



TAP Network Membership Coordination Call

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Executive Summary

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Chairing Meeting: *TAP Steering Committee Co-Chair, Jean Scrimgeour*

Meeting Agenda:

1. Welcome and introduction from new TAP Network Co-Chairs
2. New TAP Communications & Outreach Officer – Ellery Wong
3. Updates on TAP Membership Refresh and Next Steps
4. Overview of TAP 2021 Work Plan and Feedback from TAP Members
5. Opportunity for TAP Members to share opportunities for collaboration/engagement/partnership
6. AOB

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Agenda Item #1: Welcome from new Steering Committee Co-Chairs

The new TAP Co-Chair representing the TAP Partner Accountability Lab and moderating this coordination call, Jean Schrimonger, introduced themselves to the membership as the new Co-Chair for 2021. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, TAP Co-Chair representing Poverty Reduction Trust Forum, Judith Kaulem was unable to join the call.

Agenda Item #2: New TAP Communications and Outreach Officer

The TAP Co-chair then went on to introduce the TAP Secretariat's newest member to the team, TAP Communications and Outreach Officer, Ellery Wong. Ms. Wong joins TAP after helping develop the SDG

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Accelerator Action Platform at UNDESA. Ms. Wong joins TAP as a part of the network's priorities for 2021 to focus on showcasing member and partner work, closing the gap between local and transnational spaces, and amplifying civil society's voice in global, as well as decision-making settings. As the Communications & Outreach Officer, Ms. Wong will work directly with TAP members and partners in the coming months to showcase their work through interactive and dynamic media formats. Any TAP Partners and Members interested in sharing their stories should fill out the form, [here](#). The TAP Coordinator also communicated that this new position will also work on creating opportunities and platforms for cross-member collaboration and engagement.

TAP Secretariat member, Claudia Villalona, will shift to a programmatic role at TAP with a particular focus on TAP's preparation leading up to HLPF this July.

Any questions related to Communications and Outreach opportunities can be directed to Ms. Wong at wong@tapnetwork2030.org. Any programmatic, logistical or general questions can be directed to Claudia Villalona at villalona@tapnetwork2030.org.

Agenda Item #3: Membership Refresh

The TAP Co-Chair gave the floor to the TAP Coordinator to discuss the outcomes of the Membership Refresh process that concluded at the end of 2020. The coordinator thanked all who filled out the confirmation form, which totaled 250 TAP Members and existing Partners. As TAP's priorities and objectives evolved over the past six years, there was a need to identify colleagues still interested and active in TAP's collective work in order to ensure ownership and buy-in, as well as to foment deeper engagement within the network. Furthermore, in light of the COVID-19 Pandemic and with most engagement shifting to virtual means, the Membership Refresh Process also aimed to enhance engagement between the membership and the Secretariat/Steering Committee, in addition to engagement and collaboration within the network between members.

Following the Membership Refresh, the Secretariat updated the Membership Listserv accordingly and created two new Working Groups desiccated to Advocacy and Spotlight Reporting:

- The Advocacy Working Group will lead the strategy and planning around TAP's activities particularly as they relate to key conferences such as HLPF and the 16+ Forum Annual Showcase, but also identifying entry points for engagement at the national level
- The Spotlight Reporting Working Group will outline the process of drafting a Spotlight Report, as well as experiences and lessons learned. The group will also update the Spotlight Reporting guidelines, to be featured in the update to the Goal 16 Civil Society Toolkit.

If interested in joining either or both Working Groups, please fill out the form [here](#).

Looking forward, TAP will begin the process of the TAP Partnership Refresh, similar to the Membership Refresh, where TAP Partners will confirm their Partnership and update their commitments.

Agenda Item #4: Overview of TAP 2021 Work Plan and Feedback from TAP Members

The Coordinator shifted to presenting [TAP's 2021 Work Plan](#) and briefly outlining the network's priorities and activities scheduled for the year ahead.

As discussed earlier on the call, one of TAP's key priorities for the year is amplifying Member and Partner's reach by showcasing their work and advocating for a seat at consequential spaces. The new Communications and Outreach Officer will lead these activities to present the network's collective and individual member/partner work using accessible, dynamic and engaging formats. Complete the [form](#) to indicate interest in having your organization's work showcased in the months ahead.

TAP has begun the drafting process of revising the SDG16 Civil Society Toolkit, the flagship resource first published in 2016. The updated toolkit resource will also include new guidelines for Spotlight Reporting, with the lead of the Spotlight Reporting Working Group. The network will also look to solicit case studies from TAP Members and Partners to be featured in the toolkit.

The multistakeholder [Campaign for a Decade of Accountability for the SDGs](#), launched back in May of 2020, will release an unprecedented Global SDG Accountability Report in the months ahead. All TAP colleagues are invited to pledge their commitment to the campaign by becoming an SDG Accountability Champion, [here](#).

In partnership with the UNDP Global Alliance, TAP published the new resource [Mainstreaming SDG 16: Using Voluntary National Review to Advance More Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies](#) in December of 2020. To continue building the conversation and learning around the resource, TAP and the Global Alliance will hold a virtual workshop series.

Finally, TAP will also prioritize fundraising and funding initiatives to help finance the network's activities, as well as providing funding opportunities for TAP Members to help build capacity and fill the funding gap, especially within the context of the pandemic.

The Secretariat welcomes any feedback and suggestions regarding the Work Plan as it begins to finalize the document for publishing.

Agenda Item #5: Opportunity for TAP Members to make announcements/opportunities for collaboration, engagement, and partnership

The Co-Chair opened this agenda item posing the question of how often these coordination calls should take place. The overwhelming consensus among participants was to hold Coordination Calls on a regular, monthly basis, especially in the lead up to HLPF. The TAP Co-chair proceeded to open the floor to comments, questions, suggestions, and announcements from TAP Members and Partners.

One question posed was regarding the opportunities for engagement and refresh of Partner Commitments are subject to whether the home country is scheduled for a VNR for this year's HLPF. The Coordinator answered that regardless of whether a home country of a TAP Member or Partner will be

presenting their VNRs, the Advocacy Working Group will work beyond global advocacy to identify national level entry points. Furthermore, partner commitments will be showcased at HLPF regardless of the country's VNRs.

Mr. Astier representing the 16+ Forum communicated to the membership that it will host the [2021 Annual Showcase in San Jose, Costa Rica](#) this December after having been postponed. If anyone has any questions regarding the 2021 Annual Showcase in Costa Rica and to be added to the mailing list, reach out to astier@wfuna.org.

The representative from Integrity Action extended an invitation to their [upcoming webinar on March 9 where they will share findings and research](#) on improving sustainability of social accountability initiatives in partnership with Accountability Lab Nepal and South Africa.

In regards to Working Groups and opportunities for internal collaboration between members, it was suggested that the network revive the regional working groups to allow for regional engagement between members. In response to the suggestions of a membership directory, the coordinator directed members to the recently published [Membership Directory and map](#) on the website. The portal will continue to be developed in the weeks and months ahead. Should any organization need the information to be updated or fixed, please reach out to villalona@tapnetwork2030.org.

Outcomes and Action Items

- Hold Membership/Coordination call regularly on a monthly basis at a regular set time/day
- Integrate issues related to data and indicators as well as the VNRs to the Spotlight Reporting Working Group, as a platform to discuss all topics
- Restart Regional Working Groups
- Develop a capacity-building request consultation form for members and partners to request operational, logistical, or funding help or guidance from the Secretariat in an informal capacity between now and 2021 HLPF
- Share form with Membership for Members to showcase/highlight upcoming events and opportunities with fellow Members
- Take forward the Showcasing initiatives and Working Groups as outlined in the TAP Network 2021 Work Plan