

TAP Network Steering Committee

Meeting Decisions

6 November 2017

Present: Ms. Arelys Bellorini, World Vision
Ms. Jyotsna Singh, ADA
Ms. Jennifer Tsai, ABA ROLI
Mr. Pablo Angulo, WFUNA
Mr. John Romano, TAP Secretariat

Not Present: Mr. Louis Busingye, HRFRA

Next meetings: Doodle: <https://doodle.com/poll/4a8bwyc2937t8pzf>

Chairing Meeting: Ms. Arelys Bellorini, World Vision

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 20 October 2017.

2. Discussion around final TAP Steering Committee ToR and next steps

Discussion: Appreciation was expressed by Steering Committee members for the final edits from the co-chairs, and there was consensus agreement on all of these changes. It was noted that this will provide much greater clarity for the incoming Steering Committee, and allow them to get off to a good start. Next steps were discussed, including identifying the current Steering Committee member which would be carried over to the next Steering Committee for institutional memory, and the launch of the nomination process for the Steering Committee election. Suggestions were put forward for different organizations to move forward for next Steering Committee, with no consensus reached due to lack of presence or inputs from all members of the Steering Committee. It was decided that the Steering Committee would need to follow up by email with the entire Steering Committee to inquire about any members that would volunteer to remain on the Steering Committee for next year. Send an email to both orgs, copying all orgs on Steering Committee.

Decision: Approval of final ToRs for the TAP Steering Committee.

Decision: Secretariat to follow-up by email with entire Steering Committee to seek volunteers to put their organizations forward for remaining on for the 2018-2019 Steering Committee.

3. Discussion on TAP Secretariat ToRs

Discussion: Steering Committee members briefly discussed the TAP Secretariat ToRs, with all agreeing that they needed more time to provide concrete edits/comments. A deadline for inputs was decided for Monday 13 November. It was noted by the Secretariat that a report from the recent consultations with TAP Members on governance, membership engagement and capacity building will be released soon, which can be used by the Steering Committee to provide insights into this Secretariat ToR.

4. Getting started on SDG Accountability Handbook

Discussion: The Secretariat updated the Steering Committee on recent developments and encouraging momentum that has been building around TAP's work around accountability and civil society reporting for the SDGs, and thus the opportunity for getting started on the planned SDG Accountability Handbook. The Steering Committee will have until Monday 13 November to comment on the ToRs for the Handbook, from which point the Secretariat and co-chairs will move forward with the review of multiple candidates for a consultancy to begin work on the Handbook.

5. Report back from 16+ Forum Annual Showcase

Discussion: Jennifer Tsai from ABA ROLI updated the Steering Committee on her recent attendance at the 16+ Forum Annual Showcase on behalf of TAP. She noted that TAP was involved in hosting of a civil society workshop on SDG16 at the Forum, which was a great opportunity to promote TAP's work. There was a lot of interest in further national-level work around TAP's Toolkits and further capacity building activities, with much positive feedback about TAP's toolkits and other resources, including possibility of partnering with UNA networks as well. Also interest from GPPAC, including possibility of joint work around toolkits around conflict and SDG16. Many challenges and opportunities were discussed at the Forum in general, and WFUNA will update the Steering Committee on the overall takeaways from the 16+ Forum Annual Showcase on the next Steering Committee call.

6. Report back from Partners for Review Meeting - Kampala

Discussion: The TAP Secretariat updated the Steering Committee on the recent attendance at the Partners for Review Network meeting in Kampala, which was attended also by Louis Busingye from HRFRA. TAP received very good feedback from the meetings on the TAP resources and around TAP's national level work, with much interest from colleagues in

Africa and Asia in further work and partnership. Encouragingly there seemed to be big opportunities in Africa and Asia for hosting workshops around SDG16 and particularly around accountability and civil society reporting at the national level. This also all looks to provide interesting prospects and opportunities for additional fundraising going forward as well.

7. AOB

Discussion: It was highlighted that World Vision has just released a resource on recommendations for updates to the Secretary-General's VNR voluntary reporting guidelines, which will be circulated by email to Steering Committee members.

