TAP Network Steering Committee 2022 - 2023

16 November 2023

Present: Mr. Peter van Sluijs, CSPPS
Ms. Cheri-Leigh Erasmus, Accountability Lab
Ms. Olabisi Mekwuye, Civil Society Coalition on Sustainable Development
Ms. Bridged Faida, Consolation East Africa
Ms. Arelys Bellorini, World Vision
Mr. John Romano, TAP Secretariat
Ms. Elena Marmo, TAP Secretariat

Chairing MM. Cheri-Leigh Erasmus, Accountability Lab
Meeting

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. Introducing new TAP Communications and Engagement Officer - Elena Marmo (5 minutes)
3. Review of TAP Partner applications (15 minutes)
4. Update on TAP Steering Committee nomination process and review of nomination/election categories/next steps (20 minutes)
5. Partnership Updates (10 minutes)
   a. Update on grant renewals and fundraising
6. AOB (5 minutes)
1. Review of notes and decisions from last Steering Committee call

**DECISION:** The TAP Steering Committee approved the notes from the last Steering Committee call from October 13, 2023

2. Introducing new staff member, Elena

Elena Marmo is joining the TAP Network Secretariat as the Communications & Engagement Officer.

3. Review of Partnership Applications

The Steering Committee approved the Partnership Applications listed below:
- MY World Mexico
- Children Emergency Relief Foundation
- Women for Peace and Gender Equality Initiative
- INPADE
- African Center of Excellence for Access to Justice (ACE-AJ)

**ACTION:** Secretariat will reach out to organizations to notify their acceptance and invite them to nominate for the steering committee elections.

4. Update on TAP Steering Committee nomination process and review of nomination/election categories/next steps (20 minutes)

The deadline to nominate has been extended to Friday, 24 November. The Steering Committee discussed that several TAP Partners have already nominated and that organizations should continue to nominate in the coming week. The Committee discussed how to categorize organizations on the ballot, with consideration for where the organization is working. The ballot will primarily reflect national and global categories with flexibility in categorizing organizations working locally within a national context or regional organizations comprised of CSOs working nationally.

**ACTION:** Secretariat will review and categorize the nominations for the ballot by national and global contexts. The ballot layout will be sent to the Steering Committee via email for approval on Monday November 27th before sending it to the membership on Monday, November 27th or early Tuesday, November 28th.

5. Partnership Updates (10 minutes)

On fundraising and grant renewals, there are no present updates. The Secretariat is currently exploring renewals of grants from previous donors, while also developing a more robust fundraising strategy.
ACTION: If funding opportunities come across desks of Steering Committee members, but are aligned with the work of a global CS network, keep TAP in mind and do pass along if they arise.

ACTION: Secretariat will develop fundraising materials to be shared with the Steering Committee in weeks to come

6. AOB (5 minutes)

None raised, meeting adjourned.