

SDG 7 Technical Advisory Group Meeting

16 November – 08:30 - 09:30 EST (NY Time)

Teleconference

Meeting Summary

The SDG7 Technical Advisory Group met virtually at the technical level on 16 November 2023, 08:30 to 9:30 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 Ibrek, 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, emphasizing that this meeting is the first one post SDG Summit (18-19 September 2023) and the High-Level Political Forum (10-19 July 2023). The meeting's agenda was shaped by discussing the roadmap towards 2024 and focused on key milestones taking place in 2024, such as the Global Stocktake and the High-Level Political Forum.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The draft agenda was adopted without amendment.

3. Towards the Global Stocktake of SDG7 in 2024 and the HLPF 2024

The Secretariat provided a presentation to initiate the discussions on the upcoming work of the SDG7 TAG in the context of the Global Stocktake for SDG7, the High-Level Political Forum and the Summit of the Future in 2024. The Global Stocktaking on SDG7, which will be convened by the President of the General Assembly, is scheduled for Q2 in New York, marking the completion of the UN Decade of Sustainable Energy for All. There is an opportunity for the TAG to play an important role in the preparatory process for the Global Stocktaking. The respective thematic and regional consultations will take place in Q1 2024. A concept note and timeline for the Global Stocktaking on SDG7 and its preparatory process will be issued in consultation with the PGA in December.

4. SDG7 TAG Workplan 2023-2024

- a.** Given the particular context in 2024, it was noted that there is a big opportunity for the TAG to support both the HLPF 2024 and the Global Stocktaking on SDG7. The SDG7 Policy Briefs would be designed to feed into both of these milestones, and would be drafted and issued in cooperation with UN-Energy. Of course, this also means aligning the production timeline to a delivery of the Policy Briefs by early April. It was pointed out during the discussions that the Policy Briefs could consider the SDGs under review at the HLPF 2024, especially poverty, hunger, and climate change.
- b.** On the Tracking SDG7: The Energy Progress Report, aligning the timeline to the Global Stocktaking would be preferred, though challenges remain and the custodians will discuss this issue at their next meeting and revert.

5. AOB

No issues were raised for discussion under AOB.

6. Closing and next steps

Ms. Sheila Oparaocha, Co-Facilitator of the SDG7 TAG thanked all participants for the valuable contributions and underscored the strategic importance of the upcoming the Global Stocktaking, positioning the TAG prominently in intergovernmental discussions. Emphasis was placed on the multi-stakeholder process and collaborative efforts with UN-Energy. The direct linkage between preparations for the High-Level Political Forum and the Global Stocktake, particularly in terms of policy briefs, was highlighted. Recognizing the time constraints in the second quarter of the next year, the Secretariat was called upon to prepare a detailed timeline, stressing the significance of thorough planning for successful outcomes.

The next virtual SDG7 TAG meeting will take place in December or early January, back to back with a meeting of UN-Energy.

Annex 1:



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- 1. Opening remarks by the Co-Facilitators**
- 2. Adoption of the Agenda**
- 3. Towards the Global Stocktake of SDG7 in 2024 and the HLPF 2024**
- 4. SDG7 TAG Workplan for 2023-2024**
- 5. AOB**
- 6. Closing**

Annex 2:

List of Participants

Organization	Name
Hivos/ENERGIA	Sheila Oparaocha (co-facilitator)
Norway	Hans Olav Ibrek (co-facilitator)
Iceland	Benedikt Höskuldsson
Sweden	Monica Gullberg
UK	Lydia John, Steven Hunt
European Commission	Nicola Bugatti
CCA	Jillene Belopolsky
EOSG	Catalina Santamaria, Clemence Lize
FAO	Ana Kojakovic
REN21	Laura Williamson
UNDP	Stefanie Held
UNECA	Linus Mofor, Anthony Monganeli Mehlwana
UNECE	Dario Liguti, Gianluca Sambucini, Oliver Peter Reynolds
UNECLAC	Marina Gil Sevilla, Naja Vargas
UNESCAP	Hongpeng Liu
UNESCWA	Radia Sedaoui
IRENA	Mirjam Reiner, Hannah Sofia Guinto
Power for All	Kristina Skierka
SDG7 Youth Constituency	Asma Rouabhia
SEforALL	Divya Kottadiel, Emi Mizuno
UNICEF	Amy Wickham
UNIDO	Nicholas Dehod
World Bank	Sandeep Kohli, Patrick Rugwizangoga
UNDESA (ex officio)	Minoru Takada, Leonardo Souza, Martin Niemetz, Nadine Salame, Dominika Zahrer, Pragati Pascale, Veronika Ruskova, Paula Nyarko