



## **TAP Network Membership Coordination Call**

**March 25, 2021**

**9:00 ET / 13:00 GMT**

**Executive Summary**

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**Recording:** <https://youtu.be/oD-Ow8fpM-0>

**Chairing Meeting:** *Judith Kaulem, Director of Poverty Reduction Trust Forum (PRFT)*

### **Meeting Agenda:**

1. Welcome and Introduction
2. Ongoing Opportunities for TAP Engagement
3. Update on TAP Advocacy Opportunities
4. Open floor for Members to share news/opportunities for collaboration, engagement or partnership
5. AOB

*\* please find all action items and outcomes highlighted in red*

*\*\*\*If you need a translation of these minutes, please do not hesitate to contact TAP Program Officer, Claudia Villalona, at [villalona@tapnetwork2030.org](mailto:villalona@tapnetwork2030.org)*

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### **Agenda Item #1: Welcome and Introductions**

The Chair began by having participants briefly introduce themselves. As discussed in the previous call, these Membership Coordination Calls will be held on a regular monthly basis. They aim to provide the membership with important updates on TAP's ongoing work, an opportunity to solicit feedback on important work streams, and a platform to share updates/opportunities for collaboration with other members and partners.

*Please direct any questions or concerns to the TAP Program Officer, Claudia Villalona, at [villalona@tapnetwork2030.org](mailto:villalona@tapnetwork2030.org)*

## **Agenda Item #2: Ongoing Opportunities for TAP Engagement**

The Chair gave the floor to the TAP Coordinator who took the opportunity to outline current opportunities for engagement:

### **1. Share case studies and key resources to be featured in the SDG16+ Civil Society Toolkit**

- The SDG16+ Civil Society Toolkit which is currently under development **will feature relevant case studies on various approaches to SDG16+ advocacy & planning, implementation and accountability**, looking to highlight key lessons learned for civil society partners to apply in their own work and contexts.
- **We are therefore seeking case studies from TAP Members and Partners that will showcase the work of your organization.**
- Case studies should be **no longer than 600 words combined**, and should address all of the questions outlined in the form below. Please be as specific as possible and provide as much detail as possible in relation to these experiences, while still being as concise as possible. For examples of the type of content we are looking to showcase, you can find all of the case studies from the TAP Network SDG Accountability Handbook [online here](#).
- **Share your case study here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SDG16CaseStudies>**
- the SDG16+ Civil Society Toolkit will also feature and **highlight a wide range of resources related to approaches for advancing SDG16+, as well as resources that provide background and context on the issues within each SDG16 target.**
- **Share your organization's key resources (reports, publications, toolkits, guides, etc) for advancing SDG16+:**  
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1TskTuSLrAwk0lY4-adljbW6X9eFkcJmtzFDXcJU3LPc/edit?usp=sharing>

### **2. Sign up for TAP's "Storytelling" efforts to showcase TAP Members and Partners**

- The Secretariat hopes to provide more opportunities to highlight and showcase the work of Members and Partners, as discussed in the last call, our new Communications & Outreach Officer will take the lead on these workstreams
- We will accomplish this is through the art of "Storytelling" – including showcasing the work that many of you are doing and unpacking the challenges, successes, failures and endeavors that others can learn from going forward.
- **To register your interest in TAP's "Storytelling" efforts, please fill out the following form with as much detail as possible to highlight the kind of content you would like to showcase: <https://forms.gle/UBCiRjKX6y3rn7uL6>**

### **3. Restarting TAP's Regional Engagement Platforms**

- As was suggested on the previous call, TAP will restart the Regional Engagement Platforms to help facilitate collaboration between colleagues at the regional and national level
- The groups will be independently organized by TAP Members/Partners within the groups-- please indicate on the form if interested in helping facilitate these working groups

- In response to a question posed by a global partner, the secretariat has left the choice of region to the discretion of the organization, allowing them to join whichever regional engagement platform(s) they believe they can contribute to
- **If you are interested in being a part of any of the TAP Regional Engagement Platforms, please fill out the following form ASAP, as we will look to revive these groups in the very near future, so we can coordinate any potential activities around the 2021 HLPF in July: <https://forms.gle/fnUDpjuPAgnFqXbg8>**
  - i. ***The form above can also be used to sign up for TAP's Advocacy/HLPF and Spotlight Reporting/VNR/Data Working Groups (see below)***

#### **4. Advocacy & HLPF, Spotlight Reporting & Data Working Groups**

- As also discussed on the previous coordination call, TAP has begun intensifying engagement with existing thematic Working Groups
- we will be expanding/re-configuring the Working Groups to include the following areas:
  - i. **Advocacy & HLPF Planning Working Group**
  - ii. **Spotlight Reporting, VNRs & Data Working Group**
- **If you are interested in engaging in TAP's work around Advocacy & HLPF Planning, or around Spotlight Reporting, VNRs & Data, please fill out the form here: <https://forms.gle/fnUDpjuPAgnFqXbg8>**

For a regularly updated list of engagement opportunities visit our [membership engagement portal](#). Don't forget to stay engaged with TAP on twitter and follow us if you haven't already at @TAPNetwork2030. See our [latest tweet thread](#) with information on these opportunities.

#### **Agenda Item #3: Update on TAP Advocacy Opportunities**

The TAP Coordinator went over updates of the current Advocacy TAP and the Advocacy Working Group are currently engaged in.

The HLPF Review negotiations, which began earlier this year, are still continuing. The TAP Coordinator expressed optimism that from the negotiations, the latest revised draft calls for SDG16 to be reviewed annually at HLPF during this cycle (until 2023). TAP's current advocacy work is centered around ensuring that this language remains in the revised draft. Some colleagues expressed concern that some member states may not support the inclusion of annual review.

TAP has worked with the Global SDG16+ Community to release a blog supporting the revised draft, which can be found [here](#). **Our Communications and Outreach Officer has developed an Advocacy Guide with tools and resources for the membership on how to approach advocacy messaging, particularly on social media platforms. TAP Members and Partners are encouraged to use their platforms and networks to send the message to member states and UN stakeholders.**

Another planned advocacy entry point TAP plans to engage with is the [Rome Declaration \(2019\)](#) update as many of the demands are still valid and even more urgent than before.

As we begin preparations ahead of HLPF, **any TAP Member or Partner interested in engaging around these workstreams are encouraged to sign up for the Advocacy and HLPF Planning Working Group. Sign up by completing the form here: <https://forms.gle/fnUDpjuPAgnFqXbg8>**

**Agenda Item #4: Open floor for Members to share news/opportunities for collaboration, engagement or partnership**

Before opening the floor for colleagues to share news, opportunities for collaboration and engagement, the Coordinator asked colleagues how the secretariat can improve more broadly. In addition, what kind of platforms/structures would improve internal engagement and communication between the membership and the secretariat? Finally, what other engagement opportunities TAP could get involved in based on the needs of the membership?

Article 19 alerted colleagues that the General Assembly will be hosting a special meeting on corruption in early June streamed virtually. They will discuss the protection of civic space and protection of journalists etc. They will plan a Civil Society day where organizations can present on these particular issues. The deadline to apply to present is next week-- if interested reach out to David Banisar at Transparency International.

IYSO took the floor to tell colleagues that in Yemen there is a severe gas shortage where people are unable to even turn on their stove. IYSO has begun an advocacy campaign to raise awareness and asked colleagues to support the campaign by sharing with their networks and social media platforms. They will also host a public virtual event that they will share with TAP Colleagues. Any tips for advocacy are also appreciated. [shaima@iysoyemen.org](mailto:shaima@iysoyemen.org)

Colleagues from Tunisia and Togo shared their experiences towards advancing transparency and against corruption. **These sharing of experiences are good examples of possible case studies that would be included in the SDG16 Toolkit. Submit your case study (600 to 700 words) here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SDG16CaseStudies>**