



SDG 7 Technical Advisory Group Meeting

25 October – 09:00 to 10:00 EST (NY Time)

Virtual meeting

Meeting Summary

Members of the SDG 7 Technical Advisory Group (SDG7 TAG) met via a conference call, 25 October 2022, 09:00 to 10:00 EST. The list of participants and the agenda are in Annex 1 and Annex 2, respectively.

1. Opening remarks

- a. Mr. Hans Olav Ibrekk, Co-Facilitator of the SDG7 TAG, opened the meeting by highlighting the upcoming COP 27. In addition, the facilitator expressed his concern about what is happening in the Europe and the emerging markets in terms of energy and how this will impact progress on SDG 7. The Secretariat noted the importance of the second global review of SDG7 at the HLPF 2023 and the SDG Summit, highlighting that 2023 will be a milestone for SDG7 and its interlinkages.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

- a. The draft agenda was adopted without amendments.

3. Toward the review of SDG7 at the HLPF 2023 and SDG7 TAG Workplan for 2022-2023

- a. The Secretariat provided a presentation to initiate the discussions on the review of SDG7 TAG at the HLPF 2023 and the SDG7 TAG's upcoming work. The presentation included a review of the origin, mandate and achievements of the TAG; provided an overview of the HLPF 2023, the SDG Summit 2023, and the preparatory process for the review of SDG7; discussed plans for the SDG7 Policy Briefs 2023, including a draft table of contents; highlighted the review of Tracking SDG7: The Energy Progress Report; provided suggestions for outreach and engagement; proposed an increase in TAG membership; and presented a timeline for the TAG's work, including its meetings.
- b. TAG members welcomed the presentation and provided feedback:
 - i. Members signalled their readiness to engage. The Secretariat will reach out bilaterally to discuss in detail potential contributions.
 - ii. The structure of the policy briefs was discussed and supported. The key messages of each Policy Brief should be determined at the outset, to allow for focused drafting, resulting in short briefs which quickly convey their message. Each policy brief should be focused and succinct.
 - iii. Additional SDG7 TAG members will be invited taking into consideration regional and stakeholder balance, including potential representatives from governments (especially from developing countries), the private

sector (e.g. business associations) and academia (e.g. the Council of Engineers for the Energy Transition (CEET))

- iv. The process of SDG7 reviews should be built on existing processes, such as regional and sub-regional consultations.
- v. While the HLPF remains the main target audience for the policy briefs, they will need to be made accessible to policy makers and broader audience. The content orientation and presentation should be improved to this end. The outreach on the policy briefs should be improved in order to further strengthen their impact which should be monitored.

4. AOB

- a. No issues were raised for discussion under AOB

5. Closing and next steps

- a. Ms. Sheila Oparaocha, Co-Facilitator of the SDG7 TAG thanked all participants for the valuable contributions, emphasised the need to get going quickly to deliver in time for the HLPF, and asked the Secretariat to share draft summary and presentation slides with the members.
- b. Next steps:
 - i. The Secretariat will consult to determine the date for the next virtual SDG7 TAG meeting
 - ii. The Secretariat will reach out bilaterally to TAG members to discuss their contributions to the SDG7 Policy Briefs
 - iii. The Secretariat will start the process of inviting new members to join the TAG to improve its regional balance and further broaden the range of perspectives represented.

Annex 1: Participants List

| Organisation | Name |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| ENERGIA | Sheila Oparaocha (co-facilitator) |
| Norway | Hans Olav Ibrek (co-facilitator) |
| Germany | Paul Recknagel |
| Clean Cooking Alliance | Julienne Belopolsky |
| IAEA | Wei Huang; Henri Pallere |
| IRENA | Sofja Giljova; Mirjam Reiner |
| Power for All | Kristina Skierka |
| UNDP | Chibulu Luo |
| UN ECE | Dario Liguti |
| UN ESCAP | Hongpeng Liu |
| UNEP | John Christensen |
| UNICEF | Lisa Nyamadzawo |
| UNIDO | Nicholas Dehod |
| UNITAR | Thomas Fohgrub |
| UNSD | Leonardo Souza |
| Vienna University of Technology/IIASA | Nebojsa Nakicenovic |
| WB | Elisa Portale |
| WHO | Heather Adair-Rohani |
| UNDESA (ex officio) | Minoru Takada; Bahareh Seyed; Martin Niemetz; Nadine Salame |



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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. Toward the review of SDG7 at the HLPF 2023

4. SDG7 TAG Workplan for 2022-2023

5. Next Steps

6. AOB

7. Closing