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Technical
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DEPARTMENT OF
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SDG 7 Technical Advisory Group Meeting

19 June 2025, 08:30 to 09:30 EDT (NY Time)

Virtual meeting

Meeting Summary

The SDG7 Technical Advisory Group met virtually on 19 June 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 opened with remarks from the Co-Facilitator, Mr. Hans Olav Ibrekk, who welcomed participants and outlined the objective of the meeting: to review and discuss the draft Key Messages for Policymakers in Support of the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) 2025. The Co-Facilitator emphasized the importance of sharpening the messages to ensure they resonate with broader non-energy audiences at the HLPF.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted without amendments.

3. Discussion on Key Messages for Policymakers

The Secretariat presented the draft Key Messages, noting their focus on energy's interlinkages with SDGs 3 (Health), 5 (Gender), and 8 (Employment), as well as challenges faced by LDCs, LLDCs, and SIDS

During the discussion, members provided feedback aimed at strengthening the draft messages:

- It was noted that the key messages should be even more action-oriented and confer a stronger sense of urgency.
- Several participants emphasized the need to reinforce the centrality of energy poverty, highlighting the 1.18 billion people still living in energy poverty. They emphasized positioning clean energy as a key enabler of inclusive development, delivering transformative benefits across multiple SDGs.
- The importance of acknowledging the evolving geopolitical context and addressing energy security concerns alongside climate action was raised.
- Suggestions were made to more clearly recognize national efforts and progress achieved by governments at country level, particularly in expanding access.
- Several members proposed strengthening the language on just transitions, decent work, and inclusive employment, particularly emphasizing labour conditions, fair wages, and job quality in the energy sector.

- Clean cooking was highlighted as a crucial linkage to gender equality (SDG 5), with calls to better reflect its role in health and gender dimensions.
- Some participants flagged concerns over the way financing commitments are presented, suggesting reframing the Energy Compact financial commitments to reflect both progress made and the gap that remains to achieve targets.
- Additional proposals were made to ensure energy efficiency receives sufficient attention in the messages, alongside access and renewables.
- Reference was made to Mission 300 as a recent global initiative with political momentum that could be reflected in the messages on energy access.

The Secretariat welcomed the feedback and **invited written submissions of concrete text proposals within one week, by 25 June 2025**, to further refine and sharpen the Key Messages.

4. Any Other Business (AOB)

The Secretariat informed members that the Key Messages and SDG7 Policy Briefs will be officially launched during a side event at the HLPF on 16 July 2025 in New York. TAG members were encouraged to attend either in person or follow online via UN Web TV. It was also noted that additional UN-Energy strategy discussions are planned in parallel with the HLPF.

An initial heads-up was also provided on preparations for the SDG7 Action Forum during UNGA High-Level Week in September 2025, with more details to follow.

5. Closing

The Co-Facilitators thanked all participants for their active engagement and constructive input. They reiterated the importance of ensuring that the final Key Messages are concise, action-oriented, and impactful to support the discussions at HLPF 2025.

Annex 1: Agenda



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Draft Agenda

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Annex 2: List of participants

Organisation	Name
DESA/SD	Leonardo Souza, Jessica Chan
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FAO	Michaela Morese
BMZ/GIZ	Sarah Ahlrichs
IRENA	Mirjam Reiner
Netherlands	Daniëlle Drost
Norway	Hans Olav Ibrek
SEforAll	Divya Kottadiel
UK / FCDO	Lydia John
UNDP	Riad Meddeb, Stefano Pistolese, Josh Oxby
UNECE	Igor Litvinyuk
UNECLAC	Marina Gil Sevilla, Nicolas Olave
UNESCAP	Sergey Tulinov, Matthew David Wittenstein
UNESCWA	Radia Sedaoui
UNICEF	Gerardo Daniel Rios Garcia
UNIDO	Isaac Elizondo Garcia
WHO	Heather Adair-Rohani, Wenlu Ye
Secretariat	Minoru Takada, Martin Niemetz, Nadine Salame Dominika Zahrer, Pragati Pascale, Veronika Ruskova