APPLYING TO BE A TAP NETWORK PARTNER

Information and instructions on how to ensure an effective application

TAP Network “Partners” are organizations that take part in the substantive work of the TAP Network, and work closely with each other through various engagement structures and channels. These “Partners” make explicit commitments that outline their work to advance the overall mission and objectives of TAP Network on the issues they work on. In exchange for making these commitments, “Partners” enjoy an exclusive set of benefits and privileges, and can benefit from direct support, both technical and financial, from the TAP Network Secretariat. For more information on the benefits, expectations and requirements of a TAP Partner, see the complete guide here or visit our Join Us page.

Applying to become a TAP Partner is easy, free and only takes three simple steps:

1. **Complete** the TAP Partner application on Survey Monkey.
2. **Wait** for your organization to be reviewed by the TAP Secretariat and Steering Committee.
3. **Receive** approval via email from the TAP Secretariat with information on how to leverage your new partner status and be added immediately to the private TAP Google Groups and the public TAP Partner Action Platform.

Continue to read the following brief to learn more about the criteria that will be reviewed by the TAP Secretariat and Steering Committee to evaluate your application.
Outlining your "Commitment to Action"

The biggest and most important piece to your Partner application will be your description of the commitment your organization pledges to implement to advance SDG16+ or towards accountability for the 2030 Agenda more broadly. These commitments should be clear and succinct and have very clear objectives. The more specific organizations can be when submitting commitments, the stronger the commitment and subsequent follow-up will be. Since these commitments will be showcased publicly, it is important to highlight the great work and realistic but lofty ambitions of your organization, and to clearly outline how you will go about implementing this commitment.

It is also important for these commitments to fit the S.M.A.R.T. criteria: Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time-bound. See figure and more information on page 3.

Additionally, TAP Network Partners are expected to commit to:

- Uphold and embody the principles enshrined in the Universal Declaration on Human Rights in your organization’s work;
- All of the targets and principles outlined within SDG16 and the 2030 Agenda, including by upholding the commitment to leaving no one behind in the work of their organization, and working openly and inclusively with other TAP Network Partners or Members;
- Helping advance the overall mission and objectives of the TAP Network, including around SDG16 and accountability for the 2030 Agenda;
- Ensuring that your organization’s work embodies the principles of transparency, accountability and participation.
Making a Commitment to become a TAP Partner

**S**pecific
What objectives do you want to achieve through this commitment?
Being as specific as possible will help you and your partners understand how your organization is hoping to make an impact.

**M**easurable
How will you track progress towards your commitment?
Ensuring that you have measurable targets for your commitment will help you quantify the impacts of your work, and help you align your work to these objectives. It will also help you report on your progress later.

**A**chievable
Can your organization deliver on this commitment?
While setting lofty goals is always encouraged, it’s important to evaluate your commitment to ensure that you have the capacity to deliver on your objectives.

**R**elevant
Is your commitment relevant to TAP’s work and SDGs?
In addition to assessing if your commitment is relevant for TAP’s work, it’s important to consider its relevance to achieving meaningful outcomes towards the 2030 Agenda.

**T**ime-bound
When do you plan on meeting objectives from your commitment?
Setting deadlines and timelines for achieving your objectives is key for aligning your work plan. It’s also vital for reporting on your commitment, and holding yourself accountable!
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**Ready to apply?** Review the questions and start your TAP Application here.

**Not ready to commit yet?**
Learn more about becoming a TAP Member on our Join Us page here.

**Learn more** about the key benefits of becoming a TAP Partner in our information brief here.