on June 12, 2020.

2. Update on UNDP Contract and Proposal

Discussion:
The secretariat began by giving an update on the situation regarding the UNDP Contract and Proposal for the Post-VNR resource. UNDP has agreed to cover the full cost of the consultant’s, Maggie William’s, remaining contract (aprox. 12,000 USD) that TAP does not have enough to
cover in the budget. Since this is considered to be separate funding, it does qualify to be matched by the Mott Foundation.

The Secretariat must re-edit the UNDP proposal to reflect these developments. Both parties agreed to have the final agreement by August 1. The secretariat will send the finalized proposal to the Steering Committee and Proteus Fund for review early next week, integrate feedback, and send to UNDP by the end of the next week or early the following week.

**FOLLOW-UP**

- The secretariat will revise the UNDP Proposal and send it to Proteus and the Steering Committee for review early to mid-next week. Steering Committee Members should give comments and feedback, so to send the proposal to UNDP by the end of next week or early the following week.

3. **Partnership Updates**
   a. Update from Global SDG16+ Meeting and TAP hosting next meeting in September
   b. Proteus Fund support from US Paycheck Protection Program
   c. Update on Swiss Funding
   d. Updates on Membership Engagement
      i. Blogs
      ii. [Interviews](#)
   e. HLPF

**Discussion:**
The SDG 16+ community, consisting of the Global Alliance, CSPPS, WFUNA/16+ Forum, TAP, and the Pathfinders, have decided to come together in releasing a joint call to action on SDG16+ during the Pandemic to be released tentatively during HLPF.

Proteus Fund has applied and was approved for the US Paycheck Protection Fund for small businesses and organizations for forgivable loans during the Pandemic. The Secretariat will have a direct discussion with Proteus contact next week to see what that entails. Ideally, will be able to cover staff time for full time staff. Funding won’t qualify for match funding.

In the lead up to HLPF, the Secretariat will draft a blog post on behalf of the Steering Committee with a statement on logistics and how civil society should and must be able to engage meaningfully in the high-level discussions. The blog posts will continue going forward twice a month, one drafted by the secretariat and the other from a partner’s submission. The secretariat will also reach out to the Steering Committee Co-chairs to schedule and coordinate video interview blog series.
The secretariat also reviewed updates on TAP's co-organized events:

- **SDG Learning Lab: “Preparing for the second reporting cycle: Empowering Actors, Improving Coordination and strengthening SDG Data Reporting”**
  - Monday 13 July, 2:00 PM
- **Campaign for a Decade of Accountability for the SDGs**
  - Maybe not official, but will still go on
- **Voices of SDG16+ Campaign**
  - ?
- **SDG16 Data Initiative**
  - Will still go on, but will not lead
- **Global SDG16+ Community Side-Event**
  - ?
- **Inclusive and integrated monitoring, follow-up and review to accelerate SDG implementation**
  - Approved official: Thursday, 9 July, 8:00
- **The role of SDG 16 + in accelerating 2030 Agenda Monitoring and Implementation -**
  - ?
- **Accelerating ‘whole of society’ Action on SDG implementation through innovative civil society partnerships**
  - ?

**FOLLOW-UP**

- The Secretariat will keep the SC updated on developments on
  - Potential funding from the Swiss Government and US Paycheck Protection Program
  - the official and nonofficial side events in the lead up to HLPF
- The Secretariat will draft the second blog post that will focus on HLPF information on events, registration, and the virtual setting on behalf of the Steering Committee. The draft will be sent to the SC for comments and feedback by early next week.
- The Secretariat will also prepare and coordinate with CSPPS and PRFT for the first interview of the interview video series with the co-chairs.

4. **Review of TAP Partner Applications**

Discussion:

We had one application to become a TAP Network Partner since the last call, and would recommend that organization, Curating for Tomorrow, for approval.
You can find their application information here:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DqpVYCiV-aqYPTX6CVMiGsaFiACP/view?usp=sharing

**DECISIONS:**

- The Steering Committee moved to approve Curating for Tomorrow as a TAP Partner