



SUMMARY

Teleconference of the Informal Multi-Stakeholder Ad Hoc Technical Group of Advisors on SDG7

4 December 2017

The teleconference of the Ad Hoc Informal Multi-Stakeholder Technical Group of Advisors on SDG7 took place on 4 December 2017. Mr. Hans Olav Ibrekk of Norway, co-facilitator of the Ad Hoc Group on SDG7, chaired the meeting.

Mr. Adnan Amin, Director-General of IRENA, in his opening remarks, welcomed the establishment of the Ad Hoc Group on SDG7. Stressing that the world is undergoing fundamental transformations underpinned by clean energy revolutions, he emphasized the opportunities the first SDG7 review at the 2018 HLPF will bring about to advance sustainable energy. He invited group members to the next Ad Hoc Group meeting to be hosted by IRENA on the 15th January 2018 in Abu Dhabi, in the margins of the IRENA Assembly.

Among the points that the group stressed during the discussions:

- *The Global SDG7 Conference has been rescheduled to be held on 21-23 February 2018 in Bangkok hosted by UN ESCAP.* Group members expressed their full support for the conference and expressed interests in organizing side events. More information about the conference can be found at <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/EnergyConference>.
- *The proposed list of Policy Briefs, including the proposed timeline for drafting/finalization, has been endorsed.* Additional policy briefs may be considered in the future as needed. The need for reflecting multi-stakeholder perspectives more meaningfully, especially of the private sector, was stressed, so was the need for presenting concise, concrete and bold priority actions. The group welcomed the draft template and draft example Policy Brief, subject to refinements taking into account the comments obtained during the teleconference.
- *To inform the Ministerial Declaration of the HLPF, a concise set of priority actions should be presented* in the form of a summary for policy makers, building on Policy Briefs. Such summary should be presented well in advance of the negotiations of the Ministerial Declaration that will likely start in May/June.
- *To accelerate progress toward SDG7, the need of growing momentum far beyond HLPF and beyond 2018 was emphasized.* SDG7 review at HLPF should be a means (not an end) to help achieve this goal. The need for robust plans of engagements with all stakeholders was emphasized to leverage existing platforms, such as the Regional Forums on Sustainable Development, Vienna Energy Forum, SE4All Forum etc. It was agreed that this should be one of the agenda items in the next meeting of the group.
- *The importance of communications and outreach was stressed.* Holding a briefing to UN Member States of the work of this ad hoc group was mentioned as a possibility. It was also suggested that the co-facilitators of the Stakeholder Engagement Steering Committee

for HLPF could be invited to share process and planned activities toward HLPF 2018 in one of the forthcoming Ad Hoc Group on SDG7 meetings.

- *The group should also provide input to UNDESA on the organization of the SDG7 review session/segment at HLPF. Most likely SDG7 will be discussed during a 3-hour time slot at HLPF. Suggestions for speakers and how to organize the session should be discussed by the group.*
- *The proposed schedule of future meetings of the Ad Hoc Group on SDG7 in Abu Dhabi, Bangkok and Paris was endorsed (Annex 1).*

The group agreed on the follow up actions:

Group members to:

- a) inform the secretariat (UNDESA) if they have further suggestions or modifications to any policy briefs;
- b) submit the initial rough draft of policy briefs, by 11th January if possible, in time for the next Ad Hoc Group meeting on 15th January 2018;
- c) register for the Global SDG7 Conference through below link by 15th January 2018 (<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/EnergyConference/registration>);
- d) submit side event proposal for the Global SDG7 Conference through below link by 31st December 2017 (<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/EnergyConference/sideevents>).
- e) share initial thoughts with the secretariat on the organization of the SDG7 review session/segment at HLPF.

Secretariat to:

- a) update the list of the policy briefs and reach out to co-lead organizations to help start the drafting process. This includes compiling the list of focal points for the organizations to facilitate direct exchanges among them;
- b) refine the template and example for policy briefs (including styling and formatting);
- c) build a digital platform that can be accessed by all members to share policy briefs and other materials;
- d) share details on the global SDG7 conference, including the invitation letter, website for registration, side event and exhibits arrangements and logistic information;
- e) share logistic information of the upcoming Ad hoc meeting in January, Abu Dhabi.
- f) develop a website for the Ad Hoc Group on SDG7 to publicly share its membership and meeting summaries, to be accessible from the UN SDG7 website (<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdg7>) as well as from the Global SDG7 Conference website.

ANNEX 1

Forthcoming meetings of Ad Hoc Group on SDG7 (subject to change)

15th January 2018 – 2nd meeting of Ad Hoc Group on SDG7 in Abu Dhabi, hosted by IRENA.

21 – 23 February 2018 – 3rd meeting of Ad Hoc Group on SDG7 in the margins of the Global SDG7 Conference in Bangkok, hosted by UN ESCAP.

19th March 2018 (to be confirmed) – 4th meeting of Ad Hoc Group on SDG7 in Paris, hosted by IEA.

**Additional gatherings and events of the Ad Hoc Group after March will be discussed in due course in one of the Ad Hoc Group meetings.*

9 – 18 July 2018 –HLPF (UNHQ, New York) including a meeting of Ad Hoc Group on SDG7 in the margins.

***Detailed Programmes of HLPF 2018, including side event information, are under discussion and will be made available in due course.*

ANNEX 2

List of participants

1. Hans Olav Ibrekk, **Norwegian** Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Co-Facilitator)
2. Alexander C. Kauer, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, **Germany**
3. Frank van der Vleuten, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, **The Netherlands**
4. Dane McQueen, Permanent Mission of the **United Arab Emirates** to the United Nations
5. Claudia Boldrini, **European Commission**
6. Luis Gomez, **The International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis**
7. Leena Srivastava and Ibrahim Hafeez Rehman, **TERI**, India
8. Hannah Daly, **International Energy Agency**
9. Adnan Amin and Yera Ortiz de Urbina, **IRENA**
10. Hongpeng Liu, **ESCAP**
11. Radia Sedaoui, **ESCWA**
12. Olivier Dubois, **FAO**
13. Mark Radka, **UN Environment**
14. Vincent Kitio, **UN-Habitat**
15. Takeshi Nagasawa, Dominika Zahrer, Cassandra Pillay, and Boris Brkovic, **UNIDO**
16. Heather Adair-Rohani, **WHO**
17. Stephen Halloway and Zuzana Dobrotkova, **World Bank**
18. Bahareh Seyedi, **Executive Office of Secretary-General**, United Nations



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Agenda

1. Welcome by Co-Facilitators
2. Opening address by Mr. Adnan Amin, Director-General, IRENA
3. Update on the Global SDG7 Conference by the secretariat
4. Policy Briefs
 - a. Presentation by the secretariat of the list of the suggested policy briefs, timeline and guiding materials (i.e. draft template and example policy brief)
 - b. Discussion
5. Next Ad Hoc Group meetings
6. Processes and stakeholder engagements related to SDG7 review leading up to HLPF 2018
7. AOB
8. Wrap up by Co-Facilitators