

Pre-Rome Conference “Civil Society Day”

When: Sunday, 26 May 2019; 13:00 – 18:00

Where: IDLO Headquarters: Viale Vaticano 106, 00165 Rome, Italy

In advance of the 2019 Rome Conference on SDG16, the [Transparency, Accountability & Participation \(TAP\) Network](#) and the [International Development Law Organization \(IDLO\)](#) will be hosting a **pre-conference Civil Society Day**, to provide a space for all civil society participants to coordinate and meet before the conference. For your reference, you can find a preliminary programme for this Civil Society Day below.

This meeting will be held on Sunday, 26 May 2019 from 13:00 – 18:00, and will be hosted at IDLO’s headquarters ([google map here](#)). You can find additional information about the venue for the meeting below.

RSVP for this meeting is required, and the organizers would kindly request that you RSVP as soon as possible, and by no later than Wednesday 22 May, via the form here: <https://forms.gle/sYAQSWw2Djka4AMu5>

Background on the Rome Conference Civil Society Day:

In the lead up to the 2019 Pre-HLPF SDG16 Conference, the TAP Network and IDLO will host a pre-conference civil society day on Sunday 26 May, for all civil society stakeholders attending the conference. **It is envisaged that this Rome civil society day will culminate in the “Rome Civil Society Declaration on SDG16+”**, which will serve as an important input into the outcomes from the Rome SDG16 Conference, and will be presented during the plenary of the Conference itself. This Rome Declaration will also be important for mobilizing civil society advocacy around the 2019 HLPF in July, as well as the SDGs Summit in September. Additionally, civil society will have a dedicated slot to present key messages from the Rome Declaration in a statement to the plenary of Day 2 of the Rome Conference.

In an attempt to coalesce around some key messages to include in this Rome Declaration, civil society partners facilitating the drafting process for this Rome Declaration are soliciting inputs to include in the content of this Declaration in the lead up to the pre-conference civil society day. This is also to help ensure that civil society colleagues that are not able to attend the Rome Conference are able to contribute their key messages for inclusion in this Rome Declaration.

You can provide your inputs for this Rome Declaration in advance of the Rome Conference and the civil society day (Deadline: 17 May 2019) here:

<https://forms.gle/UzLmS7rUJKP84p2q6>

For additional follow-up on this Civil Society Day, please contact the hosts of the meeting at the TAP Network or IDLO:

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Preliminary Programme for Rome Conference Civil Society Day

Time:	Agenda Item:	Facilitators/Speakers:	Overview:
13:00 – 13:45	Welcome and Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Romano, TAP Network • IDLO Representative • Italian MFA Representative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome and overview of the day from co-hosts (TAP and IDLO) - Welcome and background to the Rome Conference (Italian MFA)
13:45 – 15:00	Discussion on joint Civil Society statement to Rome Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitator for discussion: Coco Lammers, Namati (TBC) • Rapporteur: Elle Sweeney, TAP • Co-Facilitators for drafting Rome Declaration and Statement: Peter Van Slujs, CSPPS; Pascal Richard, GPPAC; Coco Lammers, Namati 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion on main messages for the “Rome Civil Society Declaration on SDG16+” and 3-5 minutes statement to the Plenary of the Rome Conference - Rapporteur to take notes on key messages from interactive discussion - <i>Drafting group established and work on statement until “review” at 16:30</i>
15:00 – 15:15	Coffee Break		
15:15 – 16:30	Stocktaking of activities/priorities leading up to the 2019 HLPF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitator: John Romano, TAP Network 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Short updates/presentations on key activities/opportunities leading up to/at the 2019 HLPF, followed by an interactive dialogue. - Presenters to include: - <i>Voices of SDG16+ Campaign</i> - <i>TAP Network</i> - <i>Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies</i> - <i>Global Alliance – Thematic Report on SDG16</i> - <i>Others/Interactive Dialogue/Open Floor</i> - DRAFTING GROUP WORKING ON STATEMENT
16:30 – 17:15	Final Review of statement to Rome Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-Facilitators for drafting Rome Declaration and Statement: Peter Van Slujs, CSPPS; Pascal Richard, GPPAC; Coco Lammers, Namati 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of key messages and statement from drafting group - Review and comments on “Rome Declaration” and statement to the conference from participants - Decision on civil society representative to deliver statement to plenary of Rome Conference - Discussion on next steps/outreach
17:15 – 17:30	Wrap up and Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Romano, TAP Network • IDLO Representative 	

Venue Information for Rome Conference Civil Society Day

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Closest Metro station

Ottaviano – 6 minutes walk from the Metro station to IDLO

From the Airport

Take the express train to Termini station and the metro to Ottaviano. Or take a taxi – the MyTaxi app is recommended.

