

# Future of the Global Environment Outlook: the process so far

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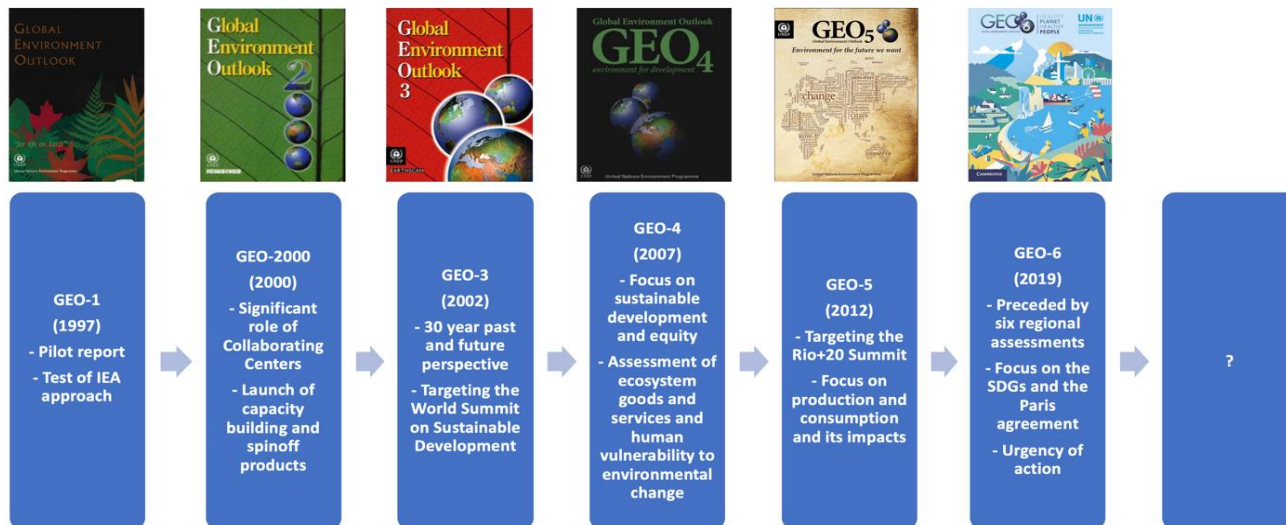
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# How we got here: Main milestones so far

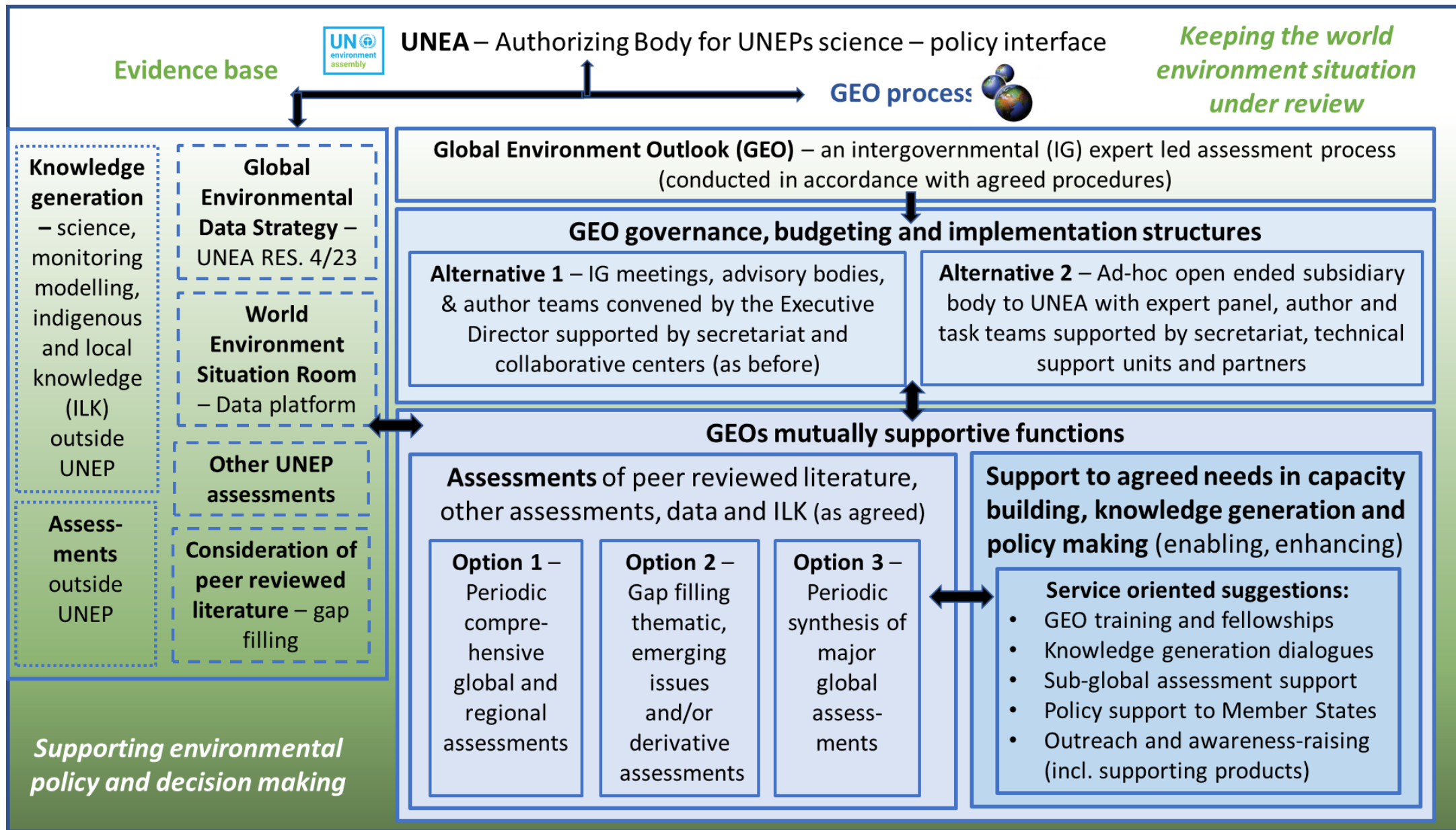


UNEA 4 initiated an intergovernmental consultative process to propose options for the future GEO at UNEA 5 through Res 23. The Steering Committee consisting of 37 Member State experts for overseeing the process has:

- met in-person once and virtually twenty-one times
- presented its interim report to the opening session of UNEA-5 in February 2021
- Nearly completed a feasibility study that will provide the foundation for its analysis of the administrative and financial implications of its proposed approaches, alternatives, options and suggestions



# Near-final GEO schematic: Clarifications and adjustments to interim report



# Online consultation on the future of GEO feasibility study and final workshop of the Steering Committee

English (United States)

## Consultations on the Future of GEO

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In accordance with Resolution 23 of the fourth UN Environment Assembly (UNEP/EA.4/RES.23), a Steering Committee of 36 experts from Member States was formed to oversee and manage the production of an options paper and conduct broad consultations on the Future of the Global Environment Outlook. This questionnaire seeks to consult Member States, Stakeholders and the custodians of other global environmental assessment processes, on the Future of GEO. An in-depth background analysis has been conducted by a group of independent consultants and a summary synthesis made by the co-chairs of the Steering Committee as a discussion paper. Both these background materials for this consultation are provided as your resources before answering this questionnaire and can be accessed from the Future of GEO review website;

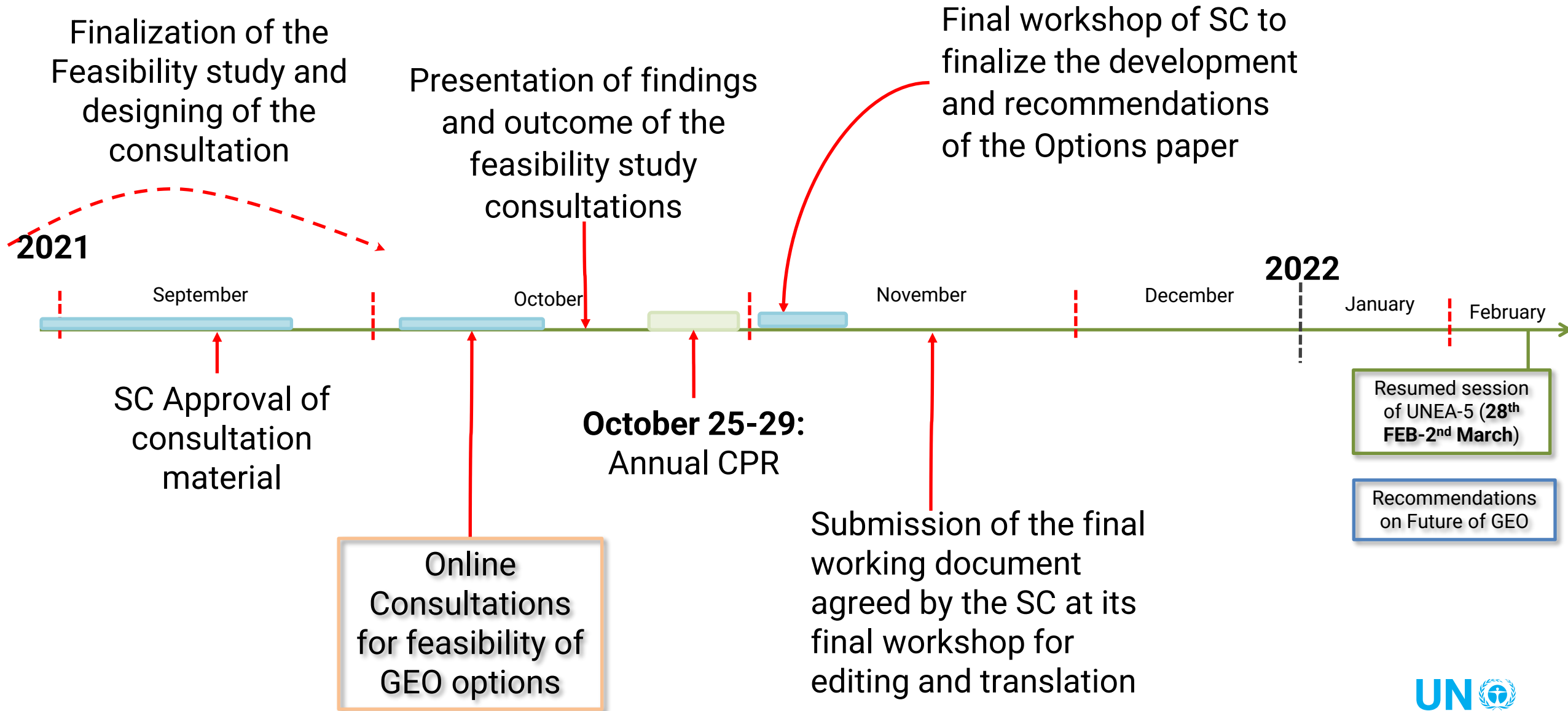
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9. What should be GEO's scope?  
(Tick all that apply. If Other, please elaborate) \*

- (a) GEO's overall scope should continue to be to enhance the science-policy interface for understanding the human environment interaction and to support better management of environmental risk and opportunities.
- (b) GEO should link to MEA processes where possible and to the broader Agenda 2030 process by contributing to the Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR) by aligning to its 4-year timeframe.
- (c) GEO's should continue assessing... (choose from the related options below)
  - ...past, current and projected environmental changes
  - ...progress towards agreed environmental targets
  - ...current and projected risks to human well-being from environmental change
  - ...impact of environmental change on the implementation of the SDGs
  - ...interlinkages across scales and geographic regions
  - ...policy gaps for meeting agreed international goals
  - ...effectiveness of policy responses

- Online consultation scheduled from October 4 to October 15 2021
- 4 orientation webinars will be organized between during this consultation period
- Final workshop of the Steering Committee will begin week of Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> to finalize the document
- Final report (working document) containing options and recommendations for the Future of GEO with administrative and financial implications.
- A draft UNEA resolution or decision might also be prepared by one or more Member State(s)

# Timeline for the Future of GEO work: Remaining milestones



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