



SDG7 TAG

AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

**Technical
Advisory
Group**



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SDG 7 Technical Advisory Group Meeting

10 September – 08:30 to 09:30 EDT (NY Time)

Teleconference

Meeting Summary

The SDG7 Technical Advisory Group met virtually on 10 September 2025, from 08:30 to 09:30 EDT. The agenda is attached in Annex 1. The list of participants is attached in Annex 2.

Opening remarks by the Co-Facilitators

Ms. Sheila Oparaocha, Executive Director of ENERGIA, welcomed participants on behalf of the co-Facilitators of the SDG7 TAG.

Adoption of the Agenda

The draft agenda was adopted without amendment.

Updates by the Secretariat

The Secretariat highlighted the successful launch at the HLPF 2026 of the compilation of SDG7 Policy Briefs and, individually, of the SDG7 Policy Brief on gender equality. Work continues towards a compilation of briefs that will cover SDG7's interlinkages to all other SDGs in support of the SDG7 review at the HLPF 2026. Upcoming milestones include the SDG7 Action Forum in New York on 24–25 September 2025, COP30 in November 2025, the IRENA Assembly and International Day of Clean Energy in January 2026, consultations in support of SDG7 review in early 2026, and the launch of the 2026 Policy Briefs and Tracking Report at HLPF 2026.

Discussion on SDG7 Policy Briefs

a) Presentation by FAO on SDG15

- FAO presented key findings on the interlinkages between sustainable energy and land ecosystems, highlighting impacts of energy use on deforestation, land degradation, and biodiversity.
- The brief stresses the need for integrated energy–land planning, promotion of land-efficient technologies (e.g. agrivoltaics, floating PV), sustainable bioenergy for clean cooking, and stronger land rights and governance.

- Key challenges include fragmented planning, insecure land tenure, insufficient sustainability assessments, unsustainable land management practices, and financial and technical barriers.
- Next Steps: TAG members are invited to provide comments by 17 September. FAO will integrate inputs and finalize the brief by end-September, with a launch foreseen at the IRENA Assembly in January 2026.

b) Presentation by ECLAC on Latin America and the Caribbean

- ECLAC presented key findings on energy access and transitions in Latin America and the Caribbean, noting high overall electricity access (98.5%) but persistent rural and clean cooking gaps.
- The brief emphasizes the region's strong renewable electricity base (two-thirds of generation) while highlighting slow progress in energy efficiency, continued reliance on fossil fuels in final energy use, and limited clean energy investment.
- Key challenges include high transmission and distribution losses, insufficient finance (only 3.5% of global clean energy finance captured 2015–2023), institutional capacity constraints, slow permitting, and underutilized regional integration.
- Next Steps: ECLAC will refine the brief with additional inputs, including clean cooking and gender perspectives, and prepare for a launch at the Regional Energy Week at the end of September 2025 or at the Regional Forum on Energy Planning in March 2026.

Update on the SDG7 Tracking Report 2026

UNSD, serving as chair for the 2026 edition, confirmed that work together with the other indicator custodians will commence in October 2025, following the established collaborative process. As in previous cycles, a draft will be shared for TAG review during preparation of the 2026 report.

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The Secretariat confirmed to provide policy brief launch guidelines.

Closing

The Co-facilitator invited written inputs on the FAO SDG7–SDG15 draft by 17 September and asked members to share planned UNGA and COP30 activities to support coordination once the logistical parameters are confirmed. The next meeting of the SDG7 TAG will be scheduled for October, focusing amongst others, on the roadmap towards the review of SDG7 at the HLPF 2026. The meeting was closed with thanks to presenters and participants.

Annex 1 – Draft Agenda



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Draft Agenda

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- 7. Closing**

Annex 2 – List of Participants

Organisation	Name
ENERGIA	Sheila Oparaocha
BMZ/GIZ	Sarah Ahlrichs
Clean Cooking Alliance	Catherine Oxholm
DESA/SD	Leonardo Souza
FAO	Michaela Morese, Ioannis Vaskalis
IEA	Bruno Idini
IAEA	Henri Paillere, Ilse Berdellans Escobar
IRENA	Mirjam Reiner
Kenya	Paul Mbuthi
MECS	Ed Brown
NORAD	Henrik Lunden
Netherlands	Danielle Drost
REN21	Janne Piper, Chiara Chiarelli
SDG7 Youth Constituency	Hadiza Abdulmumini
SEforAll	Divya Kottadiel, Josh Oxby
UNECE	Gianluca Sambucini
UNECLAC	Nicolas Olave, Rafael Poveda Bonilla
UNESCAP	Michael Williamson
UNESCWA	Sean Ratka
UNICEF	Amy Wickham
UNITAR	Sadiq Zafrullah
UNOHRLLS	Rita Ruohonen
WHO	Heather Adair-Rohani, Salvatore Vinci, Wenlu Ye,
World Bank	H. Stephen Halloway, Sandeep Kohli
Independent	Kristina Skierka
Secretariat	Minoru Takada, Bahareh Seyedi, Martin Niemetz, Nadine Salame, Dominika Zahrer, Veronika Ruskova, Aashna Swarup, Xinyi Zhang, Abdullah Faheem,