

**SDG7 TAG**

AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

**Technical
Advisory
Group**Convened by
DEPARTMENT OF
ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL AFFAIRS

SDG 7 Technical Advisory Group Meeting

Meeting Summary

The SDG7 Technical Advisory Group met virtually on 10 April 2025, from 08:30 to 09:30 EDT. The agenda is attached in Annex 1. The list of participants is attached in Annex 2.

Opening remarks by the Co-Facilitators

The meeting was opened by Co-Facilitator Ms. Sheila Oparaocha, Executive Director of ENERGIA, who welcomed participants and acknowledged her Co-Facilitator Mr. Hans Olav Ibrekk, Special Envoy, Climate and Security, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Ms. Oparaocha highlighted the importance of the TAG's role in supporting SDG 7 implementation, particularly in light of the upcoming review of SDG 7 and broader discussions on the 2030 Agenda.

Adoption of the Agenda

The draft agenda was adopted without amendment.

SDG7 TAG Workplan 2025 – 2027

The Secretariat presented the draft SDG 7 TAG Work Plan covering the period 2025 to 2027. The work plan is anchored in three core objectives: supporting the HLPF with analysis and recommendations on energy and its interlinkages; enhancing advocacy and communications; and offering forward-looking insights related to the post-2030 sustainable development agenda.

The presentation highlighted key milestones, including the third review of SDG 7 at the HLPF in 2026, and the 2027 SDG Summit under the General Assembly, which is expected to initiate formal discussions on the future of the global development agenda. A timeline of planned SDG 7 policy briefs and associated launch events was shared.

Discussion on SDG7 Policy Briefs

Several organizations provided updates on their respective policy briefs. Members welcomed the broad range of topics and emphasized the importance of deepening collaboration and coordination across drafting teams. Key points raised included the need to improve data granularity, particularly in the context of near-universal electricity access; the importance of clear and transparent review processes; and the strategic timing of brief launches to align with major policy platforms such as COP30, the G20 Energy Ministerial, and Clean Air Day.

The Secretariat outlined the phased approach to the development of policy briefs. Lead drafters are expected to present the scope of work early in the process, followed by inclusive drafting and structured review by TAG members and UN-Energy as to foster common orientation. Final drafts will undergo editing and design before public dissemination. Individual briefs are to be launched separately, in addition to the joint launch of the annual compilation at the HLPF.

The Office of the High Representative for Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS) provided a presentation on the scope and initial outline for the SDG 7 Policy Brief on Vulnerable Countries. The brief aims to assess progress in LDCs, LLDCs, and SIDS, highlight success stories, and recommend measures to accelerate clean energy transitions. A first draft is expected by the end of April, with circulation to TAG members planned in early May.

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The SDG 7 Youth Constituency introduced the relaunch of the Youth Sustainable Energy Hub, inviting mentorship, capacity-building, and financial support from TAG members.

Closing & Next Steps

The Co-Facilitators thanked the Secretariat, TAG members, and partners for their active engagement, noting that the SDG7 TAG Workplan 2025-2027 has been endorsed.

The next SDG7 TAG meeting is scheduled for 6 May, 08:30 – 09:30 EDT (NY time) featuring presentations on the SDG7 Policy Briefs on SDG2, on SDG3, on SDG5 and on SDG8 for discussion (tbc).

Annex 1

Agenda:



SDG 7 Technical Advisory Group Meeting

10 April – 08:30 to 09:30 EDT (NY Time)

Teleconference

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Agenda

- 1. Opening remarks by the Co-Facilitators**
- 2. Adoption of the Agenda**
- 3. SDG7 TAG Workplan 2025 – 2027**
- 4. Discussion on SDG7 Policy Briefs**
 - a. Presentation by UNOHRLLS on Vulnerable Countries
- 5. AOB**
- 6. Closing**

Annex 2

List of participants

Organisation	Name
Clean Cooking Alliance	Dymphna van der Lans
DESA/SD	Leonardo Souza, Jessica Chan
ENERGIA	Sheila Oparaocha, Naimat Chopra
EOSG	Clemence Lize
FAO	Michaela Morese
BMZ/GIZ	Lydia Canals
IEA	Bruno Idini
IRENA	Mirjam Reiner
Norway	Hans Olav Ibrenk, Henrik Lunden
REN21	Laura Williamson
SDG7 Youth Constituency	Hadiza Abdulmumini, Josh Oxby
SEforAll	Divya Kottadiel
SIDA	Monica Gullberg
The Netherlands (MFA)	Daniëlle Drost
UNECE	Gianluca Sambucini
UNECLAC	Marina Gil Sevilla, Nicolas Olave
UNESCAP	Hongpeng Liu
UNESCWA	Sean Ratka
UNFCCC	Carlos Ruiz Sanchez
UNICEF	Amy Wickham
UNIDO	Isaac Elizondo Garcia
UNITAR	Mark Gibson
UNOHRLLS	Rita Ruohonen
WHO	Heather Adair-Rohani, Wenlu Ye
World Bank	Sandeep Kohli, H. Stephen Halloway, Patrick Rugwizangoga
Secretariat	Minoru Takada, Bahareh Seyedi, Martin Niemetz, Nadine Salame, Dominika Zahrer, Pragati Pascale, Veronika Rukova