

## TAP Network Steering Committee 2022 - 2023

20 January 2023

**Present:**

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

**Chairing Meeting**                      **Ms. Cheri-Leigh Erasmus, Accountability Lab**  
**Next meeting**

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

#### **AGENDA:**

1. Review of notes and decisions from last Steering Committee call (5 minutes)
2. Review of shortlist for TAP Campaigns and Advocacy Officer position and next steps (15 minutes)
3. Update on TAP Strategic Plan draft, Work plan, Staff KPIs (10 minutes)
4. Partnership Updates (5 minutes)
  - a. TAP Advocacy Working Group update
  - b. Engaging in C20 and UN Foundation CSO SDGs Group
5. Review of TAP Partner Applications (5 minutes)
6. AOB (5 minutes)

**1. Review of notes and decisions from last Steering Committee call (5 minutes)**

**FOLLOW UP: The notes will be edited again and presented at the next Steering Committee Meeting.**

**2. Review of shortlist for TAP Campaigns and Advocacy Officer position and next steps (15 minutes)**

The TAP Secretariat has reviewed all the applications that we have received for the position of Advocacy and Campaigns Officer and have made a shortlist of three candidates. The folder with their applications can be found here. The Secretariat reviewed the candidates in brief.

The TAP Secretariat would appreciate the participation of any Steering Committee member that would be interested in joining the interviews to provide their expertise and perspective in the process. At this point, the TAP Secretariat suggests just one interview, but is looking to the Steering Committee for recommendations about which processes will allow for the selection of an exceptional candidate.

- It was encouraged that a few steering committee members join in this process.
- The three candidates did not explicitly answer the question posed in the job posting, therefore should be asked to complete a written assignment addressing their skills in advocacy campaigns.
  - This suggestion was seconded, recommending that a question be sent in advance of the interview for the candidate to present on for the first 10 minutes of the interview.
- Concern was expressed regarding remote work and a candidate's separation from in-person campaigning and events. Differing time zones would also affect both team operations and their ability to service the majority of the TAP constituency. The majority of the Steering Committee expressed a preference for a candidate that could be proximate to New York.
  - Another perspective encouraged that we view remote work as an opportunity rather than a barrier.
- It was suggested that the TAP Secretariat narrow the candidate pool down to only two.
- A Steering Committee Member encouraged the TAP Secretariat to decide the number of interviews independently and invite all Steering Committee members to join whenever they are available to participate.

DECISION: The Secretariat will proceed with the three interviews next week. The candidates will be assessed on their qualifications, and afterwards the Steering Committee and Secretariat will take into account their location and availability.

### **3. Update on TAP Strategic Plan draft, Work plan, Staff KPIs (10 minutes)**

The Secretariat shared that the Strategic Plan layout design is underway and presented a 2023 Work Plan overview to the Steering Committee to review. KPI drafts will be reviewed with Cheri next week, and then finalized with the Steering Committee afterwards.

The TAP Secretariat requested the Steering Committee's thoughts on providing a beginning-of-the-year message from the co-chairs.

DECISION: A message from the co-chairs will be sent in conjunction with the finalized versions of the 2023 Work Plan and new Strategic Plan.

### **4. Partnership Updates (5 minutes)**

At the end of 2022, the Secretariat sent out invitations for TAP Partners and Members to join our Advocacy and Mobilization Working Group, which now has received over 90 sign ups. It would be helpful to have a Steering Committee member present on at least the first call, so John will follow up with the co-chairs to see if this is possible. The willingness of the participants to take a leadership role in the group was also high, which is an encouraging sign for this group. Updates on the first meeting will be provided at the next Steering Committee meeting.

TAP has agreed to assist in the coordination of a working group pertaining to the C20, that works alongside the G20, with our partners from Asia Development Alliance. The group will specifically pertain to SDG16+, which is a first for working groups of the c20.

Additionally, we have recently joined the UN foundation's new SGD CSO working group. It is still unclear what the value-add will be, but we hope to take this as a positive sign that UNF is willing to work with civil society on mobilization towards the SDG summit.

- There was a noted concern from two Steering Committee members for TAP's capacity to participate in the C20 working group, especially with such an ambitious 2023 work plan.
  - It was agreed that TAP has the tendency to overextend, and will try to manage this by doing a thorough mapping activity regarding the year's workstreams and key moments that we are engaging with. It was also suggested that the Steering

Committee review the outcome of this review to make the most informed and strategic decision as possible.

**5. AOB**

DECISION: Standing meetings will occur at 9 AM EST every other Wednesday.

FOLLOW UP: Recurring invitations will be sent to reserve this slot in calendars.