

TAP Network Steering Committee 2022 - 2023

14 April 2023

Present:

- Mr. Peter van Sluijs, CSPPS**
- Ms. Arelys Bellorini, World Vision**
- Ms. Cheri-Leigh Erasmus, Accountability Lab**
- Ms. Olabisi Mekwuye, Civil Society Coalition on Sustainable Development**
- Ms. Bridged Faida, Consolation East Africa**
- Mr. Victor Adula, Consolation East Africa**
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Secretariat**
- Ms. Ellery Wong, TAP Secretariat**

Chairing Meeting **Mr. Peter van Sluijs, CSPPS**

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

[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. Update on SDG16 Now Campaign Structures and Steering Committee engagement/representation (10 minutes)
3. Discussion on TAP Partner application process and review of applications (15 minutes)
4. AOB (5 minutes)
5. Discussion with TAP Fundraising Consultant, Megan Colnar (60 minutes)

Review of notes and decisions from last Steering Committee call

DECISION: The Steering Committee approved the 31 March 2023 meeting notes.

Update on SDG16 Now Campaign Structures and Steering Committee engagement/representation

The TAP Secretariat provided an update and explanation on the updated version of the #SDG16Now Campaign structure based on comments from the Campaign's Coordination Group. The structure now includes the Coordination Group, the Advisory Committee, Campaign Champions (for non-civil society), Campaign Amplifiers and Campaign Supporters.

One aspect of the structure that has yet to be determined is the Steering Committee's formal role within the Campaign Structure. One suggestion from the TAP Secretariat is to add all organizations or a subset of organizations from the TAP SC to the Campaign Coordination Group. This group meets the most regularly out of all Campaign bodies. SC Representatives on the Coordination Group could act as a bridge between the TAP SC and the #SDG16Now Campaign. The TAP SC could also be recognized as another body of the campaign as itself. A final suggestion provided by the TAP Secretariat was to not recognize the TAP SC formally within the Campaign structure.

Feedback from Steering Committee:

- Steering Committee members underlined the many bodies that already exist within the structure. Overall, they saw no need to add the SC as another body.
- Steering Committee members acknowledged that as the TAP Steering Committee, they are already adding value to the Campaign process. Therefore, there is no need for mandatory representation in the Campaign Coordination Group.

DECISION: Steering Committee Organizations can feel free to join the Campaign Coordination Group if they are interested. There is no need for any additional formal engagement in the Campaign Structure.

FOLLOW UP: TAP Director to follow up with each SC Member to consult about their views on engaging in the Coordination Group.

Discussion on TAP Partner application process and review of applications

TAP Communications and Outreach Officer, Ellery Wong, presented the issues that have been arising during the review process of TAP Partner applications, given the influx of applications. Overall, the main problem is that the current TAP membership (Partners and Members) is not expansive enough to be able to efficiently vet all new applications. Another challenge is that the thorough vetting process, in general, is extremely time consuming and imposes a strain on completing other important tasks during the week.

TAP SC Co-Chairs, the Director and the Communications and Outreach Officer met in advance of the SC Meeting to discuss the issue. The meeting concretized the need to continue thoroughly vet every TAP Partner application using a third party. However, to aid identifying effective third party references, the group presented the suggestion to add an additional question to the TAP Partner application requesting that applicants provide their own reference.

DECISION: The Steering Committee approved the proposed new additional question to be added to the TAP Partner Application.

AOB

Steering Committee members expressed their extreme disappointment with the Global Sustainable Development Report draft and suggested that the SC and TAP work together to support a coordinated response on behalf of the SDG16+ Community. TAP's Halfway to 2030 Report can also support in providing a response and concrete recommendations on the topic.

FOLLOW UP: Steering Committee Members and the TAP Secretariat will continue to review the draft and discuss a coordinated response.

Discussion with TAP Fundraising Consultant, Megan Colnar

Fundraising Consultant, Ms. Megan Colnar, was admitted to the TAP Steering Committee call to present her objectives and progress on TAP's fundraising search, and solicit the perspectives of the Steering Committee on the funder profiles she has prioritized.