

## TAP Network Steering Committee 2022 - 2023

9 June 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. Victor Adula, Consolation East Africa**
- Ms. Arellys 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. Debrief from TAP Fundraising Report (30 minutes)
2. Review of notes and decisions from last Steering Committee call (5 minutes)
3. Discussion on hiring for TAP Campaigns and Advocacy Officer and next steps (10 minutes)
4. Partnership Updates (5 minutes)
  - a. National Endowment for Democracy Proposal
  - b. Next steps for #SDG16Now Campaign, Halfway to 2030 Report, etc. in light of transition of staffing
5. Review and approval of TAP Partner applications (10 minutes)
6. AOB (5 minutes)

## **Debrief from TAP Fundraising Report**

TAP's Fundraising Consultant, Ms. Meghan Colnar, presented her final report on TAP's fundraising prospects to the TAP Steering Committee.

Overall, the TAP Steering Committee was pleased with the outcome of Ms. Colnar's work and found the investment in an external perspective worthwhile. For more details and insights on the findings of TAP's fundraising scoping, please contact TAP Director John Romano at [romano@tapnetwork2030.org](mailto:romano@tapnetwork2030.org).

## **Review of notes and decisions from last Steering Committee call**

DECISION: The TAP Steering Committee approved the notes from the last meeting.

## **Discussion on hiring for TAP Campaigns and Advocacy Officer and next steps**

The TAP Director reported that the TAP Network has received 30 applications for the replacement of the TAP Campaigns and Advocacy Officer so far. The TAP Secretariat will look to begin to conduct interviews next week.

Given that over half of the applications are from candidates based outside of New York, at this point in the process the TAP Secretariat will look to remain flexible regarding hiring arrangements and to prioritize selecting a candidate with the most relevant experience. The TAP Secretariat also remains open to considering different configurations with a third colleague regarding tasks and focuses as a team. If a new candidate can lead one area of work, it is possible that the TAP Director or Communications and Outreach officer could transition into leading on the campaign.

Current TAP Campaigns and Advocacy Advisory, Tor Hodenfield, will complete his last day with the TAP Network on June 15th. Tor will be delivering a comprehensive handover note around his work on the campaign to ease the transition between colleagues. He has also kindly offered to be available for questions or meet with the new incoming colleague.

TAP Steering Committee Feedback:

- TAP Steering Committee Members recommended that the TAP Secretariat prioritize candidates that can start as soon as possible.
- TAP Steering Committee Members agreed that it will be good for the team to stay flexible and open to shifting roles and tasks.

## **Partnership Updates**

### *National Endowment for Democracy Proposal*

Thanks to the responsive support from the TAP Steering Committee, the TAP Director officially submitted a grant proposal to the National Endowment for Democracy earlier in the week. The proposal was highly influenced from the insights and tips provided by the TAP Fundraising consultant.

The application will be reviewed by the National Endowment for Democracy around September 8th, 2023, and the TAP Network will hear back shortly after. If approved, the grant would initiate the first day of 2024.

### *#SDG16Now Campaign*

Work on the #SDG16Now Campaign has been put on pause until a new TAP Campaigns and Advocacy Officer is hired. The TAP Secretariat has reached out to all partners of the campaign to notify them of the transition. The TAP Director was able to touch base with many of the campaign partners directly at the SDG16 Conference in Rome, Italy, earlier in the month.

## **Review and Approval of TAP Partner Applications**

The TAP Communications and Outreach Officer presented the comprehensive list of organizations with a pending TAP Partner Application. From now on, when organizations are recommended to be approved or require input from the TAP Steering Committee, the TAP Communications and Outreach Officer is to send the documentation to the TAP Steering Committee via email 48 hours in advance of the call.