



SDG 7 Technical Advisory Group Meeting

16 January 2023 – 10:30 to 12:30 GST (Abu Dhabi Time)

IRENA Headquarters

Hybrid meeting

Meeting Summary

Members of the SDG 7 Technical Advisory Group (SDG7 TAG) met on 16 January 2023, 10:30 to 12:30 GST. The list of participants and the agenda are in Annex 1 and Annex 2, respectively.

1. Welcome by Host

- a. On behalf of IRENA as host of the meeting, Ms. Rabia Ferroukhi, welcomed all of the participants, highlighting the importance of the work of the SDG7 Technical Advisory Group.

2. Opening remarks

- a. The Co-Facilitators of the SDG7 TAG, Mr. Hans Olav Ibrekk and Ms. Sheila Oparaocha, thanked IRENA for hosting the meeting, and opened the meeting by sharing their impressions on the IRENA Assembly which had concluded the previous day. They highlighted the importance of the SDG7 TAG's upcoming tasks, considering in particular the second global review of SDG7 at the HLPF 2023 and the SDG Summit, but also longer-term perspectives towards the Global Stocktake on SDG7 in 2024 and beyond.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

- a. The draft agenda was adopted without amendments.

4. SDG7 at Mid-Point: Overview of preparations towards SDG 7 review at HLPF 2023, SDG Summit, and Global Stocktake on SDG7 2024, and other important milestones

- a. The Secretariat gave a presentation providing an overview of key milestones regarding the review of SDG7 at HLPF and beyond, including some new details on the HLPF 2023, the SDG Summit 2023, and the preparatory process for the review of SDG7 which will involve a in-person meeting of the SDG7 TAG in Washington hosted by the World Bank in March and a Expert Group Meeting in New York at the end of April.
- b. TAG members welcomed the presentation and provided feedback:
 - i. Representatives from ESCAP, ESCWA, and ECE provided an overview of the processes in their respective regions in preparation of the review of SDG7 at the HLPF.
 - ii. The representative of REN21 informed on the upcoming SPIREC 2023, co-hosted the Spanish Government and REN21 on 20-23 February in Madrid.
 - iii. The representative of UNIDO informed on the Vienna Energy Forum 2023 which will take place on 13-14 June in Vienna, organized jointly by the

Austrian Government, the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis and UNIDO.

- iv. The representative of the World Bank underlined the commitment to hosting an in-person meeting of the SDG7 TAG in Washington in March, noting that details, including the dates of the meeting will be shared soon.
- v. Various interventions highlighted the need to design the SDG7 review at the HLPF and its preparations in an inclusive manner which ensures that all regions, in particular Africa, are represented, as well as to ensure participation of youth, the private sector, civil society and other stakeholders.
- vi. A number of interventions noted the need to establish and communicate a compelling and coherent narrative on SDG7, which must fully capture key elements such as just energy transitions, leaving no one behind, the impacts of energy crisis, and the lack of – and even reversal - of progress in some areas.
- vii. Several representatives noted that a multistakeholder forum on energy established at the UN would fill a gap in terms of providing an inclusive space to discuss more regularly issues regarding SDG7.
- viii. It was highlighted that the work of the SDG7 TAG should address also more directly the Global Roadmap for Accelerated SDG7 Action, including progress on its milestones for 2025 and 2030.

5. The SDG7 Policy Briefs 2023

- a. The Secretariat provided a presentation on the SDG7 Policy Briefs, including a revised draft table of contents for the compilation (Annex 3) and a timeline with the steps towards the publication of the Briefs (Annex 4).
- b. TAG members welcomed the presentation and provided feedback:
 - i. The key messages of the compilation of Policy Briefs should convey the points made regarding the overarching narrative on SDG7 discussed under the previous agenda item.
 - ii. Several interventions emphasized the need to strengthen communications on the SDG7 Policy Briefs. The idea to organize open online consultations to generate additional multistakeholder inputs was welcomed and some representatives offered their support in designing this process.

6. Update on the SDG7 Tracking Report

- a. As chair of the *Tracking SDG7: The Energy Progress Report 2023*, Ms. Heather Adair-Rohani of the WHO, provided an update on the authors' preparations and a preview on the process ahead towards publication. Notably the data will be shared with the regional commissions by the end of February and the draft report will be available for review by the SDG7 TAG in March.

7. Next Steps

- a. The Secretariat outlined the next steps, notably including work on the first drafts of the Policy Briefs and the organization of the in-person meeting of the SDG7 TAG hosted by the World Bank in March.

8. AOB

- a. No issues were raised for discussion under AOB

9. Closing

- a. The Co-Facilitators 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 work on an overview calendar of events and to share the draft meeting summary and presentation slides with the members.

Annex 1: Participants List

Organisation	Name
ENERGIA	Sheila Oparaocha (co-facilitator)
Norway	Hans Olav Ibrekk (co-facilitator)
Denmark	Dorthea Damkjær, Laura Skøt
Germany	Paul Recknagel, Ricardo Kuelheim (virtual)
Kenya	Paul Mbuti
Netherlands	Frank van der Vleuten
Pakistan	Muhammad Imran Khan
IAEA	Henri Paillere
IRENA	Rabia Ferroukhi; Sofja Giljova; Mirjam Reiner
Power for All	Kristina Skierka, Aashna Aggarwal
REN21	Rana Adib, Mariela Lopez Hidalgo
SDG7 Youth Constituency	Asma Rouabhia, David Arinze
UNDP	Chibulu Luo
UN ECE	Dario Liguti, Gianluca Sambucini, Igor Litvinyuk (virtual)
UN ESCAP	Hongpeng Liu (virtual)
UN ESCWA	Radia Sedaoui
UNIDO	Ewita Moawad
UNITAR	Philip Sandwell (virtual)
WB	H. Stephen Halloway (virtual)
WHO	Heather Adair-Rohani
UNDESA (ex officio)	Minoru Takada; Martin Niemetz



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Draft Agenda

1. Welcome by Host

- **Ms. Rabia Ferroukhi**, Director, KPFC, IRENA

2. Opening remarks by the Co-Facilitators

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

3. SDG7 at Mid-Point: Overview of preparations towards SDG 7 review at HLPF 2023, SDG Summit, and Global Stocktake on SDG7 2024, and other important milestones

- **Presentation by Mr. Minoru Takada**, Team Leader (Energy), DESA
- **Interventions by:**
 - **Regional Economic Commissions**
 - **UNFCCC or/and UAE on COP28**
 - **UNIDO on Vienna Energy Forum**
 - **REN21 on SPIREC**
- **Open discussion**

4. The SDG7 Policy Briefs 2023

- **Mr. Martin Niemetz**, Sustainable Development Officer, DESA
- **Open Discussion**

5. Update on the SDG7 Tracking Report

- **Ms. Heather Adair-Rohani**, Air Quality and Health Unit Head (ai), WHO

6. Next Steps

- **Mr. Minoru Takada**, Team Leader (Energy), DESA

7. AOB

8. Closing

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

Annex 3:

SDG7 Policy Briefs 2023

Table of Content

Policy Brief	Lead Agencies (focal point email address)	Contributors
1. Key Messages for Policy Makers	DESA (Secretariat) (martin.niemetz@un.org)	SDG7 TAG members
2. Advancing SDG 7 Implementation in Support of the 2030 Agenda	SDG7 Indicator Custodian Agencies (adairrohanih@who.int)	SDG7 Indicator Custodian Agencies
3. SDG7's Interlinkages to other SDGs	DESA (Secretariat) (martin.niemetz@un.org)	SDG7 TAG members
4. Just and Inclusive Energy Transitions	DESA (Secretariat) (martin.niemetz@un.org)	UN-Energy
5.1. Advancing SDG7 in Africa	ECA (mehlwana@un.org)	SDG7 TAG members
5.2. Advancing SDG7 in Asia and the Pacific	ESCAP (liu4@un.org)	SDG7 TAG members
5.3. Advancing SDG7 in the Arab region	ESCWA (sedaoui@un.org)	SDG7 TAG members
5.4. Advancing SDG7 in the ECE region	ECE (dario.liguti@un.org)	SDG7 TAG members
5.5. Advancing SDG7 in Latin America and the Caribbean	ECLAC (rayen.quiroga@cepal.org)	SDG7 TAG members
5.6. Advancing SDG7 in LDCs, LLDCs, and SIDS	OHRLLS (thowfeequ@un.org)	SDG7 TAG members

Annex 4: SDG7 Policy Briefs Timeline

February-March	Online multi-stakeholder consultations to provide inputs for SDG7 review
First half of March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TAG Meeting hosted by World Bank: review of available drafts, discussion of key messages, broader strategic deliberations • First full drafts of SDG7 policy briefs ready • SDG7 Tracking Report circulated for review

By 6 April	Revised drafts ready
25-26 April (<i>tbc</i>)	Expert Group Meeting in preparation of SDG7 review: Review of revised drafts
By 5 May	Final drafts ready
First half of June	Joint Launch
12 July	Review of SDG7 at HLPF