

TAP Network Steering Committee

Meeting Decisions

16 November 2018

Present: Mr. Rukshana Nanayakkara, Transparency International
Mr. Louis Busingye, HRFRA
Mr. Zia Ur-Rehman, ADA
Ms. Florence Syevuo, SDG Kenya Forum
Ms. Jyotsna Singh, ADA
Ms. Stacey Cram, Namati
Mr. John Romano, TAP Secretariat
Ms. Elle Sweeney, TAP Secretariat

Not Present: Ms. Coco Lammers, Namati

Next meeting: 30 November 2018

Chairing Meeting: Mr. Rukshana Nanayakkara

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

Agenda Items:

1. Review and approval of last Steering Committee call notes

Decision: Approval of Decisions and Notes from TAP Network Steering Committee Call on 2 November 2018.

2. Review of TAP Network Survey on Strategic Priorities for 2019 HLPFs

Discussion: The TAP Coordinator provided a brief overview of the draft TAP Network Survey on Strategic Priorities for the 2019 HLPFs. This survey is intended to allow the TAP membership a chance to provide feedback on the Network's overall strategy and its newly implemented membership structure. The survey also includes sections with questions surrounding other engagement opportunities, TAP's communication and outreach strategy, and the 2019 HLPFs.

The Steering Committee provided brief feedback on this draft document. **It was decided and agreed that final comments and detailed feedback be submitted to the Secretariat from the Steering Committee Members by next Wednesday. During the discussion, it was also decided and agreed that a link to the Network's privacy agreements be included in the survey. On the**

final question in section four, it was decided and agreed that an additional question be added asking what members will be doing during the HLPF and what they feel our Network should be doing itself during the HLPFs.

It was suggested that the survey be translated into multiple languages, specifically Spanish and French. It was discussed and agreed that the Network request in-kind translation services from our members to translate the survey. A colleague of Louis' agreed to traslate the survey into French.

It was noted that a question could be added to the survey asking for inputs on the possibility of organizing a commitments conference for CSOs to participate in outside of the HLPF. It was discussed and agreed that such a question would be included and that Namati would draft this item.

It was suggested a question also be include about participating in regional HLPFs and/or over regional opportunities outside of the HLPFs. It was agreed that this question would be added to survey as well.

It was discussed and agreed that the survey, in all three languages, will be sent the first week of December and be kept open three weeks with the opportunity to extend through January if needed.

Decisions:

- It was decided and agreed that final comments and detailed feedback be submitted to the Secretariat from the Steering Committee Members by next Wednesday.
- It was also decided and agreed that a link to the Network's privacy agreements be included in the survey.
- On the final question in section four, it was decided and agreed that an additional question be added asking what members will be doing during the HLPF and what they feel our Network should be doing itself during the HLPFs.

Follow-Up:

- Steering Committee to provide final comments and feedback on the survey draft to the Secretariat by next Wednesday.
- TAP Coordinator to add a link the Network's privacy agreement and a question asking what members will be doing during the HLPF and their expectations of the Network.

3. Update on Meetings in Europe (10 minutes)

Meeting with GIZ

Discussion: It was noted that Rukshana, Zia, and John attended the Partners for Review meeting in Berlin and had an encouraging discussion with colleagues at GIZ. Previously, GIZ had been non-committal in terms of supporting TAP's work as they were more focused on the implementation side. However, in this most recent conversation, GIZ noted that they are planning to put together a funding proposal to the German government by the end of the year and are planning to expand their work, specifically in regard to hosting national workshops. GIZ was encouraged about TAP's work in this area and asked Tap to provide a concept note on our national workshops. The TAP Secretariat is drafting a concept note and will send it to the Steering Committee for review.

Follow-Up:

- TAP Coordinator to complete GIZ concept note and send to the TAP Steering Committee members for review.

Meeting with SIDA

Discussion: While in Europe, the TAP Coordinator also met with Helena from SIDA, who agreed to connect TAP with colleagues from the civil society unit at SIDA. The TAP Coordinator noted that the same concept note being prepared for GIZ could also be used for conversations with SIDA.

Meeting with AFD

Discussion: The TAP Coordinator noted that he also met with a friend from AFD. Unfortunately, this colleague has just retired but offered to connect us with his former colleagues. Again, it was noted that the GIZ concept note will be recycled for use with the French government as well.

Meeting with A4SD (now 4Us) and Together 2030

Discussion: It was noted that Zia, Rukshana, and John also met with A4SD and Together 2030 while in Berlin. It was agreed then that collaboration would occur between TAP and these organizations on the HLPF reform negotiations and advocacy. The TAP Coordinator noted that each organization agreed to develop its own position paper but then come together to develop a joint paper and shared advocacy messaging. On the national workshops, Together 2030 noted that it is not planning any national workshops. On the other hand, 4Us will be facilitating workshops and agreed to TAP would pool resource and jointly host their events with TAP.

The TAP Coordinator noted that the Secretariat had a follow-up call with 4Us, Together 2030, and GCAP regarding collaboration opportunities. During this call, the TAP Coordinator agreed to put together a concept note on joint national workshops. It was also agreed that the three networks will consult with their regional and national partners to develop a joint strategy for

facilitation of these workshops by the end of the year—with the aim to start hosting national workshops in the first quarter of 2019. The TAP Coordinator noted that the conversation was very encouraging overall and noted that there will likely be opportunities for broader collaboration going forward.

It was noted that Namati recently held its own strategic planning meeting and determined that it would be willing to provide funding to TAP and its members surrounding the VNR processes, as well as travel funding for TAP members to attend the HLPF. Namati also noted that a planning meeting will be taking place in the Philippines with the Legal Empowerment Network next week and it would be helpful to know when/where/who (of the civil society colations) is hosting national events in Asia at this time so Namati can link up and provide additional support. It was also noted by Namati that Mott is looking to collaborate with TAP on national workshops. Finally, Namati noted that one of its members have created supplementary tools to compliment the work SDG Accountability Handbook, specifically in the area of justice and SDG16. **The TAP Coordinator agreed to share the list of priority countries in Asia to Namati prior to their planning meeting next week and encouraged Namati to get in touch with Jyotsna for more detailed information.**

Follow-up: The TAP Coordinator agreed to share the list of priority countries in Asia to Namati prior to their planning meeting next week and encouraged Namati to get in touch with Jyotsna for more detailed information.

Meeting with Peter Van Sluijs, Civil Society Platform for Peacebuilding and Statebuilding

Discussion: Finally, the TAP Coordinator noted that he met with CSPPS while in Berlin and was informed that the organization was just provided funding from the French government. CSPPS noted during this meeting that they would also be willing to co-organize workshops with TAP. The TAP Coordinator noted that the Steering Committee will need to strategize on which workshops will focus on SDG16 and which will focus on SDG Accountability and VNR Accountability workshops. **The TAP Coordinator will follow-up with Pete regarding planning for the workshops.**

It was noted that there may be an opportunity to collaborate with another organization on supporting civic activism and participation. Louis agreed to send a link on this opportunity.

Follow-Up: The TAP Coordinator will follow-up with Pete regarding planning for the workshops.

4. Partnerships updates (10 minutes)

- a. Update on SDG Kenya Forum representative on TAP Steering Committee

Discussion: It was noted that Florence has replaced Hellen from SDG Kenya Forum as of last week.

- b. Update on Asia Regional Focal Point
- c. Update on national workshop planning
- d. Global Festival of Action opportunity

Discussion: It was noted that there is an opportunity for TAP to highlight SDG16 at the Global Festival of Action in 2019. The Global Festival recently released a RFP to organizations interested in participating in this year's event. The TAP Coordinator noted that this could be a great opportunity to host a launch side event at the festival and a booth—if not an official event at the Festival—to promote the SDG Accountability Handbook and the rest of TAP's work. **The TAP Coordinator will reach out to determine how TAP can join the official agenda for the Festival.**

Follow-Up: [The TAP Coordinator will reach out to determine how TAP can join the official agenda for the Festival.](#)

5. Review of TAP Network Partner applications (5 minutes)

Discussion: The TAP Coordinator noted that there were no new TAP Partner applications since the last Steering Committee Meeting in October 2018.

6. AOB

Discussion: It was noted that the ADA Steering Committee discussed and agreed to take on the role as Asia Regional Focal Point in NFN's absence—and would be willing to do so without financial compensation. The TAP Coordinator noted that NFN has yet to respond to the Secretariat's multiple inquiries regarding their ability to find a replacement within their organization to fill the now vacant Asia regional focal point position, so having ADA replace NFN would be a great option at this point—especially given that TAP is already working with ADA on its national workshops in Asia. The TAP Coordinator noted that there is a need to fill the vacant position as soon as possible, as a regional strategy for Asia needs to be completed and implemented by the end of 2018.

Before confirming ADA, the Steering Committee discussed and agreed that the TAP Coordinator would follow-up with NFN one more time regarding the Asia regional focal point position, to inform them that ADA is willing serve as an alternative regional focal point if their organization is no longer able or willing to serve in this role and to allow them one more opportunity to nominate a representative from their own organization. The TAP Coordinator will give NFN a final one-week deadline to reply.

Follow-Up: Before confirming ADA, the Steering Committee discussed and agreed that the TAP Coordinator would follow-up with NFN one more time regarding the Asia regional focal point position, to inform them that ADA is willing serve as an alternative regional focal point if their organization is no longer able or willing to serve in this role and to allow them one more opportunity to nominate a representative from their own organization. The TAP Coordinator will give NFN a final one-week deadline to reply.