

## TAP Network Steering Committee 2022 - 2023

15 June 2022

**Present:**

- Mr. Peter van Sluijs, CSPPS
- Ms. Cheri-Leigh Erasmus, Accountability Lab
- Ms. Olabisi Mekwuye, Civil Society Coalition on Sustainable Development
- Mr. Tor Holdenfield, CIVICUS
- Ms. Bridged Faida, Consolation East Africa
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Secretariat
- Ms. Ellery Wong, TAP Secretariat

**Chairing Meeting** Ms. Cheri-Leigh Erasmus, Accountability Lab  
**Next meeting** June 2022

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

- AGENDA:**
1. Review of notes and decisions from last Steering Committee call (5 minutes)
  2. 2022 HLPF Planning update (10 minutes)
  3. Discussion on TAP in-person Steering Committee meeting (10 minutes)
  4. Partnership Updates (10 minutes)
    - a. Update on TAP Independent Evaluation
    - b. Update on TAP Membership Engagement Survey
    - c. Switzerland interim report
  5. Review of TAP Partner Applications (10 minutes)
  6. AOB (5 minutes)
- 1. Review of notes and decisions from last Steering Committee call (5 minutes)**

You can find the notes and decisions from the last call on 1 June 2022 in the google doc [here](#)

### **DECISIONS: The Steering Committee moved to approve the call notes from the Steering Committee planning call**

#### **2. 2022 HLPF Planning update (10 minutes)**

We have begun to outline some of the key activities and priorities for TAP leading in to the 2022 HLPF, which you can find in the google doc here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1AnXjmK1QXrYZYyqsdyIRiawcplZ4ciOh/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=117975708890673030335&rtfpof=true&sd=true>

TAP has done a little bit of work planning around HLPF and it is outlined in the document. Starting from next week we will begin outreach on these events. The only change is that we may not do the storytelling event. We discussed on our end that because we have the Voices of SDG16+ event and the Rome Declaration Event, we could roll storytelling into both of those events rather than have a standalone event. Additionally, we sent out a form for people to fill out to tell us how they're engaging with HLPF and have around 35 respondents so far. We expect to see a mix of virtual participation but surprisingly many who have filled out the form will be in New York for HLPF. Hopefully we'll have good engagement at the in-person meeting around HLPF. Ellery is currently finalizing an HLPF page for the website on events and engagement. That will go out next week.

We hope to hear back on event approvals by the end of week. The official communication just said "mid-June".

Bisi has been put forward as an HLPF official speaker as a respondent in the meeting planning for the SDG Summit next year. The main reason we suggested her is that we may be able to get Visa support but it's not a guarantee. May need to reconfigure those plans if she can't travel because participation is only in person for those sessions.

Briged asked for her colleague at Consolation East Africa to represent her if she cannot travel as he has a U.S. Visa.

### **3. Discussion on TAP in-person Steering Committee meeting (10 minutes)**

Briged will likely not be able to get a Visa and her backup representative Tola needs a renewed visa so CSCSD likely won't be represented. Sherri may also not be able to make it due to scheduling conflicts.

We proposed having a scaled down meeting that is half virtual. A half-day meeting is possible if it's hybrid, talk about membership engagement/the survey, discuss immediate next steps. But we think it is still valuable to do an in-person meeting, possibly in September, where we can talk about concrete strategic planning for 2023 as well as the results of the Independent Review.

If we can nail down the time and place of the in person meeting this fall ASAP that will be most helpful, given that the end of the year fills up quickly.

[NEXT STEPS: TAP will plan for a hybrid steering committee meeting during HLPF, and will begin looking into options for a fully in-person meeting in September/October](#)

### **4. Partnership updates (10 minutes)**

#### **a. Update on TAP Independent Evaluation**

We have signed the contract with the BetterOrg and are starting on this in the coming week. It would be good if you all have the time to

meet with the evaluators in order to provide insight and background. We will push out the timeline a little bit.

b. Update on TAP Membership Engagement Survey

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-pAFA7V9oqy\\_2BcLbe\\_2BxBbWow\\_3D\\_3D/](https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-pAFA7V9oqy_2BcLbe_2BxBbWow_3D_3D/)

The survey has been extended a little bit (until HLPF).

**NEXT STEPS:** We will put together a synthesis report from this Consultation and the survey will be one of the inputs. It will be ready for discussion for our meeting during HLPF

c. Switzerland interim report

A report is due for the Swiss grant by the end of the month. The TAP Secretariat is working on it now and will share before it's submitted. The report is very basic as the reporting requirements are relatively relaxed.

d. Update on workshops and innovation fund

Everything with the workshops is going smoothly for partners up to this point and we've had some discussions on how to share their stories around HLPF. CSCSD has already put together a really great video.

With Innovation Fund- those projects are a little bit longer term. The SDG16 Forum will be hosted in September. The ECOPOP governance mural project is a year-long project.

## 5. Review of TAP Partner Applications (10 minutes)

One pending from the last call two weeks ago and it is still pending.

If we don't hear back from colleagues in the country or region- what should the procedure be?

- Potentially an online presence should be used
- Link with SDG16 is important

**NEXT STEPS:** TAP will ask organizations to be clearer on the link between SDG16 and their work. Will discuss more on the applicants at the next meeting.

