



SDG7 TAG

AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

**Technical
Advisory
Group**



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DEPARTMENT OF
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SDG 7 Technical Advisory Group Meeting

Meeting Summary

The SDG7 Technical Advisory Group met virtually at the technical level on 19 March 2024, From 08:30 to 9:30 EDT. The agenda is attached in Annex 1. The list of participants is attached in Annex 2.

Opening remarks by the Co-Facilitators

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, emphasizing that this meeting is the first in 2024 which is a milestone year for SDG7 and opportunity to pave the way forward.

Adoption of the Agenda

The draft agenda was adopted without amendment.

Towards the Global Stocktaking (GST) on SDG7

The Secretariat opened the discussion with the SDG7 TAG members on the Global Stocktaking on SDG 7, including a presentation. As mandated by resolution 77/170, the President of the General Assembly will convene on 19 April 2024 a global stocktaking to further accelerate the implementation of SDG 7 on clean and affordable energy. The stocktaking will serve to review, at the end of the UN Decade of Sustainable Energy for All, 2014-2024, progress achieved and to raise ambition and accelerate action towards attaining SDG 7 by catalysing innovative solutions, investments and multi-stakeholder partnerships to achieve the SDGs and accelerate the implementation of the Paris Agreement. The global stocktaking will be organized as part of the [Sustainability Week](#) taking place from 15-19 April 2024 at UNHQ in New York. The concept note for the global stocktaking is available [here](#).

UNDESA is supporting as Secretariat the GST and its preparatory process. The regional and thematic consultations will include:

- 1) Virtual expert meetings on 21 March.
- 2) Multi-stakeholder online survey to be completed through the [website](#) of the Global Stocktaking on SDG7.
- 3) Written inputs from Member States. Inputs will be published on the GST website.

All SDG7 TAG members have been invited to register for and participate in the 21 March virtual expert meeting and to complete the online survey. The Secretariat and the co-facilitators underline the crucial role of the SDG7 Tag members during these consultations and encourage everyone to engage in the GST process.

The consultations will be summarized by the Secretariat as input to the global stocktaking which will result in a ‘Call to Action’ by the President of the General Assembly to further accelerate the implementation of SDG7 towards 2030 and in consistence with the net zero goal to be achieved by 2050. The GST on 19 April will be a high-level event and will take place at the General Assembly Hall. The invitations for the GST are issued by the Office of the President of the General Assembly.

Deliverables of the SDG7 TAG for 2024

The Secretariat also presented on the SDG7 TAG Deliverables in 2024, focusing on three points:

- 1) Provide inputs to the GST on SDG 7 through the consultations
- 2) Review of the Energy Progress Report and launch together with Key Messages for Policymakers at the HLPF 2024
- 3) Issue a compilation of policy briefs in support of the UNGA high-level week and COP 29

In the discussions, it was highlighted that the HLPF 2024 will be important also from an energy perspective, given that it will review amongst others SDG 13 on climate change and SDG 1 on poverty reduction.

AOB

No issues were raised for discussion under AOB.

Closing

Both Co-Facilitators of the SDG7 TAG thanked all participants for the valuable contributions and underscored the strategic importance of the upcoming Global Stocktaking, positioning the SDG7 TAG prominently in intergovernmental discussions as well as defining the future of SDG7 until 2030 and beyond. Hence the participation of SDG7 TAG members at the Virtual Expert Meeting and their input to it will be of great importance.

Annex 1 Agenda



SDG 7 Technical Advisory Group Meeting 19 March – 08:30 to 09:30 EDT (NY Time)

Teleconference

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

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Annex 2 List of Participants

Name	Organization
Sheila Oparaocha (Co-facilitator)	Hivos/ENEGRIA
Hans Olav Ibrekk (Co-facilitator)	Norway (Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
Jillene Belopolsky	Clean Cooking Alliance
Leonardo Souza	DESA/SD
Clemence Lize	EOSG
Michaela Morese	FAO
Caroline Form	GIZ
Wei Huang	IAEA
Bianca Carpinelli	
Bruno Idini	IEA
Mirjam Reiner	IRENA
Hannah Sofia Guinto	
Paul Mbuthi	Kenya (Ministry of Energy and Petroleum)
Ed Brown	MECS
Asma Rouabhia	SDG7 Youth Constituency
Divya Kottadiel	SEforAll
Daniëlle Drost	The Netherlands (MFA)
Lydia John	UK
Gianluca Sambucini	UNECE
John Christensen	UNEP
Hongpeng Liu	UNESCAP
Radia Sedaoui	UNESCWA
Amy Wickham	UNICEF
Chiagozie Obuekwe	
Santiago Nocelli Pac	UNIDO
Rita Ruohonen	UNOHRLLS
Wenlu Ye	WHO
H. Stephen Halloway	World Bank
Minoru Takada, Bahareh Seyedi, Martin Niemetz, Nadine Salame, Dominika Zahrer, Pragati Pascale, Veronika Ruskova	Secretariat / UNDESA