



Outcomes document: Fifth call of the Ad hoc Global Assessment Dialogue

On 4th May 2021 the participants of the Ad hoc Global Assessment Dialogue (AGAD) met to:

1. Review the proposed AGAD work plan for 2021, including comments were provided by AGAD members;
2. Review the initial draft of the production schedule for major global assessments;
3. Discuss the proposal of having a rotating chair for future AGAD meetings.

On these agenda items the participants decided:

- The work plan will be edited to include some changes provided during the meeting.
- The work plan will be shared via email for approval on a no-objection basis. The no-objection period will last 48hrs. If no objections are received, the work plan will be considered approved.
- The table listing the assessments production and activities schedule will be uploaded on SharePoint, where it will be accessible and editable by AGAD participants.
- The proposal of a rotating chair is rejected. As many AGAD participants have very busy schedules, they would prefer that UNEP retains the role of chair for the quarterly meetings.
- The next call of the AGAD will take place in September 2021.

Meeting summary

- Andrea Hinwood, the new UNEP Chief Scientist, provided some opening remarks and introduced her new role, which includes a focus on UNEP's publications processes and science-policy impact.
- Pierre Boileau presented the updated work plan, which included comments provided during the last call and via emails by AGAD participants.
- Comments were provided to soften the language and ensure that the role of AGAD participants is clear in the work plan.
- UNEP will be working on addressing the comments in the work plan. An updated draft of the document will be shared with the AGAD participants for approval on a no-objection basis. The no-objection period will be 48hrs. If no objections are raised after 48hrs of reception of the email, the work plan will be considered approved.

- During this approval period, comments are provided to UNEP, it will incorporate them into a new draft to be shared for another approval round.
- The table containing the production schedule and activities of major global assessments was presented.
 - Currently, the table includes inputs from UNEP, IPBES, IPCC, IRP, HDR, CBD and GWMO.
 - The table will be uploaded on SharePoint, where it will be accessible by AGAD participants, who are invited to provide updates.
 - Many of the production dates currently in the table are to be confirmed (TBC), due to changes in the production schedule and delays that are a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Comments were provided by AGAD participants on the language in the table, to ensure that the language of IPCC and IPBES procedures is appropriately reflected. UNEP will address the comments and provide a link to the SharePoint file.
- UNEP proposed the possibility of having a rotating chair for future AGAD meetings. UNEP would keep the administrative and organizational role, while the calls could be chaired by a rotating list of the participants in the dialogue.
- The proposal was rejected due to the busy schedules of other participants.
- Heriberto Tapia expressed the interest of the Secretariat of the Human Development Report to learn more about the peer review processes of other assessments and the possibility of accessing pools of peer reviewers.
- The idea of developing a communication channel through the UNEP Secretariat for sharing lessons learned on peer review processes and lists of peer reviewers was mentioned, for future consideration by the participants in the dialogue.
- The UNEP Chief Scientist mentioned that UNEP is undergoing a review of the UNEP publication processes, including peer reviews. Once completed, it would be useful to discuss the findings with the AGAD participants and discuss possible areas for improvement.
- In light of the upcoming UN Food Systems Summit and the wide range of assessments that the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) is working on, UNEP is considering reaching out to them with an invitation to join the AGAD
- The next AGAD call, to be organized for September, will focus on glossaries, as indicated in the work plan.

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