



SDG 7 Technical Advisory Group Meeting

17 January – 08:30 to 09:30 EST (NY Time)

Virtual meeting

Summary

Meeting Summary

Members of the SDG 7 Technical Advisory Group (SDG7 TAG) met via a conference call, 17 January 2022, 08:30 to 09:30 EST. The list of participants and the agenda are in Annex 1 and Annex 2, respectively.

1. Opening remarks

- a. The SDG7 TAG Co-Facilitators, Mr. Hans Olav Ibrekk and Ms. Sheila Oparaocha opened the meeting by expressing their condolences with regard to the catastrophic volcanic eruption in Tonga. They noted the successful conclusion of the IRENA Assembly under the theme “Energy Transition: From Commitments to Action” which is highly relevant for the work of the TAG. Recapping the previous meeting of the TAG, the Facilitators highlighted the need to deliver in time for the HLPF 2022 and informed that a draft of this year’s *Tracking SDG7: The Energy Progress Report* will be circulated by the Custodians for review by the TAG members in the period of 1-15 March 2022.

2. Adoption of Agenda

- a. The draft agenda was adopted with the amendment that there will be no update by the Custodians on the Tracking SDG7: Energy Progress Report.

3. The SDG7 Policy Briefs 2022: Accelerating and Tracking Progress on Interlinkages

- a. The Secretariat noted the urgency of advancing the implementation of the outcomes of the High-level Dialogue on Energy, including the Global Roadmap for Accelerated SDG 7 Action, and of the UNFCCC COP26. To initiate the SDG7 TAG’s work for 2022, the Secretariat presented a set of documents which had been circulated to the members in preparation of this meeting:
 - i. The draft Work Plan 2022-2023 was updated based on the suggestions made in the previous SDG7 TAG meeting, especially regarding the SDG7 Policy Briefs.
 - ii. A draft Table of Contents for the compilation of Policy Briefs 2022 which includes Policy Briefs on the interlinkages with SDG4, SDG5, SDG14 and SDG15, as well as the regional Policy Briefs.
 - iii. A draft Template for The Policy Briefs on Interlinkages 2022 which proposes a structure which focuses on the identification of indicators, the

assessment of the status according to these indicators, and the elaboration of recommendations to accelerate progress on these indicators.

- iv. Draft Terms of Reference for the Expert Groups on Interlinkages which detail the purpose, participants and work methods of these Groups.
 - v. A draft Timeline for 2022 which includes the key steps for delivering the SDG7 Policy Briefs in time for the HLPF and follow-up.
- b. TAG members welcomed the documents and provided feedback for improvement.
- i. Notably, there was broad support for the suggestion to cover the interlinkages with SDG17 (partnerships) as well, which is one of the five focus areas of the HLPF 2022. Recognizing the challenge of identifying indicators for this interlinkage, it was noted that this particular brief would not necessarily have to follow the same template as the others. Furthermore, if the work on SDG17 does not come to a publishable conclusion this year, it could continue towards inclusion in the compilation for 2023.
 - ii. Several TAG members expressed their concerns regarding the tight timeline for the production of the Policy Briefs 2022, noting that these also have to keep pace with many other ongoing developments, e.g. those related to the UNFCCC COP process. Looking forward, it was suggested to already think beyond the HLPF 2022 towards the SDG7 Policy Briefs 2023 and to start work on those early on.
 - iii. Several TAG members already signalled their interest to engage in specific Expert Working Groups and identified potential contributions to their work.

4. Conclusions and Next Steps

- a. The Co-Facilitators thanked all participants for the valuable contributions, emphasised the need to get going quickly in order to deliver in time for the HLPF, and asked the Secretariat to proceed in identifying the Chairs and Members of the Expert Working Groups. In support of this, all TAG members are requested to indicate whether they intend to contribute to the work of any of the Expert Groups and to send potential suggestions for expert members to the Secretariat by 24 January.

Annex 1: Participants List

Organisation	Name
ENERGIA	Sheila Oparaocha (co-facilitator)
Norway	Hans Olav Ibrekk (co-facilitator); Geir Yngve Hermansen (Norad)
Denmark	Mira Bergem; Julie Rungholm
Germany	Alexander Kauer
Kenya	Paul Mbuti
Netherlands	Frank van der Vleuten
Clean Cooking Alliance	Dymphna van der Lans
IIASA	Leena Srivastava
IRENA	Sofja Giljova; Mirjam Reiner
Power for All	William Brent
Ren21	Laura Williamson
UN ESCAP	Hongpeng Liu
UNITAR	Thomas Fohgrub
UNOHRLLS	Shifaana Thowfeequ
UNSD	Leonardo Souza
Vienna University of Technology	Nebojsa Nakicenovic
WB	Stephen Halloway
WHO	Heather Adair-Rohani; Kendra Williams; Tzu-Wei Tseng; Salvatore Vinci, Paul Safar
UNDESA (ex officio)	Minoru Takada; Martin Niemetz; Nadine Salame



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7 January – 08:30 to 09:30 EST (NY Time)
Teleconference

Agenda

1. Opening remarks by the Co-Facilitators

- **Mr. Hans Olav Ibrekk**, Special Envoy, Climate and Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway
- **Ms. Sheila Oparaocha**, Coordinator, ENERGIA

2. Adoption of the Agenda

3. The SDG7 Policy Briefs 2022: Accelerating and Tracking Progress on Interlinkages

4. AOB

5. Conclusions and Next Steps

- **Mr. Hans Olav Ibrekk**, Special Envoy, Climate and Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway
- **Ms. Sheila Oparaocha**, Coordinator, ENERGIA