

TAP Network Steering Committee

Meeting Decisions

21 April 2017

Present:

- Ms. Mari Ullmann, WFUNA
- Ms. Arellys Bellorini, World Vision
- Ms. Susan Goldman, ABA ROLI
- Mr. Louis Busingye, HRFRA
- Mr. Mohammed Zia Ur-Rehman, ADA
- Ms. Jyotsna Singh, ADA
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Secretariat
- Mr. Reyhanillo Andi Kasim, TAP Secretariat

Next meetings:

Chairing Meeting: Ms. Arellys Bellorini

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

Agenda Items:

1. Approval of last Steering Committee Call Decisions

Decision: Approval of Steering Committee Decisions from 23 March 2017.

2. Update on Governance Review and Capacity Building Consultants

Discussion: The Steering Committee reviewed and discussed the proposed methodology from the independent consultant for the governance review work. Concerns were raised about the timeline for the hiring of the consultant and approval of the grant from Hewlett Foundation. To ensure that we're not losing time on some of these deliverables, it was proposed that the TAP Secretariat should circulate a preliminary survey for TAP Members around governance and engagement, to begin soliciting views in advance of the consultant's work on the governance review and independent evaluation. The TAP Secretariat will put this survey together with the Capacity Building Consultant who will be hired ASAP.

Decision: TAP Secretariat to draft survey for TAP Members on governance and engagement, for review and inputs from TAP Steering Committee.

3. Update on TAP HLPF activities

Discussion: The Steering Committee discussed the proposals and concept notes for side-events and workshops put together by the Secretariat. It was noted that there are also other events happening around the issues TAP is looking to cover in these events, and that we should look to avoid duplication with these events. It was noted that there are many conversations happening around parallel reports within the civil society community, and it's evident that there are many perspectives on the utility and approaches of this reporting. With this in mind, it was highlighted that it might be interesting and important to develop a narrative on these issues within TAP. It was proposed that we explore putting together a position paper by the TAP Network with a narrative on approaches, methodologies and guidelines for parallel reporting to the HLPF and the SDGs. These inputs will be important for our advocacy around the HLPF, as well as for the SDG Accountability Handbook. It was also proposed that we can also explore a workshop around the Goal 16 Toolkit at the HLPF.

Decision: Arelis and John to discuss approach to HLPF events and follow-up on the position paper, and come back with proposals to the Steering Committee for further discussion.

4. Hiring of SDG Accountability Handbook Consultant

Discussion: Concerns were expressed about the sequencing of the contracts and ability to complete work around the Handbook if we were to split contracts into two phases, particularly if we face a situation where we don't have funding available from next year's budget to complete this work. It was proposed that the communications budget line and voluntary contributions budget lines be combined to provide adequate funding to support taking this work forward ASAP, and under this year's budget.

Follow-up: WFUNA to discuss possible arrangement on contracting consultant.

Follow-up: Secretariat to confirm exact timeline for production of Handbook

Follow-up: Steering Committee to decide on arrangements for taking things forward on the next call.

5. Discussion on TAP funding for Members to attend HLPF

Discussion: It was proposed that support for TAP Members to attend the HLPF be a co-funding arrangement, where TAP will provide a set amount of funding, with these funded participants needing to cover costs beyond the subsidies that TAP provides.

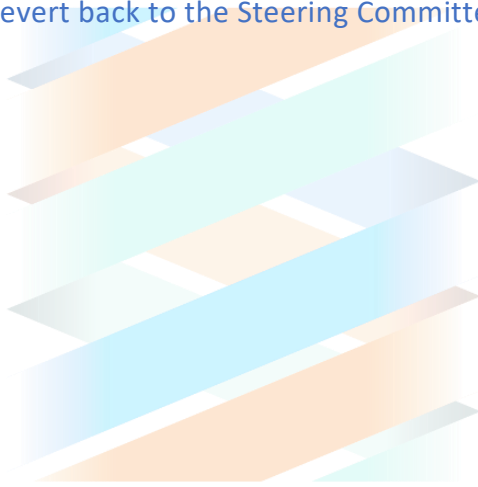
Decisions:

- **Costs covered by TAP:** \$1,800 subsidy for colleagues from Africa and Asia, \$1,400 subsidy for colleagues from Latin America.
- **Number of participants:** Aim for up to 2 Members per region, and will aim to not have two from the same sub-region.

6. AOB

Discussion: It was proposed for Louis to potentially attend an Expert Group Meeting on SDG1 in Copenhagen on 11-12 May. It was noted that a visa might be difficult to obtain, given the limited time between now and the event.

Follow-up: Louis to explore possibility of obtaining a visa in time for this meeting, and will revert back to the Steering Committee.



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