

TAP Network Steering Committee

Meeting Decisions

27 July 2018

Present: Mr. Louis Busingye, HRFRA
Mr. Rukshana Nanayakkara, Transparency International
Ms. Coco Lammers, Namati
Mr. Zia Ur-Rehman, ADA
Mr. John Romano, TAP Secretariat

Not Present: Ms. Hellen Malinga Apila, SDG Kenya Forum

Next meeting: TBD

Chairing Meeting: Mr. Zia Ur-Rehman

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

Agenda Items:

1. Review and approval of last Steering Committee meeting notes

Decision: Approval of Decisions and Notes from TAP Network in-person Steering Committee on 28 June 2018.

2. Partnerships updates

Discussion: The TAP Coordinator provided an overview of various TAP activities around the 2018 HLPF, including the TAP Network's SDG Accountability Handbook workshop. It was noted that the workshop participants were generally very satisfied with the format and the content of the workshop itself, and that it generated significant interest and anticipation in the SDG Accountability Handbook's release. In addition to this workshop, TAP also coordinated a meeting of the major SDG civil society coalitions, including TAP, Action for Sustainable Development, Together 2030 and IFP. There was agreement from this key meeting that these coalitions would begin to map out and work together on various national-level activities over the course of the year. An overview was also provided on the informal Steering Committee meeting at the HLPF, which included a couple of TAP's new regional focal points. At this meeting, it was decided that the Steering Committee and focal points should consider meeting again in-person to discuss TAP's strategy towards the 2019 HLPF. The Steering Committee was also briefed on the status of the proposal process with the Mott Foundation, as well as other potential opportunities for fundraising in the near future. Finally, the Steering Committee received an update on the status of the SDG Accountability Handbook, which is currently being drafted by TAP's consultant.

3. Potential in-person Steering Committee/Regional Focal Point meeting/training

Discussion: Following up on the informal meeting of the Steering Committee at the HLPF, the Steering Committee discussed possible options for hosting of an in-person Steering Committee and regional focal points meeting in September or October, which would allow for an in-depth strategy discussion leading up to the ever-important 2019 HLPF for TAP. It was ultimately decided that the ideal week and venue for this meeting would be the first week of October 2018 in Bangkok.

Decision: Approval of first week of October in Bangkok for next TAP in-person Steering Committee meeting.

4. Review of nominations for TAP Regional Focal Points

Discussion: It was noted by the TAP Coordinator that there had been no new applications for TAP Partners since the last Steering Committee call. This could have been for a number of reasons, including that the opportunity was not promoted widely within the network after the deadline for the travel nominations and regional focal point applications. It was noted that once the new TAP fellow joins, communications and outreach would be their primary focus, which would help TAP to ultimately gain more Partners and members.

5. AOB

