

MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting of the Multi-stakeholder SDG 7 Technical Advisory Group

11 November 2019

The multi-stakeholder SDG7 Technical Advisory Group (SDG7 TAG) met on Monday, November 11, 2019 over teleconference. Co-facilitator Ms. Sheila Oparaocha chaired the meeting. The Agenda is attached in [Annex 1](#). The list of participants is attached in [Annex 2](#).

Main Issues:

1. **Opening remarks and adoption of agenda**
 - a. Sheila Oparaocha introduced the agenda which was adopted with an added point: update from SE4All.
2. **Reflections from UNGA High Level Week in September, including the Climate Action Summit and the SDG Summit**
 - a. Denmark gave an update on the energy transition track of the Climate Action Summit, and will share an overview on all the initiatives and the follow-up schedule.
 - b. The Secretariat gave an overview on the SDG Summit and highlighted the latest Global Sustainable Development Report that underlines the centrality of the energy transition in Agenda 2020.
3. **Role of SDG7 TAG in support of HLPF and key intergovernmental milestones related to SDG 7 over the coming years**
 - a. The Secretariat gave an update on the ongoing reform of the format of HLPF going forward. The Secretariat flagged the possibility of a first global energy conference in 2021 mandated by the General Assembly if the Second Committee resolution on energy being discussed currently is adopted, and the role SDG7-TAG could play in the preparations for such a conference.
4. **Update on the development of SDG 7 Energy Progress Report 2020**
 - a. IRENA, on behalf of the SDG 7 Energy Progress Report custodians gave an update on the 2020 version of the report. The report will follow a similar structure as this year while as new elements will likely focus on interlinkages between SDG7 and other SDGs, as well as a focus on the indicator 7.a.1 on clean energy financing flows to developing countries. Reviews of the draft document are scheduled around February. The launch of the 2020 report is planned in May in NY followed by a series of regional launches.
5. **Update on the development of SDG7 Policy Briefs 2020**
 - a. The Secretariat gave an update on the SDG7 Policy Briefs 2020, the content of which will be contingent on HLPF's renewed focus, the follow-up on Climate Action Summit, outcomes of COP25 and the Second Committee resolution negotiations.

6. Update on global partnerships in support of SDG 7 implementation

- a. Global Energy and Health Platform of Action, the HL Coalition of Leaders for Clean Cooking, Energy and Health: WHO and UNDP gave an update on the progress of the platform, including on the latest meeting in Nairobi.
- b. Clean Cooking Fund: The World Bank informed that Denmark, Norway and The Netherlands provided initial funding and outreaching to other donors, with the first year target of US\$ 100 million. They also informed that IDA pipelines are being developed.
- c. Sustainable Energy and Jobs Platform: IRENA informed that the formal launch of the platform will take place during the IRENA Assembly in January 2020.
- d. The World Bank flagged the upcoming first global refugee forum in Geneva hosted by UNHCR, that will feature a panel on energy as well. The High Commissioner will also soon issue a challenge on renewable energy for refugee camp.

7. Update on other related engagements

- a. Sheila Oparaocha and Kenya gave a debrief on the Clean Cooking Forum which successfully concluded in Nairobi, 5-7 November.
- b. The Secretariat gave an overview on engagements during UNFCCC/COP 25 in Madrid, including two high-level events on synergies and on SDG7, and flagged the opportunity for all TAG members to feature events in the SDG Pavilion co-hosted by UN DESA and UNFCCC. The event on clean cooking will likely take place during the second week.
- c. IRENA gave an update on the upcoming Assembly between 11-12 January, with pre-assembly meetings on the 10th. All TAG members are invited.
- d. Denmark will share the list of side events organized at COP25.
- e. SEforAll gave an update on the leadership change at SEforAll. The new CEO, Damilola Ogunbiyi will enter into office on February 1, 2020, and will also assume the role of SRSg on sustainable energy. She is meeting with the SG and the DSG next week in New York. SEforAll's next global forum will take place in Kigali, Rwanda 26-28 May, 2020. All TAG members are invited.

8. Next TAG meeting

- a. An SDG7 TAG meeting will take place on the 13th January 2020 at the margins of the Assembly in Abu Dhabi to be hosted by IRENA.
- b. The Secretariat announced that there will be a teleconference of SDG 7 TAG during the third week of December to prepare for the TAG meeting in January.

9. Conclusions and Next Steps

- a. Sheila Oparaocha concluded the meeting.

Annex 1
SDG 7 Technical Advisory Group Meeting
7 November 2019 (tbc)

Agenda

1. **Opening remarks**
Sheila Oparaocha
2. **Adoption of Agenda**
3. **Reflections from UNGA High Level Week in September, including the Climate Action Summit and the SDG Summit** (Co-Facilitators)
4. **Role of SDG7 TAG in support of HLPF and key intergovernmental milestones related to SDG 7 over the coming years** (Secretariat)
5. **Update on the development of SDG 7 Energy Progress Report 2020** (SDG7 indicator custodians)
6. **Update on the development of SDG7 Policy Briefs 2020** (Secretariat)
7. **Update on global partnerships in support of SDG 7 implementation**
 - a. Global Energy and Health Platform of Action and the HL Coalition of Leaders for Clean Cooking, Energy and Health (WHO, UNDP, DESA, WB)
 - b. Clean Cooking Fund (WB)
 - c. Sustainable Energy and Jobs Platform (IRENA)
 - d. Global Plan of Action for Sustainable Energy Solutions in Situations of Displacement (UNITAR)
 - e. Others
8. **Update on other related engagements (All TAG members)**
 - a. Clean Cooking Forum 2019 (CCA)
 - b. Engagements during UNFCCC/COP 25 in Madrid (DESA and others)
 - i. SDG Pavilion
 - ii. Clean cooking event
 - c. IRENA Assembly (IRENA)
 - d. SEforAll update (SEforAll)
 - e. Others
9. **SDG7 TAG meeting on 13th January 2020 in Abu Dhabi to be hosted by IRENA**
10. **AOB**
11. **Conclusions and Next Steps** - Sheila Oparaocha

Annex 2 - List of participants attending SDG7 TAG meeting, 11 November 2019

Organisation	Name
ENERGIA	Sheila Oparaocha (co-facilitator)
Denmark	Rikke Skou Melsen ; Anne Marx Lorenzen
Germany	Alexander Kauer, Sofja Giljova
Kenya	Paul Mbuti
Pakistan	Imran Khan
IRENA	Emma Aberg; Michael Renner
Islamic Development Bank	Mohammed Alsayed
SE4All	Glenn Pearce-Oroz
UNDP	Marcel Alers
UNIDO	Dominika Zahrer
UNICEF	Rakshya Rajyashwori Thapa
UN ECA	Linus Mofor
UN ESCWA	Radia Sedaoui
UN ESCAP	Hongpeng Liu
UNOHRLLS	Lysiane Lefebvre
WB	Elisa Portale, Stephen Halloway
WHO	Jessica Lewis
UNDESA (ex officio)	Minoru Takada, David Koranyi, Nadine Salame