



**SDG7 TAG**

AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

**Technical  
Advisory  
Group**



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## **SDG 7 Technical Advisory Group Meeting**

### **Meeting Summary**

The SDG7 Technical Advisory Group met virtually at the technical level on 6 November 2024, from 08:30 to 09:30 EST. 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 of ENERGIA, and Mr. Hans Olav Ibrek, Special Envoy for Climate and Security at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway, opened the meeting by welcoming TAG members and acknowledging the need to strengthen engagement again. Both co-facilitators stressed the importance of developing a detailed work plan to ensure timely progress and effective alignment with key processes. The co-facilitators highlighted the narrowing window to achieve SDG7, citing post-COVID challenges, reduced investments in developing markets, and shifting global priorities.

### **Adoption of the Agenda**

The draft agenda was adopted without amendment.

### **From the Summit of the Future to the SDG7 review at HLPF 2026**

The Secretariat highlighted the outcomes of the Summit of the Future, noting that the SDG Summit 2027 will attempt to outline the process for developing a post-2030 agenda. This will be a pivotal moment in advancing sustainable development beyond 2030 and maintaining momentum toward achieving SDG7. The Secretariat emphasized the importance of the third SDG7 review at the HLPF 2026, noting that it could be the last in its current format considering potential changes after 2027. Adopting a two-year strategy would leverage the HLPF 2025 as a key milestone to ensure focused and substantial contributions leading into the 2026 review. This strategy will be critical for supporting the potentially final SDG7 review and contributing effectively to discussions on the post-2030 agenda.

### **Work of the SDG7 TAG going forward over the next two years**

The Secretariat outlined the SDG7 TAG's work plan for the next two years to support the upcoming High-Level Political Forums (HLPF). A strategic, long-term approach will guide these efforts, ensuring cohesive preparation for both HLPF 2025 and 2026. For HLPF 2025, the SDG7 TAG will support with four individual SDG7 policy briefs on SDG3 (health), SDG5 (gender), SDG8 (employment), and vulnerable groups (LDCs, LLDCs, and SIDS), the set of key messages for policymakers, and as usual the review of the 2025 Tracking SDG7 report. For HLPF 2026, which will include a review of SDG7, the SDG7 TAG will additionally support by providing a comprehensive compilation of policy briefs that highlight the connections between SDG7 and all other SDGs.

The Secretariat proposed a revised approach to the SDG7 policy briefs, emphasizing a longer-term strategy to maximize their impact. Rather than launching all policy briefs at once, the strategy will involve individual launches over the next 1.5 years, timed to align with key events, international days, and relevant processes. This approach will ensure that each policy brief is presented at the most opportune moment, such as for example during COP or the International Day of Clean Energy, allowing for maximum visibility and engagement.

Each policy brief will follow a specific timeline, working backward from the selected launch date. These timelines will incorporate stages for SDG7 TAG review, copy-editing, and design, ensuring quality and alignment with the SDG7 TAG's priorities. The Secretariat presented the proposed timeline for SDG7 TAG products and key meetings from November 2024 to July 2026, emphasizing a structured and strategic approach for the next two years. Importantly, there will be an in-person SDG7 TAG meeting at the margins of the IRENA Assembly on 14 January 2025, for which members are encouraged to RSVP by 15 November to ensure proper registration arrangements.

### **Engagements at the upcoming COP29**

The Secretariat noted that COP29 is fast approaching and will include thematic days, with 15 November focused on energy, peace, relief, and recovery. UNDESA will host the SDG Pavilion, providing a platform for approximately 50 events organized by a range of stakeholders. Importantly, on 18 November, the SDG Pavilion will host an event with the SDG7 TAG titled "Ensuring Universal Energy Access and Just Energy Transition: From the Summit of the Future to the SDG7 Review at HLPF 2026."

The Secretariat is compiling a list of energy-related events at COP29, following last year's approach, which was highly regarded for offering a clear overview of these activities. A newsletter will be distributed to communicate these events more broadly. SDG7 TAG members attending COP29 in person are requested to confirm their attendance dates so that a list can be compiled and coordination can take place.

### **Co-Facilitators for 2025-2026**

The Secretariat highlighted the important role of the SDG7 Technical Advisory Group as a vital mechanism for informing key discussions and contributing to intergovernmental dialogues on an annual basis. To ensure the continued success of this work, the Secretariat has requested the continued leadership of Ms. Sheila Oparaocha and Mr. Hans Olav Ibrekk as co-facilitators for the 2025-2026 period. The Secretariat sought confirmation from SDG 7 TAG members on their support for this nomination, which has been endorsed by the group.

### **AOB**

The co-facilitators drew attention to ongoing negotiations in the Second Committee regarding a new energy resolution, as well as the ongoing IDA 21 negotiations.

### **Closing**

Following this meeting, the Secretariat will reach out to SDG 7 TAG members to discuss contributions to policy briefs, identifying events and milestones to leverage for product development, and working towards a comprehensive roadmap for the joint launch event at

the HLPF in July 2025. In December, the Secretariat will consolidate these inputs to prepare for the in-person SDG7 TAG meeting at the IRENA Assembly on 14 January 2025 in Abu Dhabi. All SDG7 TAG members wishing to participate in the meeting in-person are kindly requested to **RSVP to the Secretariat by 15 November**.

Both Co-Facilitators of the SDG7 TAG thanked all participants for their valuable contributions and underscored the strategic importance of this discussion for advancing SDG7 progress.

## Annex 1 Agenda



**SDG 7 Technical Advisory Group Meeting  
6 November – 08:30 to 09:30 EST (NY Time)  
Teleconference**

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### Agenda

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## Annex 2 List of Participants

Name	Organization
Sheila Oparaocha (Co-facilitator), Naimat Chopra	Hivos/ENERGIA
Hans Olav Ibrekk (Co-facilitator)	Norway (Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
Katherine Manchester, Catherine Oxholm	Clean Cooking Alliance
Samiha Al-Tai	EOSG
Michaela Morese, Ioannis Vaskalis	FAO
Sofja Giljova	GIZ
Henri Paillere	IAEA
Bruno Idini	IEA
Pachauri Shonali	IIASA
Ute Collier	IRENA
Kristina Skierka	Power For All
Laura Williamson	REN21
Hadiza Abdulmumini, Josh Oxby, David Arinze	SDG7 Youth Constituency
Divya Kottadiel	SEforAll
Monica Gullberg	SIDA
Daniëlle Drost	The Netherlands (MFA)
Lydia John	UK
Monga Mehlwana	UNECA
Dario Liguti, Igor Litvinyuk	UNECE
Ignacio Nancupil	UNECLAC
Hongpeng Liu	UNESCAP
Radia Sedaoui	UNESCWA
Vintura Silva, Sadia Afreen	UNFCCC
Amy Wickham	UNICEF
Issac Elizondo Garcia	UNIDO
Rita Ruohonen	UNOHRLLS
Wenlu Ye	WHO
Minoru Takada, Bahareh Seyedi, Martin Niemetz, Nadine Salame, Dominika Zahrer, Pragati Pascale, Jamie Clark	Secretariat / UNDESA