

TAP Network Steering Committee

Meeting Decisions

5 October, 2016

Present: Mr. Savio Carvalho, Amnesty International
Mr. Bonian Golmohammadi, WFUNA
Ms. Mari Ullmann, WFUNA
Ms. Arelys Bellorini, World Vision
Mr. John Romano, TAP Network Coordinator
Mr. Mr. Zia Ur-Rehman, ADA
Mr. Louis Busingye, HRFRA
Mr. John Romano, TAP Secretariat

Next meetings: TBD

Chairing Meeting: Mr. Savio Carvalho

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

Agenda Items:

1. Discussion on TAP governance and hosting (1 hour)

Discussion:

- It was mentioned that if it is agreed within the TAP Steering Committee that TAP should have room to expand its work and reach, that we'd need to examine creative arrangements that would balance efficiency and flexibility of TAP grants and secretariat work.
- It was highlighted that we will soon also need to discuss budget and fundraising, which is directly related to the hosting questions that will need to be resolved.
- Multiple Steering Committee members stated that we should explore "de-centralizing" TAP's governance and hosting arrangements to avoid being New York-centric.
- It was highlighted that while having another organization may be good for transparency, accountability of TAP's work and broader ownership from TAP members, looking into alternative hosts for TAP would be cumbersome, with a very tight timeframe to work within.
- It was mentioned that if TAP was to expand its work and reach going forward, the Steering Committee might need to explore other options for hosting, as WFUNA was unsure if this would be workable for them. Additionally, if TAP were to secure other project-based funding going forward, WFUNA would be uncomfortable with that funding to sit within other organizations.

- To ensure that the Steering Committee’s discussions around governance and hosting are in line with what the current donors were expecting from TAP, it was suggested that the TAP Secretariat and WFUNA should first discuss these arrangements with TAP’s current donors.
- Other options and arrangements for hosting were also raised, including through having an organization serving as the “fiscal agent” in arrangements similar to ADA and Beyond 2015.

Follow-up: TAP Secretariat to scope out potential hosts for TAP out of current TAP Members, and to submit a list of options to the TAP Steering Committee to review.

Follow-up: TAP Secretariat to put together selection criteria for any potential hosts, to be shared with TAP Steering Committee the following week (week of 10-14 October).

Follow-up: TAP Secretariat to continue adjusting Logframe and budget according to discussions with current donors.

