

TAP Network Steering Committee - 2020-2021 Steering Committee

Meeting Decisions

11 December 2020

Present:

Mr. Peter van Sluijs, CSPPS
Ms. Florence Syevuo, SDG Kenya Forum
Ms. Linh Nyugen, ADA
Mr. John Romano, TAP Secretariat
Ms. Jean Scrimgeour, Accountability Lab
Ms. Claudia Villalona, TAP Secretariat

Absent:

Ms. Judith Kaulem, Poverty Reduction Forum Trust

Next meeting:

TBD

Chairing Meeting:

Mr. Peter van Sluijs, CSPPS

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

Agenda Items:

1. Review and Approval of last Steering Committee Call Notes (5 minutes)
2. Discussion on Priorities for TAP Membership Engagement for 2021 (40 minutes)
3. Review of TAP Partner Applications (5 minutes)
4. AOB

1. Review and Approval of last Steering Committee Call Notes

Discussion:

You can find the last Steering Committee Call notes in the google doc here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/19a-TYsHaGM6Lp2uPCUIBdgejU8CKivox/view?usp=sharing>

DECISIONS

- **The Steering Committee moved to approve the last Steering Committee call notes from the 4 December 2020.**

2. Discussion on Priorities for TAP Membership Engagement for 2021

Discussion:

You can find a background document, along with recommendations and discussion points for this Membership Engagement discussion in the google doc here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lyYasezhsrj7ajO5meJOxN1DwIUgRaBu/view?usp=sharing>

Additionally, in follow-up to this discussion, the Secretariat will revise the 2021 Work Plan to include the key points from these plans under discussion. The Steering Committee will then share the 2021 Work Plan and Plans for Membership Engagement to the TAP Membership next week.

This latest updated version of the workplan builds on previous consultations. The first part outlines the priorities and feedback gathered during the consultation process. These priorities include facilitating lateral engagement through platforms that allow for collaboration within the network. It also calls for greater opportunities for ownership and leadership-- a priority that underpins all other priorities-- while still attending to the needs of the passive members. Additionally, future engagement opportunities will center around specific thematic issues-- particularly around advocacy-related activities. At the regional level, this also includes restarting working groups through initially digital means. The emphasis on advocacy will tie together broad issues and bring all members and partners together under common issues.

A brief outline of the recommendations from the secretariat:

1. Outputs and activities over the next few months:
 - a. following up on the membership refresh
 - b. beginning the partnership refresh
 - c. develop and improve partner and member platforms for showcasing work and connecting members within the network
 - d. continue the conversation through hosting coordination calls
2. Storytelling and showcasing initiatives
 - a. will require extensive staff time from future associate
 - b. to take forward platforms and related-activities to showcase member/partner's collective work
3. Working Group Ideas
 - a. advocacy, spotlight reporting, etc
4. Regional and National Level engagement
 - a. beginning at the regional level
 - b. restart regional working groups and focal points
5. Strengthening membership engagement and ownership opportunities
6. Goal 16 toolkit update workstream
7. Communications and outreach activities.

Steering committee members asked which of the recommendations should be prioritized. Other members raised the question of whether a partnership refresh is necessary. Steering committee members suggested that the secretariat identify "quick" wins that it could show the membership. The rest of the recommendations should be organized by short, medium and long-term priorities.

It was suggested that an immediate priority is updating the website to include a visual representation of the membership to showcase members/partners and facilitating lateral engagement. The software Tableau was recommended.

Another immediate priority is following up with the membership on the refresh, with a synthesized version of the analysis and to gauge interest on upcoming opportunities-- such as the working groups/advocacy group and website update to include a map and interactive portal. Members stressed the importance of linking outcomes of consultation to the immediate results.

The mapping can come before the other priorities as the working groups may need deeper consultation and more regular coordination calls. The website mapping would also shape the next steps in deciding what comes next. After the mapping, an analysis should follow to shape the working group approach and next steps, which will then be communicated to the membership, in short, medium, and long term priorities.

It was also decided that sharing the workplan with the membership will be tabled for a later date, early next year.

Decisions:

- **Table the Workplan finalization for early 2021**

Follow up:

- **Begin the mapping of the membership on the website**
 - **reach out to proteus on financing tableau**
- **Analyze results of new geographic demographics following membership refresh**
- **Draft correspondence on behalf of the Steering Committee communicating most immediate next steps/opportunities**
 - **Advocacy working group**
 - **Showcasing/storytelling**
 - **Website refresh/mapping**
- **Draft and share google form for identifying interest in new opportunities**

3. Review of TAP Partner Applications

Discussion:

There have been no new TAP Partner applications since the last Steering Committee call

4. AOB

- Rotating TAP Co-chairs for 2021
 - Accountability Lab will takeover for CSPPS
- Discussion on Membership Engagement next week

Follow-up:

- **The Secretariat will follow up with ADA to hold a discussion with PRFT and SDG Kenya Forum to decide on the Co-Chair for 2021.**