

TAP Network Steering Committee 2022 - 2023

13 October 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**
- Mr. Mandeep Tiwana, CIVICUS**
- Ms. Sigrid Lipott, CIVICUS**
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Secretariat**
- Ms. Debra Jones, TAP Secretariat**

Chairing Meeting **Mr. Peter van Sluijs, CSPPS**

Next meeting **M. 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
2. Review of TAP Steering Committee ToR and timeline and next steps for TAP Steering Committee elections
3. Partnership Updates
 - a. Update on Communications and Engagement Officer hiring
 - b. Hiring of interns
 - c. Next steps for #SDG16Now Campaign
 - d. Capstone project collaboration with Kean University
4. Review and approval of TAP Partner applications
5. AOB

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 29 September 2023.

2. Review of TAP Steering Committee ToR and timeline and next steps for TAP Steering Committee elections

The TAP Secretariat provided a breakdown of a projected timeline for the upcoming TAP Steering Committee elections. It was discussed that there was a need to provide some flexibility for TAP Members to apply to become TAP Partners in advance of the nomination deadline.

A timeline was agreed as follows:

- Nominations open for TAP Network Partners: Monday 30 October 2023 – Thursday 16 November 2023
- Deadline for TAP Partner Applications for organizations interested in nominating: Thursday 9 November 2023
- Voting open for TAP Network Partners: Monday 20 November 2023 – Monday 4 December 2023
- Transfer of mandate from current Steering Committee to 2024-2025 Steering Committee: Monday 1 January 2023

The Terms of Reference for the Steering Committee were also discussed, with the Steering Committee committing to review the ToR in detail in the days to follow.

The Steering Committee also discussed next steps for identifying the carryover organization to the next Steering Committee, and tasked the Secretariat to follow-up with eligible organizations to confirm which organizations were interested in serving in this role.

3. Partnership Updates

- a. Update on Communications and Engagement Officer hiring
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The TAP Secretariat provided an update on the hiring process for the TAP Communications and Engagement officer, highlighting that first-round interviews would take place in the following week, with the TAP Steering Committee co-chairs joining for the second-round interviews shortly thereafter. It was also discussed that the

Secretariat as also looking into bringing on interns to potentially support with additional work.

The Secretariat also provided a brief update on the #SDG16Now Campaign and next steps, highlighting that TAP will host a consultation workshop with the membership in November, to provide an opportunity for inputs into the strategy for the campaign for 2024 and beyond. Finally, the Secretariat provided an update on a collaboration with Kean University, where students were undertaking a capstone project to explore the value-add of civil society networks like the TAP Network.

4. Review and Approval of TAP Partner Applications

The TAP Secretariat noted that they would follow-up on current applications for TAP Partners on the next TAP Steering Committee call.

5. AOB