Message from the TAP Coordinators:

Dear TAP Friends,

We’ve had a very busy and exciting month with the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development behind us, with many updates for you all on TAP’s activities in the newsletter below -- you can also find some brief reflections on the HLPF from the TAP Secretariat on the TAP Network Blog here. TAP hosted a total of 7 events throughout the HLPF in partnership with many others including launching the SDG16 Data initiative with 13 other partners (which you can find at www.sdg16.org) and hosting a workshop around the Goal 16 Advocacy Toolkit with Open Government Partnership (OGP) where we launched a new set of workshop hosting guides for member to utilize.

In addition to the wide range of updates and activities from the HLPF, we’re also in the middle of a Network-wide consultation on the future and strategic direction for TAP in 2017 and beyond, and we’re very thankful for your inputs into this process thus far. These inputs will help the TAP Network Steering Committee identify priorities for TAP’s work in the future, to ensure that our work builds on the strong foundation that we’ve built thus far through TAP, and to harness and amplify the work that all of you are doing within your organizations as well. You can find a full update on that process, along with
a timeline and next steps in the newsletter below. A reminder that you can still provide your inputs into the TAP Network Questionnaire through Friday 5 August here: http://bit.ly/TAPQuestionnaire

Needless to say, the immense amount of work that TAP has taken on these last several months is an indication of where we can take our work when we have the strong backing of dedicated members. With these formational weeks and months ahead of us, we hope that you'll continue to engage closely with us as we craft TAP's strategic plan and further our work around the Goal 16 Advocacy Toolkit. And as always please let us know if you have any questions at all about any of the updates below.

Best,
John and Dylan
TAP Network Secretariat
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**TAP NETWORK UPDATES**

**IMPORTANT**

**TAP Network Questionnaire: Open for Inputs until Friday, 5 August**

The Questionnaire on the Strategic Direction for TAP for 2017 and beyond is still open for your inputs, and has been translated into Spanish and French as well for your convenience. The deadline for completion of the questionnaire is FRIDAY, 5 AUGUST 2016.

- **English:** http://bit.ly/TAPQuestionnaire
- **Spanish:** http://bit.ly/29PtUFX
- **French:** http://bit.ly/29D47RI

**Deadline for inputs: Friday, 5 August 2016**

**Timeline and Next Steps for TAP Consultation on Strategic Direction:**

**Friday, 29 July:** Consultation Webinar on TAP Network Strategic Direction for 2017 and Beyond

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Friday, 5 August: Deadline for TAP Questionnaire Inputs
Mid-August: TAP Secretariat to circulate summary of questionnaire inputs to TAP Network
Wednesday, 31st August: Webinar on Questionnaire summary for TAP Network Members
August/September: TAP Network Steering Committee to draft and finalize Strategic Plan and funding proposal


New TAP Network Workshop Guides and Resources Released

TAP Network has created new guides for hosting workshops. There is a short informational flyer about the Goal 16 Toolkit, a Communications Guide, a Guidance Note as well as handouts for practice and templates as an easier starting point, all of which you can find on the TAP website here.

Decisions from Steering Committee Calls

To find out more information regarding the TAP Network Steering Committee Conference Call on July 1st, 2016, click here: http://bit.ly/2al5G3L
To find out more information regarding the TAP Network Steering Committee Conference Call on July 15th, 2016, click here: http://bit.ly/2a698lO

HLPF Intel and Follow-Up

Update and Notes on the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) 2016
You can find a blog from the TAP Secretariat with a summary and analysis of the HLPF here: http://tapnetwork2030.org/tapblog/
Additionally, you can find other resources on the HLPF below.

- You can find most of the information pertaining to National Reviews during the HLPF here: http://www.iisd.ca/hlpf/2016/
- You can also watch the WebCast on http://webtv.un.org/search?term=Voluntary+National+Reviews
- TAP (in coordination with Non-Violence International) also took notes on the Voluntary National Reviews which you can read here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1S1PS38DfxFwiQ04SSX-mLVSGildMOuNkVR72gSLJ5l/edit
- You can find the TAP Network HLPF De-Briefing Conference Call here: http://tapnetwork2030.org/our-work/resources-for-members/

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**TAP HLPF Events**

*Open Governance: A Workshop for Civil Society Advocacy Partnership*
On July 12th, 2016, TAP Network hosted a three-hour Civil Society Workshop with Open Government Partnership (OGP) titled “Open Governance: A Workshop for Civil Society Advocacy” on Goal 16 and Open Governance. The event was a success, thanks to our lovely speakers and participants. Presentations of the TAP Network Goal 16 Advocacy Toolkit and the Open Government Guide provided participants with examples for how to advocate for civil society within their national governments, as did different inputs from each participant during the break-out groups! For more information about the event, look to the TAP website: Goal 16 and Open Governance: A Workshop for Civil Society Advocacy.
Is Civil Society Participation Shrinking after the Adoption of the 2030 Agenda?

On July 12th, 2016, TAP co-hosted an event with the European Union, UN Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner, World Vision, Amnesty International, International Disability Alliance, forum, and the International Disability and Development Forum regarding civil society participation after the 2030 Agenda. Mr. Stavros Lambrindis, EU Special Representative for Human Rights spoke, as did Quinn McKew of Article 19. For more information, look to the TAP website: Is Civil Society Participation Shrinking after the Adoption of the 2030 Agenda?

Measuring Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies: Launch of the SDG16 Data Initiative

On July 14th, 2016, the SDG16 Data Initiative was launched by TAP Network, International IDEA, Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP), Global Forum for Media Development (GFMD), Namati, Open Society Foundations (OSF), Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), Saferworld, Results for Development (R4D), Small Arms Survey (SAS), Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), Transparency International, and World Justice Project (WJP). The new SDG16 platform showcases the best available data on all the SDG16 targets, aggregating existing statistical indicators for measuring SDG16. Ms. Lisa Bersals, Head of the Philippines Statistics Authority (PSA), Mr. Paul Gulleik Larsen from the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Mr. Nathaniel Heller, the Managing Director of the Results for Development Institute gave the opening remarks, but the conversation was also furthered by our own John Romano, Thomas J. Wheeler and Anna Möller-Loswick from Saferworld, among others! The hashtag #SDG16 was also trending on twitter during the launch. For more information, look to the TAP website: Measuring Peaceful, Just, and Inclusive Societies: Launch of the SDG16 Data Initiative

EVERYONE COUNTS: Using Citizen-generated data for accountability towards the SDGs

On July 14th, 2016, TAP co-hosted an event with CARE International, Kwantu, World Vision and CBM International regarding the use of data in order to make countries more accountable in the pursuit of fulfilling the SDGs. TAP Network Coordinator John Romano moderated the event as well! For more information, look to the TAP Website:
EVERONE COUNTS: Using Citizen-generated data for accountability towards the SDGs

Role of Japan and Korea for Effective Implementation of SDGs as Development Provider

On July 14th, 2016 TAP and Asia Development Alliance co-hosted a side-event about the role of Japan and Korea on SDGs implementation on July 14th, 2016. Our very own Bonian Golmohammadi served as one of the commentators at the event. For more information, look to the TAP website here: Role of Japan and South Korea for Effective SDGs Implementation.

TAP Luncheon

On July 15th, 2016, TAP hosted a luncheon/strategy meeting with some of its members. You can find the meeting minutes on the website here: http://bit.ly/2abnvjG

Reception at the Permanent Mission of Korea

On July 15th, 2016, H.E. Oh Joon, Bonian Golmohammadi, Oli Henman, and Anselmo LEE spoke at a reception at the Permanent Mission of Korea. For more information, look to the TAP website here: Reception at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea

Please find available resources on TAP Network activities and outputs on our official website at http://www.tapnetwork2030.org

Get the Goal 16 Toolkit on our website here: http://tapnetwork2030.org/goal16/
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Please follow TAP Network Twitter account at @TAPNetwork2030. We will update this twitter feed regularly and we will use it to share relevant information or resources, and possibly even live-tweet from negotiation sessions, with statements on TAP issues from Member States.