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### Outcomes document: Fourth call of the Ad hoc Global Assessment Dialogue

On 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021 the participants of the Ad hoc Global Assessment Dialogue (AGAD) met to:

1. Review the proposed work plan for 2021
2. Explore possible outreach efforts for 2021

On these agenda items the participants decided:

- The work plan will be updated to include the Terms of Reference for the AGAD, to specify the role and responsibilities of the participants in AGAD activities.
- The AGAD participants are interested in providing support to science-policy input to the UNEP@50 commemoration, but only in their individual expert capacities.
- UNEP will provide more detail on the possible engagement of AGAD participants in the science-policy input to the UNEP@50 commemoration as more information becomes available.
- The Secretariat representatives from the AGAD participating assessments will be invited to submit information on their production schedules and major activities so that an overall schedule can be produced.
- The AGAD Secretariat should provide a more detailed timeline in the revised workplan
- The next call of the AGAD will take place in April 2021.

### Meeting summary

- After introductions, Pierre Boileau presented the proposed workplan, that includes two main items:
  1. Continue the dialogue calls on a quarterly basis focusing on specific synergy items such as glossaries, modelling, peer reviews, etc. – each quarterly call would focus on a specific area of potential synergy and AGAD participants would be invited to provide overview presentations of their efforts in each of these areas to facilitate an exchange of knowledge and expertise.
  2. Act as a consultative body for the development of the science-policy input to the commemoration of the 1972 Conference on the Human Environment and

the creation of UNEP in that same year (EA.4/RES.23). Calls every two months, or as needed, throughout 2021 would be scheduled to seek input from AGAD participants, in line with their mandates, on specific areas of the UNEP@50 report. AGAD participants would be invited to contribute to the internal and external reviews of the report.

- The group provided comments to the work plan including:
  - It is important to clarify the role and capacity of the participants in AGAD activities. The co-chairs cannot represent the views of the entire community, Member States and Bureaux of the assessments and conventions they are affiliated with. Therefore, they should participate in the AGAD as individual experts.
  - The Secretariats should be responsible for providing information on the production schedule and major activities for their particular global assessment processes.
  - Depending on the specific synergy items to be discussed, it would be useful to include other participants in the conversation. For example, modelling efforts are often outsourced to technical institutions or experts. Therefore, other experts from those institutions should be invited to share their experience on those specific topics.
  - An updated timeline with more specific activities should be included in the next revision of the workplan.
  - Due to the nature of the assessment production work, a long-term timeline (i.e. up to 2023) could be included.
  - There is an interest from participants in providing support to the UNEP@50 initiative, however, more details are needed.
- The importance of finding outreach opportunities for the AGAD was discussed briefly. The purpose of these outreach opportunities is to help ensure the visibility of the AGAD process with Member States and other interested stakeholders. It is important for the Member States to be aware that this dialogue is happening. Therefore, there should be a mapping of possible events where the activities of the AGAD are presented, thus, showing that the mandate provided by the UNEA resolutions is being fulfilled.

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### Apologies

<b>Conventional on Biological Diversity / GBO</b>	
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