



Beyond VNRs: Global Workshop for Civil Society Reporting on SDG16

Organized by the Transparency, Accountability & Participation (TAP) Network, Asia Development Alliance (ADA), Article 19 and Transparency International

When: Friday, 14 July 2017; 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Where: UN Church Center, Second Floor

(777 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017)

Breakfast, coffee and lunch will be served for workshop participants

Background

To meet the ambition of the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda, it is essential that these ambitious commitments are matched by equally comprehensive and inclusive data collection, monitoring and reporting frameworks. Consequently, governments acknowledged in the 2030 Agenda that SDG follow-up and review systems will “support accountability to our citizens” and that these systems will be “open, inclusive, participatory and transparent for all people and will support the reporting by all relevant stakeholders.” While the Voluntary National Review (VNR) process will be the primary channel for reporting on country-level progress on the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda, civil society “parallel reports” will be vital to ensuring an independent, robust and accurate assessment of progress within countries, and providing a direct means to promote this government accountability to its citizens. They are also integral to the overall credibility of the 2030 Agenda - by showing clear results and timely updates on progress, and helping to accelerate implementation and support partnerships, including with governments, civil society, the private sector and all stakeholders, coming together to achieve the SDGs.

With much discussion around how these civil society reports could take shape, this workshop will provide a timely opportunity to convene key civil society stakeholders working around SDG16 and the VNR processes at all levels, to discuss approaches to civil society reporting on SDG16. This workshop will showcase existing reporting efforts from across civil society to provide an opportunity to facilitate peer-learning, and will provide an opportunity for sharing of best practices regarding methodologies, approach, guidelines and templates for these parallel reports. Breakout groups will allow for in-depth discussions on these various aspects of parallel reporting, which will be facilitated by experts on SDG monitoring and accountability. The results of these discussions will feed into ongoing work of the TAP Network and its partners in developing further guidance for civil society on SDG parallel reporting.

This workshop has the following objectives:

1. To provide a platform for sharing of best practices around current SDG civil society parallel reporting efforts in different contexts
2. To further discussions around methodologies, approach, guidelines and templates for SDG civil society parallel reporting, and to review the TAP Network Paper on SDG16 “Parallel Reporting”
3. To help identify knowledge and capacity gaps and needs within civil society on SDG parallel reporting, with an aim to explore further work and partnerships to address these needs

As space is limited, please RSVP here: <http://bit.ly/2sYjvNF>

Preliminary Programme:

9:00 – 9:30: *Coffee, breakfast and registration*

9:30 – 10:00: *Introduction and objectives for the day*

Introduction, presentations on the objectives of the workshop and the current work of partners

Welcome by: Ms. Arelys Bellorini, World Vision International/TAP Network

Presentation of TAP Paper on SDG16 Parallel Reporting: John Romano, TAP Network

10:00 – 11:00: *SDG16 National Civil Society Reporting Case Studies*

Showcase of current efforts on SDG16 Reporting from CSOs and networks

Chaired by: Mr. David Banisar, Article 19

- Mr. Gopal Lamsal, President, NGO Federation of Nepal (NFN)
- Joara Marchezini, Article 19 Brazil
- Alberto Precht – Executive Director, Transparency International Chile
- Chioma Kanu - Senior Programme Officer, Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (TI), Nigeria

11:00 – 11:45: *Supporting SDG16 Civil Society Reporting*

This session will showcase other relevant initiatives that can help support civil society SDG16 reporting

Chaired by: John Romano, TAP Network

- Ursula Knudsen-Latta, SDG16 Data Initiative/Saferworld
- Lucy Turner, Global Alliance for Reporting on Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies
- Patricia Galdamez, Community of Democracies
- Alan Miller, Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI)
- Mandeep Tiwana, CIVICUS Monitor

11:45 – 12:00: *Coffee break*

12:00 – 1:15: *Breakout groups*

Discuss various aspects of civil society reporting through in-depth conversations facilitated by experts on SDG monitoring and accountability

Breakout Groups on:

- **Methodologies, approaches, guidelines and templates for national-level civil society reports;** *Facilitators: Article 19 and Transparency International*
- **Reporting at the global and regional levels;** *Facilitators: TAP Network, ADA*
- **SDG16 Data and Indicators;** *Facilitators: SDG16 Data Initiative and CEPEI*

1:15 – 2:00 PM: *Reporting back, further discussion and next steps*

Reporting back from breakout groups and further discussion within the broader group. This will also provide an opportunity to identify some key challenges and areas where further knowledge or capacity development might be needed going forward. Final review of TAP Network “Parallel Reporting” paper.

2:00 – 3:00 PM: *Lunch and networking*