

**SDG 7 Technical Advisory Group:****Toward SDG7 Review at the HLPF and Beyond***15 March 2023, 09:30 – 16:00 EDT*

World Bank Headquarters, Washington DC

**Meeting Summary**

The SDG7 Technical Advisory Group met in-person and virtually at the technical level on 15 March 2023, 08:15 to 16:00 EDT, hosted by the World Bank in Washington. The agenda is attached in [Annex 1](#). The list of participants is attached in [Annex 2](#). The meeting was preceded by a special event organized by the World Bank and UN DESA: “Launch of the ‘Unlocking Clean Cooking Pathways: A Practitioner’s Keys to Progress’ report”

**1. Welcome and Opening Remarks**

The chair of the meeting, Ms. Sheila Oparaocha, Executive Director, ENERGIA, and Co-Facilitator of SDG7 TAG, opened the meeting underlining the importance of the work of this Group in the larger context of efforts to accelerate progress on SDG7.

As host of the meeting, Ms. Gabriela Elizondo, Practice Manager, ESMAP, World Bank, welcomed all the participants and highlighted the commitment of the World Bank in support of the work of the SDG7.

In the opening remarks, Mr. Demetrios Papathanasiou, Global Director, Energy and Extractives Global Practice, World Bank, noted the urgency of achieving real impact, considering insufficient progress towards SDG7. Speaking on behalf of Mr. Juwang Zhu, Acting Director, Division for Sustainable Development Goal, UNDESA, Mr. Minoru Takada pointed towards upcoming opportunities such as the SDG7 review at the HLPF, the SDGs Summit, COP27 and the global stocktake on SDG7 in 2024. Finally, Mr. Hans Olav Ibrekk, Special Envoy, Climate and Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway, and Co-Facilitator of SDG7 TAG, emphasized the need to accelerate progress in the current global political context, which must include the most vulnerable, addressing energy access in developing countries where the situation has worsened due to the energy crisis.

**2. Adoption of the Agenda**

The draft agenda was adopted without amendment.

### **3. Scene-setting: Toward SDG7 Review and Beyond**

The Secretariat gave a presentation highlighting the past and upcoming milestones towards SDG7, noting the key challenges regarding the achievement of SDG7 in support of the 2030 Agenda and the net zero emissions, and highlighting the overall contributions of the TAG. It was emphasized that it will be key to work together towards the Tracking SDG7 report and the SDG7 Policy Brief, using this meeting to extract key messages which can be leveraged in the intergovernmental process on SDG7.

### **4. Achieving SDG7**

Following the presentation, the authors of the Tracking SDG7 report and the SDG7 Policy Briefs provided updates on the drafting, noting also some of the key challenges and opportunities towards the achievement of SDG7.

The discussion began with interventions from SDG7 indicator custodians, including the World Bank, WHO, IEA, IRENA, and UNSD at DESA. It was pointed out that the draft chapters of the Tracking SDG7 report will be available to TAG members for review from 16 March to 23 March. The World Bank also presented an initial draft of a Global Roadmap for Clean Cooking, focusing on a shift to clean fuel sources by 2050.

Subsequently, the UN regional economic commissions - including ECLAC, ESCAP, ECE, and ECA - and OHRLLS provided updates on the drafting of the regional briefs and on progress towards SDG7 in their regions and groupings. The interventions highlighted the most pressing challenges, while also noting progress in some areas.

Finally, the Secretariat provided some information on the policy brief on SDG7 and its interlinkages to other SDGs, and the policy brief on just, inclusive, and equitable transition.

### **5. Key Messages**

Following a presentation by the Secretariat on potential issues to be addressed by the key messages, an open discussion produced various suggestions and considerations on the key messages to be highlighted in support of intergovernmental discussions.

Key issues mentioned in the discussions include, but not limited to: universal access, net-zero clean cooking, modern renewables, efficiency, just transition, financing and investment, climate action, intergovernmental dialogues, data collection, interlinkages and synergies, gender, no one left behind, and partnerships.

The discussion also reinforced the importance of this year as a pivotal moment for energy, due to the convergence of high-level dialogues and conferences such as the HLPF, the SDG Summit, COP28, and the Climate Ambition Summit, as well as preparation for the Global Stocktake on SDG7 Implementation. It was pointed out that messaging will need to balance the acceleration of urgency and ambition to reach the goals of SDG7 with the recognition of progress and on-going innovation, and hope for the future.

## 6. Next Steps

The Secretariat provided an overview of the next steps, including a timeline for the SDG7 Policy Briefs. **Importantly, first full drafts of each SDG7 Policy Brief will need to be submitted by 31 March.** The next virtual meeting of the SDG7 TAG is scheduled for 18 April 2023 to review the drafts and preparations towards the global Expert Group Meeting in support of SDG7 review in May and the launch of the SDG7 tracking report and the SDG7 policy briefs in early June.

Ongoing communications including webinars will be held throughout.

## 7. Closing

The chair of the meeting, Ms. Sheila Oparaocha, Executive Director, ENERGIA, and Co-Facilitator of SDG7 TAG, emphasized the valuable contributions that were made in the discussions and the need to follow-up with the next steps, and closed the meeting by thanking all of the participants for their active engagement.

Annex 1:



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World Bank Headquarters, Main Building, 1818 H Street, NW, Washington DC

Room: MC C1-200

**Agenda**

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| <b>07:30 – 08:00</b> | Arrival/Coffee   |
| <b>08:15 – 09:15</b> | <p><b>Special Event: “Launch of the ‘Unlocking Clean Cooking Pathways: A Practitioner’s Keys to Progress’ report”</b></p> <p>For online participation: <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a> (Please note that there is a separate link to the TAG meeting)</p>   |
| <b>09:15 – 09:25</b> | Coffee Break   |
| <b>09:25 – 09:30</b> | Housekeeping announcement by the secretariat   |
| <b>09:30 – 13:00</b> | <p><b>Meeting of the SDG 7 Technical Advisory Group</b></p> <p>For online participation: <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a> (Please note that this is a different link to the previous event)</p> <p>Chaired by <b>Ms. Sheila Oparaocha</b>, Executive Director, ENERGIA, and Co-Facilitator of SDG7 TAG</p> |
| <b>09:30 – 09:35</b> | <p><b>Welcome by Host</b></p> <p><b>Ms. Gabriela Elizondo</b>, Practice Manager, ESMAP, World Bank</p>   |

09:35 – 09:50	<p><b>Opening Remarks</b></p> <p><i>Mr. Demetrios Papathanasiou, Global Director, Energy and Extractives Global Practice, World Bank</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Juwang Zhu, Acting Director, Division for Sustainable Development Goal, UNDESA</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Hans Olav Ibrekk, Special Envoy, Climate and Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway, and Co-Facilitator of SDG7 TAG</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Sheila Oparaocha, Executive Director, ENERGIA, and Co-Facilitator of SDG7 TAG</i></p>
09:50 – 09:55	<p><b>Adoption of Agenda</b></p>
09:55 – 10:00	<p><b>Scene-setting: Toward SDG7 Review and Beyond</b></p> <p><i>Mr. Minoru Takada, Team Leader, Energy and Climate, UNDESA</i></p>
10:00 – 10:50	<p><b>Achieving SDG7</b></p> <p>Moderator: <i>Ms. Sheila Oparaocha</i></p> <p><i>Discussion of challenges and opportunities drawing on the draft SDG7 Policy Briefs and the Tracking SDG7 report. Speakers will provide a short update on the drafting of the Policy Briefs. Each intervention is limited to 2 minutes.</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Elisa Portale, Senior Energy Specialist, ESMAP, World Bank</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Yabei Zhang, Senior Energy Specialist, ESMAP, World Bank</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Kendra Williams, Consultant, WHO</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Gianluca Tonolo, Lead Energy Access at WEO, IEA</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Mirjam Reiner, Associate Programme Officer, IRENA</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Leonardo Souza, Chief, Energy Statistics Section, UNSD</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Hongpeng Liu, Director, Energy Division, ESCAP</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Dario Liguti, Director, Sustainable Energy Division, ECE</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Radia Sedaoui, Chief of Energy Section, Climate Change and Natural resource Sustainability Cluster, ESCWA</i></p>

**Ms. Rayen Quiroga**, Head of the Water and Energy Unit,  
ECLAC

**Mr. Monga Mehlwana**, Economic Affairs Officer, ECA

**Ms. Shifaana Thowfeequ**, Programme Management Officer,  
OHRLLS

**Mr. Martin Niemetz**, Sustainable Development Officer, DESA

**10:50 – 11:10**      **Coffee Break**

**11:10 – 12:00**      **Achieving SDG7 (continued)**

*Open Discussion (interventions are limited to 2 minutes)*

**12:00 – 12:40**      **Key Messages**

*Introduction by **Ms. Bahareh Seyedi**, Senior Sustainable Development  
Officer, UNDESA*

*Open Discussion*

**12:40 – 12:50**      **Next Steps**

***Ms. Nadine Salame**, Senior Programme Associate, UNDESA*

**12:50 – 13:00**      **Conclusion and Closing**

***Ms. Sheila Oparaocha***

**13:00 – 15:00**      **Lunch**

*Welcome by **Ms. Gabriela Elizondo**, Practice Manager, ESMAP, World Bank*

**15:00 – 16:00**      **Deep Dive Discussions**

## Annex 2:

### List of Participants

- 1- Mr. Hans Olav Ibrekk – Norway (co-facilitator)
- 2- Ms. Sheila Oparaocha – ENERGIA (co-facilitator)
- 3- Mr. Guangzhe Chen – WB (Host)
- 4- Mr. Demetrios Papathanasiou – WB (Host)
- 5- Ms. Gabriela Elizondo – WB (Host)
- 6- Ms. Elisa Portale – WB (Host)
- 7- Ms. Yabei Zhang – WB (Host)
- 8- Mr. Stephen Halloway – WB (Host)
- 9- Ms. Alisha Noella Pinto – WB (host)
- 10- Ms. Jingyi Wu - WB (Host)
- 11- Mr. Raihan Elahi – WB (Host)
- 12- Ms. Nathyeli Acuna Castillio – WB (Host)
- 13- Ms. Aleena Majeed – Pakistan Mission to the UN
- 14- Mr. Paul Mbuti – Ministry of Energy, Kenya
- 15- Ms. Doris Agbevivi – Energy Commission, Ghana
- 16- Mr. Humam Al-Shaikhli - Iraq Mission to the UN
- 17- Ms. Meriem El Hilali – Morocco mission to the UN
- 18- Ms. Roselina Lindo – National Energy Secretariat, Panama
- 19- Ms. Amy Wickham – UNICEF
- 20- Ms. Lisa Nyamadzawo - UNICEF
- 21- Mr. Leonardo Souza – UNDESA SD
- 22- Ms. Dymphna van der Lans - Clean Cooking Alliance
- 23- Ms. Catherine Oxholm - Clean Cooking Alliance
- 24- Mr. Jem Porcaro – SEforALL
- 25- Ms. Annette Aharonian – SEforALL
- 26- Ms. Divya Kottadiel – SEforALL
- 27- Ms. Kendra Williams - WHO
- 28- Ms. Mirjam Reiner – IRENA
- 29- Mr. Kemi Yao – GEIDCO
- 30- Mr. He Qing – GEIDCO
- 31- Ms. Asma Rouabhia - SDG7 Youth Constituency
- 32- Mr. David Arinze – SDG7 Youth Constituency
- 33- Ms. Mira Bergem – Denmark
- 34- Ms. Cecilia Trygved – Denmark
- 35- Mr. Frank van der Vleuten – Netherlands

- 36-** Ms. Loes van den Elzen - Netherlands
- 37-** Ms. Radia Sedaoui – ESCWA
- 38-** Ms. Rayen Quiroga – ECLAC
- 39-** Ms. Marina Gil Sevilla – ECLAC
- 40-** Ms. Naja Vargas - ECLAC
- 41-** Mr. Dario Liguti – ECE
- 42-** Mr. Gianluca Sambucini – ECE
- 43-** Mr. Igor Litvinyuk – ECE
- 44-** Mr. Hongpeng Liu – ESCAP
- 45-** Mr. Sergey Tulinov – ESCAP
- 46-** Mr. Monga Mehlwana – ECA
- 47-** Ms. Shifaan Thowfeequ - OHRLLS
- 48-** Ms. Michela Morese – FAO
- 49-** Mr. Gianluca Tonolo – IEA
- 50-** Ms. Leena Srivastava – BCG India
- 51-** Ms. Kristina Skierka – Power for All
- 52-** Mr. Phil Sandwell – UNITAR
- 53-** Ms. Katherina Pröstler – UNIDO
- 54-** Mr. Santiago Nocelli Pac – UNIDO
- 55-** Mr. Nicola Bugati – EU INTPA
- 56-** Mr. Paul Recknagel – GIZ
- 57-** Ms. Monica Gullberg – SIDA
- 58-** Ms. Chibulu Luo – UNDP
- 59-** Mr. John Christensen – UNEP
- 60-** Mr. Simon Batchelor - MECS
- 61-** Mr. Juwang Zhu – UNDESA (Secretariat)
- 62-** Mr. Minoru Takada – UNDESA (Secretariat)
- 63-** Ms. Bahareh Seyedi - UNDESA (Secretariat)
- 64-** Mr. Martin Niemetz - UNDESA (Secretariat)
- 65-** Ms. Nadine Salame – UNDESA (Secretariat)
- 66-** Ms. Pragati Pascale – UNDESA (Secretariat)
- 67-** Ms. Veronika Ruskova – UNDESA (Secretariat)
- 68-** Mr. Max Yogeshwar – UNDESA (Secretariat)