

# TAP Network Steering Committee

## Meeting Decisions

23 June 2017

**Present:**

- Ms. Arelys Bellorini, World Vision
- Mr. Louis Busingye, HRFRA
- Mr. Mohammed Zia Ur-Rehman, ADA
- Ms. Jyotsna Singh, ADA
- Mr. John Romano, TAP Secretariat
- Ms. Jennifer Tsai, ABA ROLI

**Not present:** Ms. Bonian Golmohammadi, WFUNA

**Next meetings:** Doodle: <https://doodle.com/poll/t9gaisiggfb3fp4d>

**Chairing Meeting:** Mr. Louis Busingye

**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 3 June 2017.

#### **2. Update on Louis Busingye's visa and next steps**

**Discussion:** Frustration and disappointment was expressed regarding the denial of a visa for Louis Busingye, and all Steering Committee members committed to assisting however they could going forward. It was recommended that the Steering Committee should send a joint letter to the US Embassy in Kigali to seek an appeal/reversal of the decision on Louis' Visa.

**Follow-up:** TAP Secretariat to draft a joint letter from the Steering Committee ASAP for Steering Committee to review.

#### **3. Update on TAP Consultancies for "Hosting Review" and Capacity Building**

**Discussion:** Frustration was once again expressed regarding the consultancy contracting issues for the capacity building consultant, and it was widely agreed that the issue was not with the contracts presented by multiple organizations within the Steering Committee. Stemming from this frustration, the Steering Committee supported the Secretariat to seek

alternative options for this consultant ASAP, who will resume additional interviews with candidates next week.

#### **4. Update on SDG16 national-level workshops**

**Discussion:** It was noted by the TAP Secretariat that we are currently on schedule to host nearly all of the national-level workshops that the Steering Committee agreed to support, with most of these workshops slated to take place during the last week of July 2017. It was suggested, and subsequently supported, for TAP to help cover costs of travel for TAP Steering Committee members to attend and facilitate national-level workshops within their regions. It was highlighted that having TAP Steering Committee members at these workshops will help improve visibility of the Steering Committee, as well as help create ownership and follow-up from these workshops. It was also noted that we will need to identify a wide range of stakeholders to bring to the workshop from each country, including other TAP Members. It was also suggested that for workshops that are hosted by TAP Members attending HLPF, we can incorporate reflections from the HLPF and VNRs in these workshops. Finally, it was noted that exploring other workshops in Latin America has been difficult, since civil society is currently busy preparing reports and following up on VNRs for 2017.

#### **5. Update on TAP events/workshops at 2017 HLPF**

**Discussion:** The TAP Secretariat provided updates on the status of side-event proposals and workshops around the HLPF to the Steering Committee. Further information regarding all of these events will be sent by the Secretariat to the rest of the TAP Network next week. The Secretariat will also explore additional side meetings between the TAP Steering Committee and various stakeholders that will be in New York for the HLPF as well.

#### **6. Update on TAP Budget to date**

**Discussion:** The TAP Secretariat updated the Steering Committee on the current status of the TAP budget for 2016-2017, which extends through July 2017. With the issues hiring for the capacity building consultancy, we likely will have some flexibility in the budget, given that we won't spend all of the funding originally allocated for this consultancy.

#### **7. AOB**