

## MEETING SUMMARY

### Meeting of the Multi-stakeholder SDG 7 Technical Advisory Group

9 February 2021

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The multi-stakeholder SDG7 Technical Advisory Group (SDG7 TAG) met on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 via conference call. Co-facilitators Ms. Sheila Oparaocha and Mr. Hans Olav Ibrekke chaired the meeting. The Agenda is attached in [Annex 1](#). The list of participants is attached in [Annex 2](#).

#### Main Issues:

##### 1. Opening remarks

- a. The SDG7 TAG co-facilitators kicked off the meeting, explaining the continued vital importance of TAG's work in the context of COVID-19 and green recovery, as well as the preparations for the High-level Political Forum (HLPF) in July 2021 and the High-level Dialogue on Energy (HLD) in September 2021.

##### 2. Adoption of Agenda

- a. The participants adopted the agenda as proposed by the Secretariat.

##### 3. Policy Briefs 2021 – Review of Status and Way Forward

- a. Upon the request of the Co-facilitators, the Secretariat walked participants through the preparations of the SDG7 Policy Briefs 2021. To inform the HLPF 2021 and the HLD in 2021, the SDG7 Policy Briefs 2021 will discuss energy's interlinkages with all SDGs, taking into account also the Themes of the HLD. Special attention will be given to existing data and prospective indicators relevant for the energy-SDGs interlinkages. These Policy Briefs will also provide technical inputs for the preparatory processes of the HLD.
- b. The Secretariat gave an overview on the timeline and templates on policy interlinkages (see annexes 3 and 4). For the most part, focal points have already reached out to contributing organizations and work is under way to produce first drafts of the policy briefs by the end of February. Reduced Inequalities and Life Below Water are the only two areas that are still missing contributing organizations, and TAG members are encouraged to volunteer to help the drafting of those. Dataset from the SDG7 progress report will be available in mid-February for contributing organizations to use in drafting their policy briefs. With regard to the length of the report the Secretariat urged contributing organizations to stick to the four pages report plus one page summary as much as possible, in order to keep it consumable for policymakers.
- c. The co-facilitators thanked the TAG members for their active contribution and ongoing work. Similar to previous years, contributing organizations will have an opportunity to peer review policy briefs. A TAG review meeting will take place in mid-March, dates TBA.
- d. The Policy Briefs 2021 will be launched together with the SDG7 Progress Report in late May/early June.

#### **4. Update on the Tracking SDG7: Energy Progress Report**

- a. The UN Statistics Division on behalf of the SDG7 indicator custodians provided an update on the report structure, data processing and timeline. The drafting of the report is well on track, first drafts for the chapters will come in by the end of the week. A draft will be shared with TAG members on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March for peer review. All TAG members will be invited to provide comments by mid-March to the draft.
- b. The report's launch date (most likely a virtual launch) will be the end of May or early June in 2021. The Secretariat, in close consultation with the custodians will look into possible dates and formats to facilitate a joint launch of the two reports at the UN.

#### **5. Update by the Secretariat on the High-level Dialogue on Energy**

- a. The Secretariat provided an update on the mandate, scope, themes and tracks and preparatory processes for the HLD. The overview of the HLD Energy can be accessed here: [https://www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/deck\\_for\\_website\\_v.9\\_feb\\_0.pdf](https://www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/deck_for_website_v.9_feb_0.pdf)
- b. The Secretariat explained that the work of the SDG7-TAG on the 2021 policy briefs will be directly linked to Technical Working Group 3 on enabling SDGs through inclusive, just energy transitions, as the SDG7 policy briefs on interlinkages will serve as critically important input to the technical report of that working group. Technical Working Group 3 is co-led by UN DESA, WHO and UN ESCWA, all SDG7-TAG members. The secretariat urged that the SDG7 TAG should provide draft Policy Briefs in early March as planned, in order to inform the work of the Technical Working Group 3. SDG7 TAG should also suggest specific indicators for tracking SDG7 interlinkages for consideration of the Technical Working Group 3, to be considered and used within the confinements of UN processes.

#### **6. Conclusions and Next Steps**

- a. The co-facilitators summed up the meeting and thanked everyone for their active participation and support.

**SDG 7 Technical Advisory Group Meeting**  
**9 February – 9:00 to 10:00 AM (NY Time)**  
**Teleconference**

**Draft Agenda**

- 1. Opening remarks**
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- 4. Update on the Tracking SDG7: Energy Progress Report**
- 5. Update by the Secretariat on the High-level Dialogue on Energy**
- 6. AOB**
- 7. Conclusions and Next Steps**

**Annex 2 - List of participants attending SDG7 TAG meeting, 23 November 2020**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Name</b>
ENERGIA	Sheila Oparaocha (co-facilitator)
Norway	Hans Olav Ibrekk (co-facilitator)
Denmark	Anne Marx Lorenzen
Germany	Alexander Kauer
The Netherlands	Frank Van der Vleuten
Kenya	Peter Mbuti
Pakistan	Imran Lodhi
European Commission	Sofia Martinez
African Development Bank	Daniel Schroth
Clean Cooking Alliance	Dymphna van der Lans
FAO	Olivier Dubois
IEA	Kieran McNamara
IIASA	Leena Srivastava
IRENA	Emma Aberg; Sofja Giljova
Islamic Development Bank	Hussein Mogaibel
OHRLLS	Shifaana Tawfeequ
SE4All	Benedikt Hoskuldsson
UN ECLAC	Ruben Contreras Lispergue
UN ESCAP	Hongpeng Liu, Sergey Tulinov
UN ESCWA	Radia Sidaoui
UN HABITAT	Vincent Kitio
UNEP	John Christensen
UNICEF	Rakshya Rajyashwori Thapa
UNITAR	Philip Sandwell
UNSD	Leonardo Souza; Agnieszka Koscielniak
Vienna University of Technology	Nebojsa Nakicenovic
WB	Elisa Portale, Stephen Halloway
WHO	Heather Adair-Rohani
UNDESA (ex officio)	Minoru Takada; Bahareh Seyed; Martin Niemetz; David Koranyi; Nadine Salame

### Annex 3 - SDG7 Policy Briefs 2021: Contributing Organizations Table (draft as of 16/02/21)

Section	Contributing organizations (Focal Points in bold)
I. <u>Key Messages for Policy Makers: Optimizing SDG7 Action to Catalyze the Achievement of the Other SDGs</u> <i>(A list of key priority considerations to optimize the impact of SDG7 action for the achievement of the other SDGs)</i>	DESA with inputs from all TAG members
II. <u>Advancing SDG7 implementation</u> <i>This policy brief will provide a very concise global overview of progress on SDG7 targets, based on the SDG7 Energy Tracking Report 2021.</i>	SDG7 indicator custodians
III. <u>Strengthening interlinkages</u> <i>These policy briefs will highlight the Interlinkages between energy and the other SDGs:</i>	DESA to coordinate
3.1 No Poverty	<b>IIASA</b> , IRENA, MFA Netherlands
3.2 Zero Hunger	<b>FAO</b> , Power for All, UAE, ESCWA, EU DEVCO, UNIDO, review UNEP, CCA
3.3 Good Health and Well Being	<b>WHO</b> , ESCWA, IRENA, CCA, UNICEF, IIASA, review by UNEP
3.4 Quality Education	<b>UNICEF</b>
3.5 Gender Equality	<b>UN Women, Ministry of Energy Kenya and Hivos/ENERGIA</b> , ECA, ESCWA, EU DEVCO, UNIDO, review by UNEP, CCA
3.6 Clean Water and Sanitation	<b>UNICEF, ESCWA</b> , DESA & ITAIPU, ECA, EU DEVCO,
3.7 Decent Work and Economic Growth	<b>ILO; IRENA and GGGI</b> with contributions from other Sustainable Energy and Jobs Platform (SEJP) partners, including GOGLA, GWNET, Power for All, REN21, SELCO; and EU DEVCO, review by CCA
3.8 Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure	<b>UNIDO</b> , EU DEVCO, ECA, review by CCA
3.9 Reduced Inequalities	<b>IIASA</b> , MFA Netherlands, Hivos, review by REN21
3.10 Sustainable Cities and Communities	<b>REN21</b> , EU DEVCO, ECA, review by UNEP and IRENA
3.11 Responsible Consumption and Production	<b>UNIDO</b> , ESCWA, EU DEVCO, IIASA
3.12 Climate Action	<b>IRENA, EU DEVCO, ECA</b> , ESCWA, FAO, UNIDO, Hivos, IIASA review by UNEP and CCA
3.13 Life Below Water	
3.14 Live on Land	<b>FAO</b> , UAE, EU DEVCO, CCA
3.15 Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions	<b>UNITAR</b> , review by World Bank

3.16 Partnerships	<b>Power for All</b> , ECA, review by CCA, REN21
IV. <u>Regional perspective</u> <i>Six policy briefs will highlight regional dimensions of SDG7 achievement linked to the focuses of the HLPF 2020:</i>	
4.1 Advancing SDG7 in Africa	<b>ECA</b> , AfDB, EU DEVCO, FAO, Hivos, GEIDCO, BMZ, review by IRENA
4.2 Advancing SDG7 in Asia and the Pacific	<b>ESCAP</b> , ADB, review by UNEP and IRENA
4.3 Advancing SDG7 in Arab region	<b>ESCWA</b> with inputs from UAE, FAO, review by IRENA
4.4 Advancing SDG7 in ECE region	<b>ECE</b> , review by IRENA
4.5 Advancing SDG7 in Latin America and the Caribbean	<b>ECLAC</b> , Hivos, review by IRENA
4.6 Advancing SDG7 in LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS	<b>UNOHRLLS</b> , FAO, UNIDO, review by IRENA, World Bank/ESMAP
V. <u>Towards a sustainable and equitable energy future</u> <i>(This section will include additional policy briefs)</i>	
5.1 Multi-tier framework for measuring access to electricity and clean cooking solutions	<b>World Bank/ESMAP</b> , review by CCA
5.2 RISE- Regulatory Indicators for Sustainable Development	<b>World Bank/ESMAP</b>
5.3 Towards Phasing Out Fossil Fuel Subsidies	<b>UNDP</b> , review by REN21
5.4 Building Global Energy Interconnection	<b>GEIDCO</b> , IIASA

#### Annex 4: SDG7 Policy Briefs 2021 Timeline

