

SDG 7 Technical Advisory Group:

Toward SDG7 Review at the HLPF and Beyond

18 April 2023, 09:00 – 10:00 EDT

UNHQ – New York

Meeting Summary

The SDG7 Technical Advisory Group met virtually at the technical level on 18 April 2023, 09:00 to 10:00 EDT. The agenda is attached in [Annex 1](#). The list of participants is attached in [Annex 2](#).

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

The co-facilitators of the SDG7 TAG, Ms. Sheila Oparaocha, Executive Director, ENERGIA, and Mr. Hans Olav Ibrenk, Special Envoy, Climate and Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway, opened the meeting by welcoming the TAG members and briefly discussing the topics on the agenda, such as reviewing the status of and finalizing SDG7 Policy Brief drafts, as well as the Tracking SDG7: the Energy Progress Report.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The draft agenda was adopted without amendment.

3. First Drafts of the SDG7 Policy Briefs 2023: Status update and timeline for the finalization

The Secretariat gave a presentation establishing the timeline for finalization of the SDG7 Policy Briefs and the status of the SDG7 Tracking Report. The following discussion highlighted the issue of data congruence and coherency across the Briefs and with the Report.

4. Update on the 2023 Tracking SDG7 Energy Progress Report

The World Bank on behalf of the indicator custodians provided a brief update on the Energy Progress Report, thanking the TAG members for the valuable inputs received and informing that the Report is currently in the editing phase and is on track to be finalized at the beginning of May.

5. Key Messages Key Messages for Policy-Makers: Main points

Building on the brainstorming on key messages for policy makers at the TAG meeting on 15 March, the Secretariat screened an initial set of potential headlines for key messages as discussion-starters. In the discussion that ensued, TAG members raised a number of important points including:

- the right balance between portraying the somewhat sobering facts and maintaining some sense of optimism in support of action; raised urgency, optimism of the goals, and progress made.
- The way the role of SDG7 vis-à-vis the other SDGs is portrayed and whether it is fair to state that it is central to rescuing the SDGs.
- It was noted that “There is no just, inclusive and equitable energy transition without universal energy access” may be too obvious as to serve as a headline key message.
- The importance of messaging on clean energy investments was emphasized, noting that adding concrete numbers would further strengthen the messaging.
- The importance of messaging on regular intergovernmental dialogues on energy at UN was highlighted.

6. Next Steps leading up to HLPF

The Secretariat provided an overview of the next steps, including a timeline of SDG7 milestones. Updates on the respective upcoming events were provided, including the Expert Group Meeting on 11-12 May, the publication of the Energy Progress Report and SDG7 Policy Briefs in June, and the review of SDG7 at the HLPF on 12 July. Ongoing communications including topic-specific webinars will be held in June and July.

7. Closing

The co-facilitators of the meeting, Ms. Sheila Oparaocha and Mr. Hans Olav Ibrekk, provided concluding remarks, encouraging all to send in further suggestions for key messages, and closed the meeting by thanking all the participants for their active engagement.

Annex 1:



SDG 7 Technical Advisory Group Meeting 18 April – 09:00 to 10:00 EDT (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. First Drafts of the SDG7 Policy Briefs 2023: Status update and timeline for the finalization

4. Update on the Tracking SDG7 report 2023

5. Key Messages for Policy-Makers: Main points

6. Next Steps leading up to HLPF

- Global Expert Group Meeting in support of SDG7 review
- Global launch of the SDG7 Tracking report 2023 and the SDG7 Policy Briefs 2023
- Communications and outreach plans
- HLPF 2023:
 - SDG7 review on 12 July
 - Side event
 - HL Luncheon

7. AOB

8. Closing

Annex 2:

List of Participants

Organisation	Name
ENERGIA	Sheila Oparaocha (co-facilitator)
Norway	Hans Olav Ibrek (co-facilitator)
Denmark	Zoe Burke
Germany	Paul Recknagel, Ricardo Kuelheim
Kenya	Paul Mbuthi
Sweden	Monica Gullberg
European Commission	Nicola Bugatti
AfDB	Daniel Schroth
CCA	Jillene Belopolsky, Catherine Oxholm
FAO	Michela Morese, Ana Kojakovic
GEIDCO	Kemi Yao
IAEA	Wei Huang, Bianca Carpinelli
IIASA	Shonali Pachauri
IEA	Gianluca Tonolo
IRENA	Mirjam Reiner, Nanda Febriani Moenandar, Hannah Sofia Guinto
Power for All	Kristina Skierka
SDG7 Youth Constituency	Asma Rouabhia
SEforALL	Divya Kottadiel
UNDP	Chibulu Luo
UN ECA	Monga Mehlwana
UN ECE	Gianluca Sambucini
UN ECLAC	Marina Gil Sevilla
UNEP	John Christensen
UN-Habitat	Vincent Kitio
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BCG India	Leena Srivastava
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