

## TAP Network Steering Committee 2022 - 2023

### Meeting Decisions

18 October 2022

**Present:**

**Ms. Cheri-Leigh Erasmus, Accountability Lab**  
**Ms. Arelys Bellorini, World Vision**  
**Mr. Tor Holdenfield, CIVICUS**  
**Ms. Bridged Faida, Consolation East Africa**  
**Mr. John Romano, TAP Secretariat**  
**Ms. Alonna Despain, TAP Secretariat**  
**Ms. Ellery Wong, TAP Secretariat**

**Chairing Meeting**

**Ms. Cheri-Leigh Erasmus, Accountability Lab**

**Next meeting**

**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. Review and Discussion on TAP Independent Evaluation Draft (15 minutes)
3. Review of Agenda for October 2022 in-person Steering Committee meeting in Geneva and next steps (15 minutes)
4. Review of Draft Outline for TAP Strategic Plan (10 minutes)
5. Partnership Updates (5 minutes)
6. Review of TAP Partner Applications (5 minutes)
7. AOB (5 minutes)

# Background

## **1. Review of notes and decisions from last Steering Committee call (5 minutes)**

The Steering Committee accepted the notes from the previous meeting.

## **2. Review and Discussion on TAP Independent Evaluation Draft (15 minutes)**

TAP had a conversation providing feedback last week to the BetterOrg. They said they will come back this Thursday with a revision of the draft. That gives us a few more days to review the revised report ahead of the meeting in Geneva. There was quite a bit of work still to be done on the report; the level of detail needed to be improved.

The BetterOrg will join us virtually in Geneva, you can ask any questions to them. Will be good to contextualize our conversations about strategy.

- Interested to hear how they took in the comments that were provided. Not so happy with the level of thoroughness and details and unsure how they can repair that in the coming days. Also- the session scheduled for Geneva, is that still an open discussion or will that be the final report?
  - The call TAP had they seemed to take the comments well. We should take this next draft and see where it is. Hopefully the comments are reconciled Thursday but in terms of next steps we will take our conversation with them in Geneva, and if the detail still isn't there we can unpack that more in Geneva with them. Its possible that report still isn't thorough enough and TAP is open to having a third revision, though it wasn't in the original contract.
- If they come back saying we need to pay extra for an additional review, we can have a conversation with them because we deserve a professional draft. I wonder about the next draft because if you can suddenly produce a lot more detail then that is concerning, because they either just neglected it the first time or they don't have it. It was really generalized about our ecosystem and a significant lack of detail.
- It seems like the evaluators did not really get it, which I detected a bit in the interview. I'm not sure the interviewer really grasped what was being said. I'm not sure if its an issue of the evaluators not being in the SDG world. Even trying to make comments on the draft I found it difficult because what was needed more was rewrites.
- This is a requirement from the donor contract with the Swiss. We were all expecting more from this company. They have to step up. From my experience with the interview it was an interesting conversation and at the right level but I don't see it translated into the report.

### **3. Review of Agenda for October 2022 in-person Steering Committee meeting in Geneva and next steps (15 minutes)**

Two full days of discussion. We'll start out with the independent evaluation. We'll also have our Swiss colleague there. Then we'll dive into strategic planning, membership engagement, and other broad brushstrokes. The first day will hopefully wrap up with a strategic plan draft. Then day two will really focus on 2023 planning.

If you have any comments or questions on structure we can still alter things.

- Will the work planning also discuss how we do some things and address the positioning of the network (such as translation and other things we've been discussing)
  - Yes we will address all of that in the work planning process
- The agenda is quite full. Will we really be able to get to all the items on the agenda? It is important to do our homework before the meeting so that we can really discuss in detail and not waste time.
- Happy if the agenda also stipulates what we want to get out of each session so we have a clear idea of what we are working towards

**Next steps: TAP will share every background document you need in the next few days. We'll also put together working documents for while we are there. Steering Committee will review all documents in advance of the meeting. Secretariat will add objectives for each session/agenda item.**

### **4. Review of Draft Outline for TAP Strategic Plan (10 minutes)**

We want to balance between not drafting too much on our side with not having enough to go along with in the discussion. Under each section of the current strategic plan we've included sections for notes with the consultation, notes from the independent evaluation, and notes from us. We don't want to come with a pre-cooked document and restrict the scope of our discussion. We should be starting this new plan from scratch, thinking about what the added value is of TAP.

- Agree with the need to have a guiding document. For all the priority areas it would be good to see where we are. Maybe also we can have some strategic choices/dilemmas put in front of us, especially knowing we cannot do everything.
- Can check what goals were not accomplished from our current period

**Next Steps: Steering Committee will input their thoughts prior to the meeting**

### **5. Partnership updates (5 minutes)**

No real updates on this side. We are currently looking to try and set up some meetings with colleagues in Geneva for the third day. We'll spend the first bit of the day doing that and then spend the second half of the day doing some team building.

## **6. AOB**

Reviewing time slot for regular Steering Committee calls through end of the year. The current time slot might not be the best between now and the end of the year.