



SDG 7 Technical Advisory Group Meeting

Meeting Summary

The SDG7 Technical Advisory Group met virtually on 6 May 2025, from 08:30 to 09:30 EDT. The agenda is attached in Annex 1. The list of participants is attached in Annex 2.

1. Opening Remarks by the Co-Facilitators

The meeting began with welcoming remarks from the Co-Facilitators, who thanked participants for joining and expressed appreciation to the lead agencies for their work on the SDG 7 policy briefs. They emphasized that the main objective of the meeting was to present and discuss the status of four SDG7 Policy Briefs. Both co-facilitators highlighted the importance of constructive engagement during the meeting and encouraged colleagues to provide thoughtful feedback to help develop and finalize the briefs.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted without any objections, and no additional items were proposed under “Any Other Business.”

3. Discussion on SDG7 Policy Brief

a. Presentation by FAO on SDG 2 (Zero Hunger and Energy)

- FAO presented key findings on the strong interlinkages between sustainable energy and agri-food systems.
- The brief emphasizes the role of renewable energy in improving cold chains, irrigation, productivity, and reducing food loss and GHG emissions.
- Key barriers include low climate finance allocation to agriculture, lack of infrastructure, underutilized bioenergy, fragmented policies, gender disparities, and high upfront costs.
- **Next Steps:** FAO will circulate the draft policy brief to TAG members and request comments by 20 May. The final brief will be ready by 31 May, followed by formatting in June. Launch options include the G20 Energy Transitions Ministerial or the SDG7 Action Forum at UNGA.

b. Presentation by WHO on SDG 3 (Health and Energy)

- WHO presented the SDG7 Policy Brief titled *“Clean Energy for Healthy Lives,”* which focuses on the health impacts of air pollution from energy systems.
- It covers energy-related emissions across sectors (e.g., power, transport, households) and broader issues such as health facility electrification and vaccine cold chains.

- Emphasis was placed on a just energy transition that considers social context and health equity.
- **Next Steps:** WHO will circulate a detailed outline and collect input by 17 May. A draft will be shared in early June, with the final draft completed by 21 June.

c. Presentation by the World Bank on SDG 5 (Gender and Energy)

- The brief is a call to action to establish an indicator on energy and gender.
- It highlights the mutual benefits of advancing gender equality and energy goals, particularly in access and employment.
- It proposes building on existing efforts (e.g., MTFs, IEA tools), developing a gender indicator roadmap, and strengthening political commitment.
- **Next Steps:** The World Bank will finalize the brief by the end of May after receiving TAG feedback. Dissemination is planned for HLPF and other relevant gender forums.

d. Presentation by IRENA on SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth)

- The brief outlines how clean energy can drive job creation, with renewable energy jobs rising to 16.2 million in 2023.
- Challenges discussed include geographic disparities, workforce misalignment, and lack of diversity and inclusivity.
- The brief advocates for holistic industrial and labor policies to maximize local value creation and ensure a just transition.
- **Next Steps:** The draft will be circulated for TAG review after the meeting with a view to finalizing the draft by the end of the month.

4. Any Other Business (AOB)

No additional items were discussed under AOB.

5. Closing

The co-facilitators emphasized the need to advance the process as to ensure the timely finalization and compilation of the policy briefs. Drafts for the SDG 2 and SDG 8 briefs would be circulated immediately following the meeting, with a two-week period allocated for feedback. The compilation of policy briefs is scheduled to be launched on 16 July in New York as an official side event of the High-Level Political Forum. Participants were thanked for their contributions and encouraged to submit focused, policy-oriented comments to support the finalization process.

Annex 1

Agenda:



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Teleconference

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Draft Agenda

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- 2. Adoption of the Agenda**
- 3. Discussion on SDG7 Policy Briefs**
 - a. Presentation by FAO on SDG2
 - b. Presentation by WHO on SDG3
 - c. Presentation by World Bank on SDG5
 - d. Presentation by IRENA on SDG8
- 4. AOB**
- 5. Closing**

Annex 2

List of participants

Organisation	Name
Clean Cooking Alliance	Catherine Oxholm
DESA/SD	Leonardo Souza, Jessica Chan
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EOSG	Clemence Lize
FAO	Michaela Morese, Ioannis Vaskalis
BMZ/GIZ	Lydia Canals
IAEA	Henri Paillere
IIASA	Shonali Pachauri
IRENA	Michael Renner, Celia García-Baños, Mirjam Reiner
Norway	Hans Olav Ibrek
REN21	Janne Piper
SDG7 Youth Constituency	Hadiza Abdulmumini, Josh Oxby
SEforAll	Divya Kottadiel
SIDA	Monica Gullberg
UK / FCDO	Lydia John
UNECA	Mekalia Paulos
UNECE	Dario Liguti, Igor Litvinyuk
UNECLAC	Marina Gil Sevilla, Nicolas Olave
UNESCAP	Hongpeng Liu
UNESCWA	Radia Sedaoui
UNICEF	Amy Wickham
UNIDO	Isaac Elizondo Garcia
UNITAR	Philip Sandwell
UNOHRLLS	Rita Ruohonen
WHO	Heather Adair-Rohani, Wenlu Ye
World Bank	Samantha M. Constant, H. Stephen Halloway, Niki Angelou
Secretariat	Minoru Takada, Martin Niemetz, Dominika Zahrer, Pragati Pascale, Veronika Rukova