

TAP NETWORK PARTNER GUIDE

Benefits, expectations and requirements of your membership status

Introduction

As a TAP Network Partner, your organization will be part of a global coalition of civil society organizations that works collectively to advance SDG16+ to promote peace, justice and inclusive societies, and to help enhance accountability for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The TAP Network works to provide a platform for collaboration, collective advocacy and peer-learning around SDG16+ issues and accountability for the 2030 Agenda more broadly.

By becoming a Partner of TAP Network, your organization will get first access to exclusive TAP resources and opportunities and be **invited to contribute and lead in the development of TAP's work**. Additionally, your organization will be showcased for your commitments and accomplishments towards TAP's collective goals on the **TAP Partner Action Platform**, one **TAP's main advocacy tools to highlight the work of civil society towards the 2030 Agenda**.

Reference the following brief below to learn more about what it means to become a TAP Network Partner and the benefits and requirements associated with the status for your organization. For instructions on how to become a TAP Partner, [please see the application instructions on the Join Us page](#).

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TAP Engagement Structures

The TAP Network's engagement structures are broken down into two main categories: "**Members**" and "**Partners**," with each enjoying very different sets of privileges and benefits. These various options for organizations provide a responsive yet flexible engagement structure that enables TAP to identify key implementation partners to support its work, while at the same time being open and inclusive of organizations that are supportive of TAP's work, but who may be unable to make explicit commitments to helping advance TAP's work.

General TAP Network "**Members**" are organizations that can register to stay up-to-date on TAP's work and can loosely contribute to taking TAP's substantive work forward. They are able to share in the information and intel-sharing and general updates that the TAP Network has become known for, and have access to a listserv of hundreds of experts on SDG16 and the 2030 Agenda. For more information about becoming a Member, [read the separate brief here](#).

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. Partners are expected to report on their progress towards these commitments every two years, with interim mid-term reports uploaded onto the TAP Network website every year.

By way of this process, **TAP Partners are explicitly committed to helping take TAP's agenda and work forward, and are identified as TAP's key champions and go-to implementation partners.**

[Visit the Join page to Start your Application](#)

TAP Network

TAP Secretariat

TAP Steering
Committee

TAP Partners

TAP Members

The TAP Partner Action Platform

One key benefit for TAP Partners is being featured on the TAP Network Partner Action Platform, a dynamic registry of actionable commitments to SDG16+ and accountability for the 2030 Agenda. While being one of TAP Network's main advocacy tools, the registry not only works to promote the wide-ranging work of our partners and civil society as a whole, but provides a foundation for our network partners to build more interactive and dynamic opportunities for engagement.

In addition to showcasing each Partner's commitments, The TAP Partner Action platform seeks to **facilitate the sharing of knowledge and expertise within the network and among key stakeholders in the community to maximize sharing and learning**. Each of our Partner organizations featured on the platform have their own customizable web page that features a variety of media showcasing their mission and work, their commitments, resources and publications, social media handles, among other content, including TAP "Storytelling" initiative content also featured on TAP's blog platform. New features will continue to be added and implemented as Partners' needs come to light and evolve.

**SEE MORE ABOUT THE TAP PARTNER ACTION PLATFORM AT
[HTTPS://TAPNETWORK2030.ORG/ACTION-INFO/](https://tapnetwork2030.org/action-info/).**

The image displays the TAP Network Partner Action Platform interface across multiple devices. A laptop shows a detailed profile for the 'Centre for Law and Democracy', including its mission, location (Halifax, Global), and a 'TAP Storytelling' section. A desktop monitor shows profiles for 'VEILLE CITOYENNE TOGO' and 'NGO Federation of Nepal (NFN)'. A smartphone displays the 'ILF' (The International Legal Foundation) profile. To the right, a 'Filters' sidebar allows users to search by 'Organization Name', 'Region', 'Country Location', 'Languages', 'SGD16 Expertise', and 'Area of Expertise'. Below the filters, there are buttons for 'TAP Storytelling', 'Upcoming Event', 'Seeking Partners', 'New Resource', and 'Steering Committee'. At the bottom, a blue banner contains the URL <https://tapnetwork2030.org/action/> with a cursor pointing to it.

Other Benefits

In addition to having their organization's work and their commitments showcased prominently on the TAP Network's website, TAP Network Partners enjoy a number of privileges and benefits as a result of their commitment to TAP's work.

Benefits of becoming a TAP Network "Partner"

- Access to TAP funding and funding opportunities within the community
- Access to TAP funding and support for national and regional workshops
- Access to voting on TAP Steering Committee and other ballots
- Eligibility for upcoming leadership opportunities, including for national or regional engagement, or for membership on the TAP Steering Committee
- Organization's work and commitments will be showcased on TAP's Partner Platform
- Featuring your work and key resources, events, and funding/partnership opportunities on the TAP Partner Platform
- Organization's work be showcased through TAP's multimedia "Storytelling Initiative," Newsletter, etc
- Access to a broad, international community of like-minded organizations, including TAP's membership and exclusive partnership listserv to promote engagement opportunities, events, resources, etc
- Ability to contribute to any TAP resources developed
- Ability to engage in working groups and/or serve as "focal points" of any TAP working/coordination groups

Access to TAP Network Funding

Only TAP Network Partners are eligible to apply for the modest funding allocated to support travel and accommodations for key opportunities that may arise – most notably for the yearly High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development. In addition to being eligible to apply for travel support, only TAP Network Partners are eligible to apply for funding to support national or regional workshops around TAP's [SDG16+ Civil Society Toolkit](#) and other initiatives.

Regional Working Groups

With its increasing focus on engaging and strengthening the capacity of civil society organizations to work at the national-level, the TAP Network is working to establish regional coordination mechanisms in three regions: Africa, Asia-Pacific and Latin America and the Caribbean. These regional coordination groups will be coordinated by a Regional Focal Point – an organization tasked with facilitating and engaging with TAP’s members and partners in their respective region. TAP Partners are eligible to put themselves forward as Regional Focal Points, and you can find more information and the Terms of Reference for these Regional Focal Points on TAP’s website here:

<http://tapnetwork2030.org/tapregionalfocalpointstor/>

Voting for TAP Network Steering Committee and other ballots

TAP Network Partners will also have the opportunity to cast votes for the TAP Network Steering Committee during election cycles, and will be able to vote during any other opportunities that may arise that may require balloting in the future. Each organization will receive one vote, regardless of how many individuals may work within an organization.

Thematic Working Groups:

To assist the TAP Network in achieving its far-reaching goals, it may be necessary for TAP Network Partners to explore establishing dedicated “thematic working groups” to bring experts from within the network together to work on specific topics. While reporting to the TAP Secretariat and the Steering Committee, these thematic working groups will be expected to help drive TAP’s strategy around these particular issues, and to help take some of this work forward. Thematic working groups can be led by one or more organizations, but are expected to be open and inclusive in their work, and to adequately consult with TAP partners to achieve consensus viewpoints whenever necessary.

Showcasing your organization’s work on TAP website and through TAP Storytelling

In addition to having their work showcased on the [TAP Network Partner Action Platform](#), TAP Partners will be prioritized for any other opportunities to highlight the work of the TAP Network. This includes an open invitation to participate in the [TAP Storytelling Initiative](#) or submit content that can be included on the TAP Blog platform or in monthly newsletters. TAP partners will also be recognized on the website for any voluntary funding contributions that they choose to make.

What to Expect as a TAP Partner

Engaging in the many opportunities that TAP Network offers year-round can widen your organization's reach and amplify the impact of your work. Apart from mandatory processes to update your commitments submitted to the TAP Network (every 1-2 years), all engagement with and around the TAP Network is optional, but in your organization's best interest to leverage.

Every Week

- 1-2 news updates from the TAP Network Secretariat about engagement opportunities, partnership opportunities or upcoming events.
- Daily updates on TAP Network's [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) account.
- Access to TAP Network's membership engagement portal detailing an open opportunities for your organization to participate or lead in.
- Access to the TAP Network Google group to send your organization's news and updates to the entire TAP membership.
- Access to TAP Network's collection of resources tailored for civil society action.
- Access to the help and expertise of the TAP Network Secretariat to connect you with any relevant opportunities.

Every Month

- Monthly coordination calls where all TAP Members and Partners are invited to attend to hear details about TAP Network's recent engagements and share an updates about their own organization.
- Expert-level events held by TAP Network and collaborating partners on a diverse set of topics.
- Opportunities for your organization's Partner page to be promoted/highlighted on the TAP Network Partner Action Platform
- Opportunities for your organization to collaborate with the TAP Network Secretariat to promote and elaborate on the work of your organization through creating content for the TAP Storytelling initiative.

Every Year

- First access to the engagement opportunities offered by TAP Network during our extensive engagement around the United Nations High-Level Political Forum in July and General Assembly week in September.
- (Every other year) Opportunity to apply to become a Steering Committee member of the TAP Network.
- Mandatory refresh in your Organization's commitments to SDG16+ and accountability for the 2030 Agenda.