GEO-6 Work programme

- First global authors’ meeting
- Second global authors’ meeting
- Third global authors’ meeting + RE
- Fourth global authors’ meeting
- Review editors meeting
- MS SPM negotiation
- HLG SPM drafting meeting

Acronyms: High Level Intergovernmental and Stakeholder Advisory Group (HLG), Member States (MS), Global Environment Outlooks (GEO), Summary for Policy Makers (SPM), Review Editors (RE)
The GEO-6 work programme has been designed to deliver two separate review drafts, one for the first two parts of the document (State and Trends, Policy Response) and the second to deliver the full GEO-6 including outlooks. The meeting schedule will encourage authors to prepare the drafts at the appropriate times to ensure the process moves forward. Here are some details:

- First author’s meeting in Feb. 2017 with all three main groups (State and Trends, Policy Response, Innovative Outlooks group) and the GEO-6 advisory bodies meeting. There will be parallel sessions and combined sessions to allow an appropriate level of interaction among the groups as well as allow them time to plan their individual activities. The Innovative Outlooks Group will outline the work they will do to develop new Outlooks methods and tools that will be used in GEO-6.

- Second author’s meeting in May, 2017 with only the State and Trends and Policy Response groups meeting. Here the goal is to prepare a review draft of the first two chapters and to provide input to the progress report being prepared for UNEA-3.

- Third author’s meeting, all groups come back together. Here the goal is to ensure the review drafts of the first two chapters are completed (State and Trends, Policy Response) and that the drafting begins for the Outlooks chapter. Review editors will be present here to ensure authors have dealt with review comments appropriately and to prepare their summary report of the review process. The HLG and SAP will meet to ensure adequate planning and also to finalize the progress report for UNEA-3.

- Fourth author’s meeting, March, 2018. Here the goal is to prepare the review draft of the full GEO, including Outlooks. Authors will also prepare the first draft of the Summary for Policy Makers. HLG and SAP will meet for planning purposes but also to observe the author drafting process and ensure it’s credibility and relevance for the needs of Member States.

- 2nd Review Editor’s meeting will address review comments from the second review period and prepare a summary report of how these were dealt with.

- HLG SPM drafting meeting will review the draft SPM prepared by the authors and prepare a review draft that Member States will receive.

- Member State SPM negotiation meeting. The draft SPM will be finalized by Member States in preparation for endorsement by UNEA-4.

- The full GEO-6 as well as the translated SPM will be made available to UNEA-4 for endorsement.