

TAP Network Steering Committee 2022 - 2023

21 July 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**
- Ms. Arelys Bellorini, World Vision**
- Mr. Tor Hodenfield, TAP Secretariat**
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Secretariat**
- Ms. Ellery Wong, TAP Secretariat**

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

Next meeting **Mr. Peter van Sluijs, CSPPS**

[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. Update on hiring for TAP Campaigns and Advocacy Role and next steps (20 minutes)
3. Review of TAP 2023 mid-point financials (10 minutes)
4. Update on 2023 HLPF Planning (10 minutes)
5. Partnership Updates (10 minutes)
 - a. Switzerland report and updates on next grant process
 - b. Update from #SDG16Now Campaign partners call
6. Review and approval of TAP Partner applications (10 minutes)
7. AOB (5 minutes)

1. Review of notes and decisions from last Steering Committee call

The notes from the 23 June Steering Committee call were not provided in advance of the meeting. The Steering Committee will look to approve the notes at the next meeting.

[FOLLOW UP: TAP Secretariat to present the notes in advance of the next Steering Committee Call.](#)

2. Update on hiring for TAP Campaigns and Advocacy Role and next steps

The TAP Secretariat continues to search for a Campaign and Advocacy Advisor, and will look to move the process forward during the 2023 HLPF.

TAP Steering Committee members encouraged the Secretariat to continue to reflect on the needs of the team at the moment and to guide the search based on specific activities that the Advisor will need to mobilize around for the rest of 2023.

3. Review of TAP 2023 mid-point financials

The TAP Secretariat presented the midpoint financial report to the Steering Committee. Overall, the budget is on track, especially considering the two upcoming milestones of the 2023 HLPF and SDG Summit that TAP will be spending on.

The financial report was submitted to Switzerland and is expected to be approved.

The TAP Secretariat and Steering Committee members discussed details about funding dispersal.

4. Update on 2023 HLPF Planning

The annual TAP at the HLPF page has been published and updated with the list of events that TAP is supporting.

The Halfway to 2030 Report on SDG16+ will be promoted via PDF version in the next coming week. A communications and promotion plan will be sent to all #SDG16Now Campaign partners and co-authors of the report to support in the promotion and circulation of the report and launch event. TAP will be hosting the official launch event on 17 July, in the virtual setting, from 8-9 AM EST.

SC Feedback:

- CIVICUS recently submitted inputs to the HLPF Political Declaration. Unfortunately the process offered a very small window for action, so they were not able to invite others into the process, but they would be happy to share what was submitted.
- World Vision will be participating in an orientation for new-comers to the HLPF with the Major Groups and Other Stakeholders on Sunday 9 July from 10 AM to 3 PM NY time.
- SC Members encouraged the TAP Secretariat to reach out and lean on the SC for any support during the busy time.

5. Partnership Updates

TAP Network will need to submit a new proposal for renewed funding with Switzerland for the 2024-2027 period. Switzerland has indicated that they envision their support to TAP to be long-term and will extend through 2030.

The TAP Secretariat will be submitting the proposal to a new contact-person from the Swiss in October, where the proposal will then take a few months to process. It is possible that the final decision on the proposal may not be delivered until March 2024, but in this case the fund dispersal will still be back-dated until the beginning of the year.

1. Review and Approval of TAP Partner Applications

No new TAP Partner Applications were received.