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Outlooks authors and assessment co-chairs met in Den Haag, The Netherlands to advance the drafting of several elements of the Outlooks chapters of the sixth Global Environment Outlook, including:

Move the Outlooks chapters towards third order draft quality by (2.5 days):

1. Addressing all comments received from the second order draft technical review period and from the scientific editor's team;
2. Improving coherence of single chapters and within the entire part C;
3. Improve the quality of the chapters by:
 - completing the scenario/outlook review chapter
 - advancing the methodology and 'Way Forward' chapters
 - linking the 'seeds' chapter to the top-down scenarios chapters
 - Ensuring that all components needed for a 3rd Order draft version are included in the chapters (references and citations, graphs and charts and so on)
 - Address any comments on structural, technical or science editing provided by the editing team.
 - Ensuring a full set of conclusions and recommendations related to the Healthy Planet / Healthy People theme of the sixth Global Environment Outlook.

On these issues the authors, co-chairs, vice-chairs decided:

- It is helpful to identify some simple key messages that are emerging from the chapter in order to focus the drafting process. From the current draft, these messages appear to be:
 - Under current trajectories the ambitious environmental targets set by countries will not be met;
 - In order to meet our ambitious environmental targets major transformations in both production and consumption patterns are required;
 - There are many innovative interventions that, if scaled appropriately, could drive a transformation to achieve a truly equitable, healthy and sustainable future, including our ambitious environmental targets.
 - Transformative change can be enabled by governments using systemic and integrated policy approaches that recognize the important role played by diverse actors in achieving a sustainable future.

- Generally the authors felt the science editor comments were helpful and these were mostly accepted. In addition to these comments, the Secretariat requested that chapter 23 better define the purpose of the chapter and focus the chapter text on this purpose. Chapter authors worked to achieve this restructuring and refocusing during the meeting.
- A restructuring of the ‘Way Forward’ chapter was also developed and a clear drafting work plan was established. The Coordinating Lead Author team now consists of Mikiko, Ghassem and Diana to strengthen the link and input from Part B. Furthermore, the co-chairs were incorporated as authors into the drafting team and the purpose of the chapter was further clarified.
- It was decided that linking the top-down scenarios work with the bottom-up seeds initiatives could only happen through coding the interventions according to the measures arising in chapter 22, therefore the language in chapter 23 was modified accordingly.
- The coherence of the narrative across chapters was also reviewed and specific drafting and cross-referencing tasks were assigned to different authors. In addition, coherence with Parts A and B was discussed and cross-referencing was planned to help increase the coherence of the three Parts.
- Efforts were made to create more compelling conclusions for the scenario chapter 22 and to help link the scenario discussion to the bottom-up and way forward texts. Additional work was done to build the synergies and trade-offs matrix diagram and work was planned to support this matrix analysis with a literature review, with the collaboration of the students from Utrecht University Copernicus Institute of Sustainable Development.
- How well the Healthy Planet, Healthy People theme has been incorporated across the Outlooks chapter was also discussed and additional drafting was recommended. The group also agreed to incorporate suggestions from the health author team on improving the health narrative more broadly across the report.
- The group agreed to shorten the Chapter 23 review of the outlooks chapters in the GEO-6 regional assessments so that it focuses on the importance of regional priorities and can also help to complement the measures reviewed in Chapter 22.
- Fellows will also start working on the citations and references to support the author teams.
- Graphics from the chapters will be professionally produced starting from Aug. 30.
- Lists of authors for each of the chapters will be reviewed and corrected for this review period.
- A firm work plan and timeline was also established for each author team, including:

Date	Chapter/Section and Task	Author
June 11/12	Chapter 20 – Paul to redraft according to science editor and grid comments	Paul/Steve
June 11/12	Chapter 21 – Steve to redraft according to science editor and grid comments	Steve
June 11/12	Chapter 22 – Detlef to redraft according to science editor and grid comments	Detlef
June 11/12	Chapter 19 – Ghassem to redraft according to science editor and grid comments	Ghassem
June 8	Chapter 23 – Laura to lead group on redrafting according to science editor and grid comments	Laura
June 11/12	Chapter 24 – Mikiko and Ghassem to lead group (including Diana) on redrafting according to science editor and grid comments	Mikiko
June 6	Chapter 24 call with Mikiko, Ghassem, Diana and Klaus	Mikiko
June 1	Scenario group call	Detlef
On-going	WhatsApp communication for chapter 23	Laura

- The group will work on all chapters from the Google drive at:
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B3odsu-7FvJbUGJBZWtadjg2QVE?ths=true>

During the 2.5 day meeting authors also met in different drafting groups to advance the Outlooks chapters to discuss aspects of the drafting work plan to meet the June 11/12 deadline.