



## MEETING SUMMARY

### Meeting of the Multi-stakeholder SDG 7 Technical Advisory Group

3 April 2019, UN City– Copenhagen

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The multi-stakeholder SDG7 Technical Advisory Group (SDG7 TAG) met on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at the UN City in Copenhagen at the margins of first Global Symposium on Strengthening Synergies between the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Co-facilitator Ms. Sheila Oparaocha chaired the meeting, jointly by Mr. Hans Olav-Ibrekk, co-facilitator, who participated via teleconference. The meeting was hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark, with support from the UNEP DTU partnership. The Agenda is attached in [Annex 1](#). The list of participants is attached in [Annex 2](#).

#### Main Issues:

##### 1. Opening Remarks and Procedural Matters

- a. Ms. Rikke Skou Melsen, Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, welcomed the TAG members and observer participants. She gave a briefing on the Secretary General's Climate Summit in September 2019. The Summit's energy transition track plans to address four key topics: scaling up investments, public/private partnerships, challenging sectors for the energy transition and leaving no one behind. The energy track is led by Denmark and Ethiopia and supported by SEforAll. A few other countries may join soon, including Italy, Indonesia, Palau, possibly Morocco and Colombia. A long list of proposed projects will be collected by April 30, streamlined by mid-May and summit deliverables finalized at the meeting in Abu Dhabi June 30-July 1.
- b. Participants adopted the summary of the last TAG meeting in Abu Dhabi and the agenda for the meeting.

##### 2. Organizational Issues

- a. The Secretariat introduced the new TAG members (a list is attached), who all welcomed the opportunity to participate in and contribute to the work of the TAG.

##### 3. Energy Tracking Report 2019

- a. The IEA as the rotating chair of the indicator custodian agencies gave an update on the tracking report and thanked all TAG members who provided comments and edits for the various chapters. Conclusions reflected in the Energy Tracking Report 2019 should stay focused and strategic. The report, containing strong messages will be formally launched at the High Level dialogue on the implementation of the UN Decade of Sustainable Energy for All 2014-2024 in New York on May 24, and then will also be featured at the Clean Energy Ministerial in Vancouver, the European Energy Week, and other events in May and June. A draft communication plan will be circulated soon.

#### **4. SDG Policy Briefs in support of 2019 HLPF in July and the SDG Summit in September**

- a. The Secretariat gave an overview of the process leading to the HLPF at the ministerial level (New York, July 9-15) reviewing SDGs 4 (quality education), 8 (inclusive economic growth and jobs), 10 (reduced inequality), 13 (climate change), 16 (peace, justice and strong institutions), and 17 (partnership for the goals) and the SDG Summit in September, reviewing progress toward all SDGs. The 2019 SDG7 policy briefs aimed to inform HLPF are coming together, final drafts will need to be presented by April 22 in order to be able to finalize and launch them at the High Level mid-point review of the UN Decade for Sustainable Energy for All 2012-2024 in May. Participants endorsed the timeline suggested by the Secretariat. They emphasized that it is important to show action on the ground.
- b. ILO underlined the importance of highlighting not only the positive aspects but also the jobs displacement potential of the energy transformation, with special regard to Africa and the Middle East in line with the notion of a just transition.
- c. ESCAP gave an update on the recent regional SDG review session in Bangkok in March, that also looked at SDG7. In the same context, ESCWA gave an update on upcoming activities: a regional seminar on April 17-18, looking at tracking, NDCs, also focus on climate change action, that will also inform their policy brief on regional aspects of SDG7.
- d. Refining the purpose and audience of the policy briefs as well as identifying the most effective communications channels are crucial to maximize impact. As they are primarily aimed to influence a political audience, delivery needs to be tailored to their interest and needs (supplying arguments for the clean energy transformation).
- e. After the receipt of the final drafts on April 22, the Secretariat will draft and circulate a two page key messages document (similar to the policy briefs in 2018) for comments and edits, aiming to finalize the document by the end of April.
- f. Sweden and Bahamas are leading the negotiations on the SDG summit declaration in September (there will be no ministerial declaration in July).

#### **5. A UN General Assembly resolution mandated high-level mid-point review of the UN Decade of Sustainable Energy for All 2014-2024, New York, May 23-24.**

- a. The Secretariat circulated an initial concept note and draft program. The event will take place on May 23-24, at UNHQ in New York. The 23rd is reserved for expert level discussions, while the 24th will take place at the ECOSOC Chamber, as an open, multi-stakeholder platform with ministerial level participation. Invitations will go out soon.
- b. Participants noted that it is important to project success stories, showing that the decade is making progress, moving ahead. A proper communications strategy and fine-tuning messaging during and after the event is imperative to maximize impact. It was also suggested that the SG's Climate Summit is factored in when planning for the agenda and attracting interest from stakeholders and the media. Participants suggested inviting non-energy constituents. The meeting should leverage the presence of the UN Energy Co-chairs.

#### **6. Update on global partnerships and action platforms in support of SDG 7 implementation**

- a. IRENA, ILO and partners gave an update on the Global Network on Energy and Jobs. First meeting will take place in June or July. Concept note will be shared with the

group. Power for All suggested their survey to feed into the preparations. World Bank will also participate, their programming have focused particularly on gender/energy in Asia.

- b. UNITAR gave an update on the Global Plan of Action for Sustainable Energy Solutions in Situations of Displacement and solicited ideas for financing mechanisms for the Global Plan of Action. There has been a lot of positive developments: the finalization of the workplan, defining a common set of indicators working with World Bank. A roadshow to popularize and fundraise for the GPA will follow, focusing on Germany, the UK, Denmark, Norway. A webinar series for practitioners partnering with ICRC is also in the making. ICRC is in the process of establishing an energy strategy currently. UNHCR established a task force on energy at HQ level. World Bank also put the energy in situations of displacement issue into the tracking report.
  - c. HIVOS, Netherlands, Kenya and partners gave an update on the Decentralized Renewable Energy for Access. The first call assembled a good range of stakeholders. A draft intervention strategy will be devised by July with actions on the ground in Kenya and elsewhere already being prepared.
  - d. IASA gave an update on an ongoing global and regional water, land use and energy nexus study, focusing on two regions: the Zambezi and the Indus.
  - e. FIA Foundation gave an update on the relaunch of their electrification initiative.
  - f. UNDP and WHO are working on the Global Energy and Health Platform and plan to officially launch it at the World Health Assembly in May. Dr. Kandeh Yumkella, former DG of UNIDO, briefed participants on the initiative he has been working on to elevate clean cooking on the global agenda and give it a higher profile (preferably with the participation of heads of state and other high profile stakeholders), look at practical solutions, with special regard to consumer finance hurdles, distribution systems, standardization and other key challenges. Clean Cooking Alliance briefed participants on the Clean Cooking Forum to be held in Kenya in November.
  - g. SEforALL announced the merger between the United Nations Foundation Energy Access Program and SEforALL.
- 7. Next SDG7 TAG meeting** will take place in New York in the margins of the High level mid-point review of the UN Decade of Sustainable Energy for All 2014-2024, in May.

**Annex 1**  
**SDG 7 Technical Advisory Group Meeting**  
**12:30 - 16:00 pm, 3 April**  
**Auditorium 1 @ UN City**  
**Copenhagen**

**Draft Agenda**

1. **Opening remarks**  
Sheila Oparaocha and Hans Olav Ibrekk, Co-Facilitators
2. **Welcoming remarks by the host (Government of Denmark)**
3. **Adoption of Summary of the last meeting**
4. **Adoption of Agenda**
5. **Organisational issues**
  - New SDG 7 TAG members
6. **Energy Tracking Report 2019**
7. **SDG7 Policy Briefs in support of 2019 HLPF in July and the SDG Summit in Sept**
8. **Midpoint review of UN Decade of Sustainable Energy for All 2014-2024, 23-24 May**
9. **Update on HLPF, July, and the SDG Summit in September**
11. **Update on UN Climate Summit 2019**
12. **Update on global partnerships and action platforms in support of SDG 7 implementation**
  - Global Energy and Health Platform of Action
  - Global Network on Energy and Employment
  - Global Plan of Action for Sustainable Energy Solutions in Situations of Displacement
  - Decentralized Renewable Energy for Access
  - Global Network on Sustainable Water and Energy Solutions
  - Others
13. **Update on other related engagements (All TAG members)**
15. **Next SDG7 TAG meetings**
16. **Conclusions and Next Steps**  
Sheila Oparaocha and Hans Olav Ibrekk

**Annex 2 - List of participants attending SDG7 TAG meeting in Copenhagen, 3 April 2019**

| <b>Organisation</b>      | <b>Name</b>                               |
|--------------------------|---|
| ENERGIA                  | Sheila Oparaocha (co-facilitator)         |
| Norway                   | Hans Olav Ibrek (co-facilitator) (online) |
| Denmark                  | Rikke Skou Melsen                         |
| The Netherlands          | Frank van der Vleuten                     |
| Germany                  | Alexander Kauer, Sofja Giljova            |
| Kenya                    | Paul Mbuti                                |
| Pakistan                 | Farrukh Khan                              |
| Sierra Leone (Observer)  | H.E. Kandeh Yumkella (online)             |
| European Commission      | Felice Zaccheo; Sofia Martinez (online)   |
| AfDB                     | Daniel Schroth (online)                   |
| Clean Cooking Alliance   | Dymphna van der Lans                      |
| FIA foundation           | Sheila Watson                             |
| Hivos                    | Rita Poppe                                |
| IEA                      | Arthur Contejean                          |
| ILO                      | Moustapha Kamal Gueye                     |
| IIASA                    | Nebojsa Nakicenovic                       |
| IRENA                    | Emma Aberg                                |
| Islamic Development Bank | Mohammed Alsayed (online)                 |
| Ren21                    | Rana Adib                                 |
| SE4All                   | Glenn Pearce-Oroz; George Hampton         |
| UNDP                     | Bahareh Seyedi (online)                   |
| UNEP-DTU                 | John Christensen                          |
| UNFCCC                   | Livia Hollins                             |
| UNIDO                    | Dominika Zahrer (online)                  |
| UN ECA                   | Monga Mehlwana (online)                   |
| UN ESCWA                 | Radia Sedaoui (online)                    |

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| UN ECLAC                 | Ruben Enrique Contreras Lisperguer (online)              |
| UN ESCAP                 | Michael Williamson                                       |
| UNOHRRLLS                | Rita Ruohonen  |
| UNITAR                   | Thomas Forhgrub  |
| WB                       | Rohit Khanna; Elisa Portale, Stephen Halloway (online)   |
| Power For All (observer) | William Brent  |
| UNDESA (ex officio)      | Minoru Takada, David Koranyi, Nadine Salame, Isabel Raya |