

TAP Network Steering Committee

Meeting Decisions

12 January 2018

Present:

- Ms. Arelys Bellorini, World Vision
- Mr. Pablo Angulo, WFUNA
- Ms. Jennifer Tsai, ABA ROLI
- Mr. Louis Busingye, HRFRA
- Mr. Rukshana Nanayakkara, Transparency International
- Ms. Coco Lammers, Namati
- Ms. Stacey Cram, Namati
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Secretariat

Not Present:

- Mr. Zia Ur-Rehman, ADA
- Ms. Hellen Malinga Apila

Next meetings: TBD

Chairing Meeting: Ms. Arelys Bellorini, World Vision; Mr. Louis Busingye, HRFRA

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

Agenda Items:

1. Review of Handover Note

a. Overview of Operational/Institutional Structures of the TAP Network

Discussion: The Co-chairs of the outgoing 2016-2017 Steering Committee welcomed the new 2017-2018 Steering Committee, and expressed deep appreciation for the new Steering Committee members for putting themselves forward and joining the leadership of the network at such an important time for the TAP Network. The co-chairs began by going over the information presented in the Handover Note, presenting the new institutional arrangements for TAP's fiscal sponsorship/hosting, explaining the context behind the transition to this new arrangement, stemming from the TAP governance review throughout 2017. It was noted that this new fiscal sponsor, Proteus Fund, provides the admin/HR/finance support for TAP, with the Steering Committee given complete independence and autonomy to guide the substantive work of TAP. The co-chairs then provided a background on the TAP Secretariat, and introduced the newly minted Terms of Reference for the TAP Secretariat, which was also put together through the TAP governance review. The co-chairs then outlined the current funding situation for TAP, and it was noted that fundraising should be an immediate priority of the new Steering Committee's work. The TAP 2020 Strategic plan was also highlighted.

b. Recommendations and immediate priorities

Discussion: The co-chairs outlined the various recommendations and suggested priorities for the new Steering Committee, as outlined in the Handover Note. It was noted that the new Steering Committee would need to undertake a strategic planning exercise to identify priorities for TAP's work for 2018. This will include reviewing TAP's 2018 budget, as well as an overview of immediate opportunities in Q1 of 2018, national and regional SDG16 workshops, and planning for 2018 HLPF. It was highlighted again that fundraising should be a very high priority for the new Steering Committee, with TAP's current funding expiring in October 2018. It was also noted that the new Steering Committee would need to identify an office space for the TAP Secretariat, with the outgoing Steering Committee taking initial steps to provide the opportunity for TAP members to offer an office space for the TAP Secretariat.

c. Overview of other current TAP work and related initiatives

Discussion: The outgoing Steering Committee provided an overview of the current initiatives outlined in the Handover Note, noting that these are all initiatives that have high potential for collaboration and ones that we have worked closely with closely already.

d. Background on TAP Governance review

Discussion: The TAP Governance Review was outlined by the outgoing Steering Committee. The recommendations from the TAP Governance Review questionnaire with TAP Members were also highlighted, noting that these would be substantive areas for the new Steering Committee to prioritize taking forward. Related to this follow-up items, it was also noted that TAP membership engagement will be a big aspect of the new Steering Committee's work, with a need to identify any areas or regions where TAP membership engagement is lacking, looking to enhance the engagement and ownership from these regions. It was agreed and stressed by all past and new Steering Committee members that the long-term sustainability and credibility of the TAP Network will largely depend on how members are engaging in TAP's work going forward.

2. Q&A on any additional issues

Discussion: Appreciation was expressed by new Steering Committee members for the outgoing Steering Committee's work over the past year and a half, and for the Handover Note. A question was posed about the ideal frequency of meetings of the Steering Committee, and it was noted that bi-weekly calls were generally sufficient for the Steering Committee to carry out its work, with the co-chairs providing support and guidance to the Secretariat in between meetings, as necessary. It was agreed by the outgoing co-chairs that the new co-chairs will play an important role in helping lead the Steering Committee's work in between meetings, and to help take any quick decisions needed by the Secretariat, as well as playing a new supervisory role for the TAP Secretariat. It was then noted that it should be a first priority for the new Steering Committee to identify and elect co-chairs to help lead the new Steering Committee's work going forward.

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