



MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting of the Multi-stakeholder SDG 7 Technical Advisory Group

12 July 2018, UNHQ - New York

The multi-stakeholder SDG7 Technical Advisory Group (SDG7 TAG) met on Thursday 12 July 2018 at the United Nations Headquarters in NY in the margins of the High-Level Political Forum. Ms. Sheila Oparaocha of ENERGIA and Mr. Hans Olav Ibrenk of Norway, the co-facilitators, kicked off the meeting. The Agenda is attached in [Annex 1](#). The list of participants is attached in [Annex 2](#).

Main Issues:

1- HLPF 2018.

- a. **An official SDG 7 review** was held on Tuesday 10 July at the High-Level Political Forum. Discussions highlighted challenges and opportunities for advancing SDG7 informed by many advancements being made on the ground. Chaired by President Marie Chatardová, moderated by Mr. Adnan Amin, DG of IRENA, and joined by three of the SDG7 TAG members as speakers (Ms. Sheila Oparaocha, Mr. Hans Olav Ibrenk and Mr. Riccardo Puliti), SDG7 Policy Briefs served as a point of reference during the interactive dialogues as Member States and other stakeholders shared their perspectives for the accelerated achievement of SDG7 and other SDGs.
- b. **Ministerial Declaration** was still under silence procedure. Judging from the latest draft, it was very evident that SDG7 Policy Briefs, especially the Summary for Policy Makers including the Global Agenda for Accelerated SDG7 Action, have substantively informed the orientation of the ministerial declaration on the part of SDG 7. More detailed reporting of the session will be captured in the summary of HLPF 2018 by the President of ECOSOC, to be released after HLPF.
- c. **Side events:** Over 20 official side events and high-level gatherings related to SDG7 are being organised by SDG7 TAG member organisations in collaboration with many other partners.

2- SDGs Progress Monitoring.

- a. **Secretary General's annual SDGs progress report** was launched on Tuesday 10 July 2018, at the High Level Political Forum, including a short global highlight on SDG7 progress contributed by the 5 custodians of SDG 7 indicators.
- b. **Custodians of SDG7 indicators** shared a good progress being made on their collaborative efforts in working toward the 2019 SDG7 Tracking Report, including their expected new governance structure and possible funding arrangements. Representatives of the UN Regional Commissions also noted their intention to continue working on regional SDG7 tracking reports in the future.

- 3- **SDG7 TAG's Draft Workplan 2018-2019.** An overview of the proposed work plan for the SDG7 Technical Advisory Group ([Annex 3](#) - under separate cover) was presented with a focus on: a) turning the Global Agenda for Accelerated SDG7 Action into action, b) contributing to the HLPF 2019 focusing on energy's linkages with those SDGs to be reviewed in 2019, and c) convening global gatherings on SDG7, at a high level, in support of HLPF 2019 and SG climate Summit. The Group endorsed the proposed workplan, noting that the proposed three focus areas provided the

solid basis to elaborate specific activities to be conducted over the next one year. The Group stressed the need for focusing on a few value-adding outputs. It was emphasised that the Group must continue supporting HLPF by providing relevant technical inputs (e.g. focusing on energy's linkages with the SDGs 4,8,10,13,16 and 17 to be reviewed in 2019) and helping translate its political decisions into action. The Group noted that while global gatherings would be useful, synergies should be created with existing and planned international gatherings to maximise impacts, reduce duplications and effectively contribute to key milestones including UNFCCC/COP, the midpoint of the UN Decade of Sustainable Energy for All 2014-2024, the mid-term review of Samoa Pathway and the Secretary-General's Climate Summit in September 2019.

Conclusion and Next Steps:

The Group members enthusiastically welcomed the continuation of the SDG7 Technical Advisory Group, based on the proposed workplan for 2018/2019. They agreed on the need for diverse composition of the Group taking into consideration multi-stakeholders' perspectives and geographical balance with more participation from developing countries. The Group should, as well, develop clear working arrangements that will enable substantive participation and contributions of its members. DESA as secretariat will prepare Terms of Reference of the SDG7 Technical Advisory Group, along with a plan of activities based on the endorsed workplan as well as a more balanced suggested membership of the group, for discussion.

It was proposed that the next meeting of the SDG7 Technical Advisory Group would take place in Geneva on 2 November 2018, hosed by WHO, back to back with the first Global Air Pollution and Health Conference 30 Oct – 1 Nov 2018.

Annex 1: Agenda

Meeting of the Multi-stakeholder SDG7 Technical Advisory Group (SDG7-TAG) UN HQs (Room S-1522/23) - New York, 12 July 2018

15:30 – 17:30	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Opening remarks by Co-Facilitators<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sheila Oparaocha and Hans Olav Ibrekk2. Adoption of Agenda3. HLPF 2018: Update and Expected Outcomes<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Secretariat and all4. SDG7 progress monitoring<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual SDGs Progress Report by the Secretary-General• SDG7 Tracking Report: An update5. SDG7 TAG: Draft Workplan 2018-2019<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Secretariat• Discussion6. Major Future Milestones<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1st Global Airpollution Conference, Geneva• 9th International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development, Kiev• UNFCCC/COP 24• Secretary-General’s Climate Summit 2019• HLPF 2019 at Summit level• Mid-Point of the UN Decade on Sustainable Energy for All 2014 – 20247. Any other information and business8. Information about next meeting9. Conclusions and Next Steps<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sheila Oparaocha and Hans Olav Ibrekk, Co-Facilitators
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Annex 2 - List of participants

Organisation	Name
ENERGIA	Sheila Oparaocha (co-facilitator)
Norway	Hans Olav Ibrek (co-facilitator)
The Netherlands	Frank van der Vleuten
Denmark	Jonas Von Freiesleben, Rikke Skou Melsen
Germany	Robert Kirchner, Sofja Giljova
United Arab Emirates	Dane McQueen
Kenya	Paul Mbuthi
WB	Rohit Khanna, Elisa Portale, Stephen Halloway
IRENA	Rabia Ferroukhi, Divyam Nagpal, Emma Aberg
UNEP	John Christensen
UNDP	Marcel Alers
UNIDO	Tareq Emtairah, Takeshi Nagasawa, Boris Brkovic
WHO	Heather Adair-Rohani
European Commission	Felice Zaccheo
UNSD	Leonardo Souza
UN OHRLLS	Heidi Schroderus-Fox, Rita Ruohonen
UN ESCWA	Radia Sedaoui
UNECE	Scott Foster
UNICEF	Rakshya Rajyashwori Thapa
IIASA	Nebojsa Nakicenovic
HIVOS (observer)	Eco Matser, Rita Poppe
UNDESA (ex officio)	Minoru Takada, Nadine Salame, Isabel Raya, Bo Fu

Meeting of SDG7 Technical Advisory Group

Proposed Workplan for 2018/2019

July 2018

Multi-stakeholder Technical Advisory Group on Sustainable Development Goal 7 (SDG7-TAG)

Established to seek, and facilitate exchange of, expert advice on how to strengthen the follow-up and review of SDG7 and its interlinkages with other SDGs, leading up to the HLPF in 2018 and beyond



OCTOBER 2017 –

30+ multi-disciplinary experts from Governments, UN entities, International Organisations and Multi-stakeholders, supported by UNDESA as HLPF secretariat.

1st meeting, Oct 2017, Oslo (hosted by Norway)

2nd meeting, Jan 2018, Abu Dhabi (hosted by IRENA)

3rd meeting, Feb 2018, Bangkok (hosted by ESCAP)

4th meeting, March 2018, Paris (hosted by IEA)

RESULTS TO-DATE

Policy perspectives

SDG7 POLICY BRIEFS

in support of the first SDG7 Review at the UN HLPF 2018



Consultations

Global SDG 7 Conference

a preparatory meeting for the 2018 HLPF

Launch of Policy Briefs on SDG 7

UN ECOSOC

Regional Forums on Sustainable Development with focus on Energy and its cross-cutting issues

Advocacy & Outreach

Vienna Energy Forum
with focus on SDG7 review

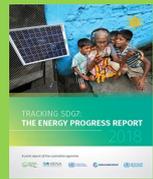
SEforALL Forum
Lisbon

European Development Days
with focus on SDG7 review especially on gender and clean cooking

SDG7 workshop
Copenhagen

Monitoring

2018 SDG7 Tracking: The Energy Progress Report



9-18 JULY 2018



HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



First global review of SDG7 on ENERGY

Ministerial Declaration

Summary by the President of ECOSOC

Background Notes – SDG7

PROPOSED WORKPLAN FOR NEXT ONE YEAR

2018

UN General Assembly



2018
UNFCCC COP 24

2019



HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM
ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

UN High-Level Political Forum



2019

Secretary General's
Climate Summit



1. Follow up to the SDG 7 Review at HLPF 2018: Turning the Global Agenda into action

International cooperation among all stakeholders on specific, strategic, bold and time-bound plans of action and partnerships

For example



CLEAN COOKING SOLUTIONS
WHO / UNDP / ...



ENERGY FOR DISPLACED PEOPLE – GLOBAL ACTION PLANS
UNHCR / IOM / UNITAR / ...



OFF GRID RENEWABLES FOR ACCESS
Germany / Netherlands / HIVOS / ...

Additional issues and more details can be discussed

2. Contribution to the HLPF 2019: SDG7 Policy Briefs

with a focus on energy's linkages with SDGs 4, 8, 10, 13, 16, 17



HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



3. Global SDG 7 Conference 2019: Midpoint of UN Decade on Sustainable Energy for All 2014-2024

to provide input into HLPF 2019 and SG Climate Summit

NEXT STEPS



Member compositions to reflect needs

- *Substantive needs*
- *Balanced, multi-stakeholder perspectives*



Working arrangements

- *Substantive participation of members & stakeholders*
- *Communications*



Next Meeting

- *End Oct/early November, Geneva (tbc)*

2030

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Toward the Future We Want

