



SDG 7 Technical Advisory Group Meeting
6 December – 9:00 to 10:00 am EST (NY Time)
Teleconference

Meeting Summary

Members of the SDG 7 Technical Advisory Group (SDG7 TAG) met via a conference call, 09:00 - 10:00 EST, 6 December 2021. The list of participants and the agenda are in Annex 1 and Annex 2, respectively.

1. Opening remarks

- a. The SDG7 TAG Co-Chairs, Mr. Hans Olav Ibrekk and Ms. Sheila Oparaocha kicked off the meeting by highlighting the difficult circumstances due to the pandemic, progress made in support of SDG7 in 2021, underlined the critical success of the High-level Dialogue on Energy and COP 26. The SDG7-TAG remains critical in preparing for the High-level Political Forum (HLPF) with special regard to highlighting interlinkages between SDG7 and other SDGs in line with its' mandate from UNDESA
- b. Minoru Takada, UNDESA, underscored UNDESA's continued commitment to the SDG7 TAG. On behalf of UNDESA he proposed that the two co-facilitators should continue to serve as co-facilitators.

2. Adoption of Agenda

- a. The draft agenda was adopted without amendments.
- b. The mandate of the co-facilitators was extended for another year by unanimity.

3. The SDG7 TAG going forward and next steps post High-level Dialogue on Energy

- a. The Secretariat recapped the key outcomes of the High-level Dialogue on Energy, with special regard to the Global Roadmap for Accelerated SDG7 Action with milestones until 2025 and 2030 that will also help to guide the work of the SDG7 TAG.
- b. Going forward, the SDG7 TAG will continue to seek, and facilitate exchange of, expert advice on how to strengthen the follow-up and review of SDG7 and its interlinkages with other SDGs, in support of the annual HLPF including the SDG Summit in September 2023 (i.e. HLPF under the auspices of the General Assembly).
- c. The HLPF in 2022 will focus on education, gender equality, oceans and land, as well as means of implementation. Even if energy is not on the agenda, SDG7 interlinkages with other SDGs will be showcased. The SDG Summit will represent another opportunity to highlight the centrality of SDG7, along with COP27 and COP28.
- d. The primary focus is a deepening of the analysis into the interlinkages between energy and other SDGs, including proposing a set of the energy-SDG interlinkage indicators supported by data sets, building on the previous SDG7 policy briefs. This work will inform the

discussions at the HLPF 2022 and the SDG Summit in 2023, as well as the implementation of the Global Roadmap for Accelerated SDG 7 action.

- e. Key elements of the proposed workplan for the SDG7 TAG for 2022-23:
 - i. SDG7 Interlinkage Policy Briefs 2022;
 - ii. SDG7 Interlinkage Policy Briefs 2023;
 - iii. Convening Expert Group(s) on the energy-SDGs interlinkages;
 - iv. Global advocacy, knowledge-sharing and multi-stakeholder engagements;
 - v. Engage and actively participate in meetings;
- f. Proposed timeline:
 - i. SDG7 TAG meetings on 17 January 2022 at the margins of IRENA Assembly;
 - ii. SDG7 TAG meeting in March 2022;
 - iii. SDG7 TAG meeting in May 2022;
 - iv. SDG 7 Interlinkage Policy Briefs launch (end of May/early June 2022) together with the SDG7 Tracking Report as in previous years;
 - v. High-level Political Forum in 5-15 July 2022;
- g. Participants noted that the policy briefs should continue to inform the political dialogue on SDG 7. They emphasized the need to better define the audience for the policy briefs and to make sure they reach the intended audience and assists the implementation of SDG7 on the ground. Policy briefs are focused on “what” needs to be done, more focus shall be on “how” we are going to get there. Improving communications and ‘packaging’ will be critical to reach the intended audiences and impact. The policy briefs will continue to focus on how to deepen interlinkages and better exploit synergies between SDG7 and other SDGs, but with a more specific and sharpened focus, shortened and deepened, in a more digestible format, better branding and visualization.
- h. Participants agreed that a smaller subset of interested members of SDG7 TAG should further explore the right format of the policy brief and provide recommendations for the Secretariat.

4. Update by the Custodians on the Tracking SDG7: Energy Progress Report

- a. The World Bank is chairing the process this year, while also serving as secretariat, followed by WHO next year. For each pillar and chapter, databases are being finalized on all SDG7 indicators. Special focus will be on the outcomes of the High-level Dialogue on Energy in the form of boxes. The database will be shared with regional commissions in mid-February, and draft chapters will be shared with TAG members sometime between March 1-15. The launch event is planned to take place end of May / early June.

5. Conclusions and Next Steps

- a. The Co-Facilitators thanked all participants for the valuable contributions, recognized the important work the SDG7 TAG has already done, and asked the Secretariat to provide an updated version of the SDG7 TAG work plan based on the comments provided at this meeting.
- b. The next meeting will take place on January 17, 2022 in Abu Dhabi in person (COVID situation pending). Virtual participation will also be possible.

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
European Commission	Olgerts Viksne
Germany	Paul Recknagel
Netherlands	Frank van der Vleuten
Clean Cooking Alliance	Dymphna van der Lans, Jillene Belopolsky
FAO	Olivier Dubois
IIASA	Luis Gomez Echeverri
IRENA	Sofja Giljova; Claire Kiss; Mirjam Reiner
Ren21	Laura Williamson
UN ECE	Igor Litvinyuk; Lisa Antonia Amend
UN ECLAC	Ruben Contreras Lispergue
UN HABITAT	Vincent Kitio
UNITAR	Thomas Fohgrub
UNSD	Leonardo Souza
Vienna University of Technology	Nebojsa Nakicenovic
WB	Elisa Portale, Stephen Halloway
WHO	Heather Adair-Rohani; Kendra Williams ; Tzu-Wei Tseng
UNDESA (ex officio)	Minoru Takada; Martin Niemetz; Nadine Salame; David Koranyi;



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6. 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

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