

# Information About Upcoming TAP Steering Committee Transition

#### About

The TAP Network Steering Committee is an openly elected leadership structure of the TAP Network, comprised of key TAP Network Partner organizations. The Steering Committee is expected to lead the network on behalf of the membership and provide strategic guidance for the network's work and will is expected to be accountable to the membership, and transparent in its leadership and oversight of the network's affairs.

You can find out more about the current 2019-2020 TAP Network Steering Committee Members <u>on our</u> <u>website here</u>.

For a full breakdown of the roles, responsibilities and expectations of the 2022-2023 TAP Network Steering Committee, please review the Steering Committee's current Terms of Reference here.

### **NOW OPEN:** Nomination Requirements for Organizations (Open to TAP Partners ONLY)

Any organization that is a current TAP Network "Partner" is eligible to self-nominate their organization and vote in election for the TAP Steering Committee. Since Steering Committee nominations are only open to TAP Network Partners, any organizations that are currently only "Members" and not "Partners", will need to apply to become a TAP Network Partner before application cut-off of (EXTENDED DEADLINE) Monday, 15 November 2021 to be eligible to nominate for the Steering Committee. Unfortunately, any organization that applies to become a TAP Network Partner after this cut-off date will be ineligible to nominate for the Steering Committee.

You can find more information about <u>becoming a TAP Network Partner here</u>, along with a <u>"How-to" guide</u> <u>on your application attached here</u>, and you can submit your application here: <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/become-TAP-partner</u>

If you are **unsure if your organization is a TAP Network Partner, please refer to the new <u>TAP Network</u> <u>Partner Action Platform</u> which lists all current TAP Network Partners. If you have any questions about your status as an organization, please reach out to the Secretariat ASAP so we can resolve any issues as early as possible.** 

Nominate your organization for the 2022-2023 TAP Network Steering Committee (open through Tuesday 23 November 2021), by filling out the nomination form here: <u>https://bit.ly/TAPSteeringCommittee</u>.

### Composition, Mandate and Terms of Reference for 2022-2023 TAP Network Steering Committee

Before nominating your organization to serve on the 2022-2023 TAP Steering Committee, please thoroughly read through all of the eligibility requirements below and in the nomination form, and the revised <u>Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Steering Committee</u>, to determine your organization's eligibility to run for the 2022-2023 TAP Steering Committee, and your organization's ability to effectively serve in



this capacity for a full two year term. All information you need to know about the Steering Committee's work and the nomination and election processes are all outlined in detail in these documents, so if your organization is interested in putting forward for the TAP Steering Committee, it is critically important for you to read these important background documents.

You can find the revised Terms of Reference for the 2022-2023 TAP Network Steering Committee here: <u>https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xTlxx59zvBB9E-WZEPwUrwiqw\_lj8aRh/view</u>

## *Composition of the 2022-2023 Steering Committee:*

- The TAP Network Steering Committee will be comprised of **SIX total organizations** three organizations from the Global South, and three organizations from the Global North.
- The current TAP Network Steering Committee has identified two current members to serve as "institutional memory" organizations, as mandated by the Steering Committee Terms of Reference. The organizations that will carry over to the 2022-2023 Steering Committee are Accountability Lab (Global South) and CSPPS (Global North).
- Therefore, there will be two Steering Committee slots open from the Global South and two slots open from the Global North (4 total) for these upcoming elections
- Please note that, as always, it is ORGANIZATIONS/INSTITUTIONS that are represented on the TAP Network Steering Committee and NOT INDIVIDUALS. While individuals will represent their institutions on the Steering Committee, this is a very important distinction to clarify, to ensure that your institution has buy-in into the work of the TAP Steering Committee. Consequently, all nominating organizations must provide the name and contact details for a primary AND an alternate representative to the TAP Steering Committee at the time of nomination, on the nomination form.

### **Timeline of TAP Steering Committee Nomination and Election Process**

\*\*\*Final Application Deadline for Organizations interested in nominating for TAP Steering Committee to apply to become TAP Partners: **Monday 15 November 2021 [EXTENDED DEADLINE, OPEN NOW]** 

Steering Committee Nomination Process opens: Monday, 1 November 2021 [OPEN NOW]

Nominations deadline: Tuesday 23 November 2021 (22 days for nomination process)

Voting Begins: Wednesday 24 November 2021

Voting deadline: Friday, 10 December 2021 (16 days for voting)

Announcement of Results: Monday, 13 December 2021

Transfer of mandate from current Steering Committee to 2020-2021 Steering Committee: Saturday 1 January 2022