

SDG 7 Technical Advisory Group Meeting

13 July 2022, 09:30 - 10:30 EDT (NY Time)

S1522, UN Secretariat Building, New York (hybrid format)

Meeting Summary

Members of the SDG 7 Technical Advisory Group (SDG7 TAG) met via a hybrid format, 13 July 2022, 09:30 to 10:30 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 discussing the work ahead towards the sixth edition of the SDG7 Policy Briefs.
- b. The Secretariat summarized the outcomes from the 2022 Policy Briefs and presented a draft timeline for TAG activities towards 2023. The 2022 Policy Briefs serve as “proof of concept” for examining SDG interlinkages; the next edition will build on this by investigating synergies between SDG 7 and the remaining SDGs. Guiding questions for the discussion were presented:
 - i. How can we further improve the process of coordinating, producing and reviewing the Policy Briefs?
 - ii. How can we make the most out of the Expert Group on Interlinkages?
 - iii. How can we strengthen the link between the regional Policy Briefs and the Policy Briefs on interlinkages?
 - iv. How can we ensure coherence between the SDG7 Policy Briefs and the Global Roadmap for Accelerated SDG 7 Action? How can the Policy Briefs be linked to the Energy Compacts?

2. Adoption of Agenda

- a. The draft agenda was adopted without amendment.

3. Towards the SDG7 Policy Briefs 2023

- a. Upcoming points of engagement were introduced for discussion, in particular the HLPF and SDG summit in July 2023. As SDG 7 will be reviewed, the TAG’s work should aim to inform the orientation of the ministerial deliberations and to influence the Ministerial Declaration, including through pushing the “strengthening interlinkages” angle.
- b. TAG members welcomed this focus and provided the following feedback:

- i. Leveraging the presence of Heads of State. Members proposed identifying 4-5 Heads of State to champion TAG's work at HLPF, or engaging their senior advisors in production or dissemination processes to create a sense of buy-in. Members noted we must also not overlook collaboration with other decision-makers who are important for translating recommendations into implementation.
- ii. Improving coordination between the Tracking SDG 7 report and the policy briefs, and between regional policy briefs and global analyses. Members proposed that analytical studies could be standardized across products, with a focus on sharing regional-level best practices. Opportunities to find productive synergies with the processes for the 2023 Global Stocktake for the Paris Agreement and COP28 in Dubai were also proposed.
- iii. Creating a strategic outreach plan. Members called for more structure and focus in order for dissemination to effectively target various audiences. Specific suggestions included: considering formats such as press releases, op-eds or blogs; and proactively using partner organizations to disseminate key messages. Members proposed country-specific dissemination to better ensure that recommendations inform decision-making; Finally, it was noted that while Members are key in these efforts, DESA can play a central role in providing relevant material.
- iv. Recommendations for improving the review process. Members suggested improving on past reviewing processes by creating smaller expert groups on specific policy briefs/issues, and prioritizing preparation before meetings to enable strong suggestions during the meeting.

4. Conclusions and Next Steps

- a. The Co-Facilitators thanked all participants for their commitment to the timelines and their quality of work and dedication and commitment, reiterating that TAG's success is attributable to the group's multi-stakeholder approach.
- b. For members' reference, the Secretariat will circulate a copy of the 2018 ministerial declaration which includes a one-page description of SDG 7.
- c. A TAG meeting will take place in October to coordinate the drafting process.
- d. The next Tracking SDG 7 report will be led by the WHO, with databases made available around the end of January.
- e. The Secretariat invited members to indicate their interest in hosting a face-to-face meeting within the next 12 months; the World Bank indicated tentative interest for Spring 2023.

Annex 1: Participants List

Organisation	Name
ENERGIA	Sheila Oparaocha (co-facilitator)
Norway	Hans Olav Ibrek (co-facilitator); Geir Yngve Hermansen (Norad)
UNICEF	Lisa Nyamadzawo
Clean Cooking Alliance	Andrea Stanisic
Kenya	Paul Mbuti
Netherlands	Frank van der Vleuten
GIZ	Caroline Form
IIASA	Leena Srivastava
IEA	Yannick Monschauer
Ren21	Andrea Wainer
UN ESCAP	Hongpeng Liu
UNIDO	Katharina Proestler, Nicholas Dehod
SDG7 Youth Constituency	David Arinze
WB	Elisa Portale, Stephen Halloway
WHO	Tzu-Wei Tseng
IAS	Thameur Chaibi (Expert Group)
ORNL	David McCollum (Expert Group)
Imperial College London	Rocio Diaz-Chavez (Expert Group)
CATF	Lily Odarno (Expert Group)
University of Sussex	Benjamin Sovacool (Expert Group)
UNDESA (ex officio)	Minoru Takada, Martin Niemetz, Nadine Salame, Jonathan Proksch, Hope Sutherland

Annex 2: Agenda



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Draft Agenda

1. Opening remarks by the Co-Facilitators

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

2. Adoption of the Agenda

3. Towards the SDG7 Policy Briefs 2023

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5. Conclusions and Next Steps by the Co-Facilitators