

## TAP Network Steering Committee 2022 - 2023

### Meeting Decisions

18 May 2022

**Present:**

- Mr. Peter van Sluijs, CSPPS**
- Ms. Cheri-Leigh Erasmus, Accountability Lab**
- Ms. Arelys Bellorini, World Vision**
- Ms. Olabisi Mekwuye, Civil Society Coalition on Sustainable Development**
- Mr. Tor Holdenfield, CIVICUS**
- Ms. Bridged Faida, Consolation East Africa**
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Secretariat**
- Ms. Claudia Villalona, TAP Secretariat**
- Ms. Ellery Wong, TAP Secretariat**

**Chairing Meeting** Mr. Tor Holdenfield, CIVICUS

**Next meeting** June 2022

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

#### **Agenda Items:**

1. Review of notes and decisions from last Steering Committee call (5 minutes)
2. Review of TAP Innovation Fund Applications/Shortlist and next steps (20 minutes)
3. Discussion on planning for 2022 HLPF (10 minutes)
4. Updates and next steps on TAP Membership Engagement discussions (10 minutes)
  - a. Membership Engagement Survey
  - b. Independent Evaluation
  - c. TAP Coordination call
5. Partnership Updates (10 minutes)
  - a. Hiring of new TAP Advocacy Fellow - Ms. Alonna Despain
  - b. TAP Network office space
6. Review of TAP Partner Applications (10 minutes)
7. AOB (5 minutes)

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#### **1. Review and Approval of last Steering Committee Call Notes**

##### **Discussion:**

**DECISIONS: The Steering Committee moved to approve the call notes from the Steering Committee call from 4 May 2022**

## **2. Review of TAP Innovation Fund Applications/Shortlist and next steps**

### **Discussion:**

As discussed, we have gone through the applications for the second round of the TAP Innovation Fund.

Since the last Steering Committee call, the Secretariat has reviewed the proposals and made recommendations for SC decision-making approval. The total amount of funding that was decided was 10,000 USD total. It was agreed that it could be flexible in terms of amount allocated and projects funded.

### **Next Steps**

**SC members have until the end of the week to give a final review to the proposals to decide over email the selection of projects and allocation of fund**

## **3. Discussion on planning for 2022 HLPF**

### **Discussion:**

We have begun to outline some of the key activities and priorities for TAP leading into the 2022 HLPF. The Secretariat discussed the intention of holding an in-person Steering Committee meeting during HLPF, in between the first and the second weeks.

### **Next Steps:**

- **Continue to add to working document of HLPF planning as developments progress**

## **4. Updates and next steps on TAP Membership Engagement discussions (10 minutes)**

- a. Membership Engagement Survey
- b. Independent Evaluation
- c. TAP Coordination call

### **Discussion**

The Membership Engagement Survey has been finalized and published for the network. The Coordinator also revised the independent evaluation ToR based on comments and feedback. It is now more clear and concise in the deliverables needed.

### **Next Steps**

- **Once finalized with final comments from SC, the coordinator has asked members to share it within their own networks and relevant colleagues as well**

## **5. Partnership updates (10 minutes)**


The Coordinator announced the hiring of the new TAP Advocacy Fellow - Ms. Alonna Despain, who began the process of onboarding this week and will attend the next Steering Committee call.

The TAP Secretariat team also rented an office space, leasing from World Vision - a SC member. The Coordinator asked members whether this would present a conflict of interest. Members suggested that the Secretariat take steps to ensure communication and transparency with the broader network.

### **Next Steps**

- **Communicate the leasing of the Office from World Vision to the membership on the newsletter and the next coordination call.**

- **Review of TAP Partner Applications (10 minutes)**

You can find the information from all of the organizations that have applied to become TAP Network Partners in the last two weeks:  Partner Application Review May 18 .pdf

Organization	Secretariat Recommendation	Partner Feedback
Ihuoma Girls Care and Support Initiative	Accept	Positive
Christian Initiative for Nation Building	Accept	Positive

**Decisions**

- **The SC moved to approve Ihuoma Girls Care and Support Initiative and Christian Initiative for Nation Building and will discuss the terms of partnership under the umbrella of a secular CSO network with the latter**