

TAP Network Steering Committee 2022 - 2023

5 May 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 upcoming launch of #SDG16Now Campaign and Steering Committee representation (20 minutes)
3. Reviewing TAP Listserv Code of Conduct and guidance (10 minutes)
4. Partnership Updates
 - a. Upcoming TAP Events/milestones
5. Review and approval of TAP Partner applications (15 minutes)
6. AOB (5 minutes)

Review of notes and decisions from last Steering Committee call

[DECISION: The Steering Committee approved the 14 April 2023 meeting notes.](#)

Update on upcoming launch of #SDG16Now Campaign and Steering Committee representation

The TAP Secretariat provided an update on the launch of the #SDG16Now Campaign for the Steering Committee, outlining the timeline and next steps, including a soft-launch of the campaign and sharing of the website on 11 May 2023, followed by a launch event on Tuesday 16 May 2023. The website is currently under development and will be available soon.

The Steering Committee also discussed the role of the Steering Committee and its representation on the Coordination Group for the SDG16Now Campaign. Steering Committee members reaffirmed a previous preference to have two organizations from the Steering Committee represented on the Coordination Group. In advance of the call, the Secretariat confirmed the interest of Accountability Lab and World Vision as the two organizations serving on the Coordination Group from the Steering Committee.

The Secretariat also provided an update on the Advisory Committee for the campaign and the composition of the Advisory Committee, noting that there is about a 50/50 split in global and national composition of the Advisory Committee, and that Coordination Group and Advisory Committee members would have their logos featured on the website, and noted that other contributors to the campaign activities could also be featured in the future. It was also noted that the Secretariat would share outreach and promotional materials for the Steering Committee to help in sharing the launch materials and launch event materials. Steering Committee members affirmed their willingness to share these launch materials with their own networks.

[DECISION: World Vision and Accountability Lab formally joining the SDG16Now Campaign Coordination Group on behalf of the TAP Steering Committee.](#)

[FOLLOW UP: TAP Secretariat to share outreach materials with the Steering Committee around the launch of the SDG16Now Campaign](#)

Reviewing TAP Listserv Code of Conduct and guidance

The TAP Secretariat made note of a recent challenge in managing the TAP Network listserv, where individuals on the mailing list had responded to an email from a TAP Member with unnecessary replies that also were sent to the entire listserv, creating an issue in spamming of peoples' email inboxes. The Secretariat outlined options for managing the TAP listserv to prevent instances like this from happening again, including the possibility of instituting a "moderated" listserv that requires the Secretariat to review

all emails that go to the TAP listserv. The Secretariat also shared the current “code of conduct” for the TAP listserv with the Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee discussed and debated the pros and cons of various options in addressing the listserv moderation and management. It was ultimately decided that the best option was to institute a moderated listserv, requiring the Secretariat to review each email going to the listserv. It was noted that the Secretariat should email the TAP Network Membership regarding these changes, alongside improved guidelines on this for transparency purposes.

DECISION: The Steering Committee decided to change the TAP Network Listserv to a moderated listserv

FOLLOW UP: The TAP Secretariat will share updated guidelines and information regarding the change to a moderated listserv to the TAP Membership

Upcoming TAP Events/milestones

The TAP Secretariat provided updates on some of the key moments and milestones and activities coming up in the weeks and months ahead, noting the over-stretched nature of the Secretariat staff in tackling all of this upcoming work. The Steering Committee and Secretariat discussed potential options for addressing some of the capacity gaps ahead, noting the challenges in adding additional staff or in bringing in additional support from TAP Members. It was also highlighted that the Secretariat would put together suggestions on how to address some of these challenges for future discussion going forward.

Review and approval of TAP Partner applications

It was noted that the TAP Secretariat was particularly over-stretched to handle all of the incoming TAP Partner applications currently, with many outstanding applications still pending, relating to the challenge of follow up and vetting of applications. It was noted that a question was added to the application form for organizations to provide options for vetting of their application, however some new applicants did not provide this information.