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Outcomes Document of the second GEO for Youth authors meeting – *United Nations Office, Nairobi, February 4-6, 2019*

A selected group of authors drafting the GEO for youth report (A derivative product of the GEO-6 assessment) met at the United Nations Offices in, Nairobi to advance the drafts reports to a second order draft state,

Meeting objectives:

- Complete the Second Order Draft of Chapter 1
- Complete the Second Order Draft of Chapter 2
- Complete the Second Order Draft of Chapter 3
- Complete the Second Order Draft of Chapter 4
- Identify experts to interview for the sustainable jobs of the future chapter
- Assess the result of the questionnaire
- Strategize on a way forward

Meeting Day 1

Mr. Pierre Boileau (Head of the GEO programme), welcomed the group followed by opening remarks from Dr. Jian Liu ;UN Environment Chief Scientist and Director of Science Division. There was then a presentation by Mr Sam Barratt, Head of Education and Training Unit of UN Environment.

The report's Co-chairs ; Dr. Nibedita Mukherjee and Mr. Charles Mwangi then addressed the team welcoming them and highlighting the key objectives of the three days meeting. Team leads for each of the four chapters then presented the state of their drafts and set their chapter specific objectives to be achieved during the meeting. A feedback session was then conducted to improve the GEO for Youth process and for efficiency of the three days meeting.

The young authors provided their constructive feedback on the GEO for Youth process and planned an objectives list for both the next three days and the remainder of the process. They reviewed and discussed the outcome of the questionnaire. The results showed that some countries had not participated and there had been a discussion on if it would be important to re-conduct the questionnaire with simplified language during a period of higher participation (questionnaire was conducted during the holiday period). However, 900 responses were received and after considering this possibility of relaunching the questionnaire, the plenary came to the agreement that the collected data was suffice to meet the initial objectives. The data gathered will be used in a qualitative way both by extracting quotes and to identify individuals to interview to develop case studies for the report.

Akshay Jain, a global and regional youth author, presented the finalized GEO for Youth, Asia Pacific. This provided both inspiration and ideas on how to build onto the global report. Ideas included visual infographics, comics and interactive maps.

The authors for chapters 2, 3 and 4 then in their groups analysed the results for the specific questions and discussed how to use these responses in their drafts.

The day ended with closing remarks from the Secretariat and report's Co-chairs.

Meeting Day 2

There were opening remarks from Pierre Boileau (Head of GEO programme), comprising of a presentation on the GEO for Youth long-term timeline and the outcomes document from the first GEO for Youth authors' meeting, held in Bangkok in June 2018. After considering the status of the draft, the second order draft objective changed to a 1.5 order draft with an added objective of having the second order draft finalized by February 28, just before the review period.

Secretariat and Co-chairs provided their inputs on drafting. These inputs included limiting each chapter to just 5,000 words, removing overlaps between different chapters (this could be done by shifting sections of text throughout the report, any excessive text could be placed in the annexes), providing more consistency in the language style and dividing the work more equally among authors. The Secretariat placed a deadline on the 1.5 order draft by the end of the third meeting day.

Meeting Day 3

Authors were asked to give a presentation about the progress of the three days and their plan over the next three weeks before the review period and chapter specific workplans. Authors then gathered in their groups and worked on completing their 1.5 order draft. The team leads then provided feedback on the process and the meeting. Each spokesperson by chapter provided their presentation on the productivity of the last three days and labelled each of their roles (eg. team leads, spokespersons, section(s) responsible for).

These inputs were taken into great considering during the authors' presentations. Authors then discussed how they plan to create synergy between chapters including the creation of characters

that will be included in each chapter of the report. They had also mentioned the need for consistency in referencing and assigning one reference person by chapter by their next meeting. The Secretariat asked the authors to provide a proposal for the next meeting location in the next two weeks. The authors completed a satisfaction survey and thanked the Co-chairs and Secretariat for their support. Pierre Boileau made his closing remarks highlighting the importance of having a well thought out report by the youths for the youths and reaching a second draft by the 28th of February.

Outcomes

- Authors advanced the state of their drafts to a 1.5 order draft by the end of the meeting, with a second order draft to be reached by the end of February
- Development of synergy among chapters
- A short-term and long-term timeline was agreed upon by the authors
- Restructuring of roles and division of tasks
- Questionnaires data assessed by author team
- Links established to other UN Environment departments (e.g. Education, Communications)

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