TAI brings together like-minded donors to amplify the positive impact of transparency and accountability funding around the globe.

WHO WE ARE

The collaborative currently consists of five leading funders in the transparency, accountability and participation (TAP) field:

Members

Associate Member

Our members are committed to building a world where:

- Citizens are informed and empowered
- Governments are open and responsive
- Citizen engagement with government advances the public good

WHY WE WORK TOGETHER

Working together takes time and money, and requires trust and coordination. So why do it? We believe that aligning resources, data and leadership helps us achieve greater impact, without sacrificing the diversity of approaches and funding channels found across the membership. Compared to the mainstays of the development agenda, such as health or the environment, the scale of funding for the transparency and accountability field is small. This makes the case for a deliberate, collaborative, systems-level approach all the greater.

AN EVOLUTIONARY APPROACH

Since 2010, TAI has helped catalyze new thinking and models through its research, connecting donors and practitioners and supporting development of innovative initiatives, such as the Open Government Partnership. Across the field, there is growing recognition that understanding local context, supporting more broad-based coalitions, and adapting around political realities are important factors for success.

Building on a period of evaluation and reflection, the 2017-19 strategy marks two refinements in TAI's own approach:

- A stronger orientation toward serving the donor members directly, thereby seeking results through improved grant making rather than direct field-building, and
- Aligning efforts in pursuit of ambitious goals on a few specific issue areas – testing the value of the collaborative model.

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2017 STRATEGY SUMMARY

OUR PRIORITIES

The TAP field is broad. We believe it is important to prioritize engagements. As laid out in our 2017-19 strategy, TAI members have identified these four areas as critical to making a difference in the current global context:

DATA USE FOR ACCOUNTABILITY
Assuring more and better use of data by citizens and governments, while addressing concerns around data privacy.

STRENGTHENING OF CIVIC SPACE
Fostering a plurality of independent and legitimate civil society voices.

TAXATION AND TAX GOVERNANCE
Supporting development of more inclusive and equitable tax systems and practice.

LEARNING FOR IMPROVED GRANT MAKING
Boosting impact of TAP funding through thoughtful, evidence-based, and adaptive donor and grantee practices.

HOW WE WORK

TAI does not give grants itself. TAI has a small but nimble team to support smarter donor practices that empower grantee organizations to be effective.

Learning

Consolidate
TAP evidence base

Facilitate
knowledge exchange

Generate
new insights on content and practice

Collaboration

Align
strategies and funding

Leverage
rapid response and collective voice/resources

Reduce
transaction costs and test new approaches

Impact

Influence
grantee behavior

Strengthen
collective action

Build
evidence base

TOWARD A MORE TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE FUTURE

If transparency and accountability funders align efforts, can this help foster a more equitable, pluralistic and open future for citizens around the world? We think it can. Of course, the real work is done by the organizations on the ground. Along the way, we plan to share what we learn, including reporting honestly on whether our theories match practice. We look forward to hearing your ideas and exploring ways of working together.

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