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## Modelling and Scenario Workshop for the Seventh Edition of UNEP's Global Environment Outlook (GEO-7)

**Location:** United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC)  
Meeting Room G/F (In person, hybrid)  
Rajdamnern Nok Avenue  
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8-10 March 2023

### Meeting objectives:

1. Develop a shared understanding of the objectives of the modelling and scenarios work
2. Agree on a methodology for the modelling and scenarios work
3. Discussion the roles and responsibilities of the different teams/authors in the modelling and scenarios work
4. Develop a costed work plan for the modelling and scenarios work
5. Establish a collaboration approach with the solutions pathways group
6. Discuss potential gaps in expertise to be filled and additional experts to be invited

### Provisional Agenda

Wednesday March. 8, 2023 – 09h00 to 18h00

Online participants may join the meeting with this link: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

09h00 – 10h30

Location: Room G (MR-G)

### Joint session with participants from both workshops

**Item 1:** Welcome from the secretariat, adoption of the agenda and introduction of the assessment co-chairs and session moderators

### Session Objectives:

- Group introductions, affiliations, backgrounds
- Present the focal points of the two workshops

- Present the GEO-7 co-chairs
- Discuss the objectives of both workshops

**Item 2:** Opening sessions, GEO overview by the Secretariat

- Short introduction to the history of GEO and main findings of GEO-6 – Secretariat
- Overview of the solutions-focused approach to GEO-7– Secretariat
- Discussion of the vision for GEO-7 from the co-chairs
- Q&A

**Supporting document:**

- Presentation on GEO-6 findings and GEO-7 approach, [UNEA Resolution 5/3, GEO-7 Scoping document](#)

**Discussion/decision:** What are the objectives of the two workshops, how are the same or different, how could they be complementary?

[10h30 – 11h00](#)

**Item 3: Group photo and Coffee Break**

*[Location for the group photo tbc]*

*[The participants then move to their allocated rooms – Solutions Pathways group in Room F, Modelling and Scenarios group in Room G]*

[11h00 – 13h00](#)

[Location: Room F \(MR-F\)](#)

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**Item 4:** Introductions and discussion on the approach and objectives of the modelling and scenario work

- Short Introduction of the participants
- Presentation on the proposed approach for the scenarios and modelling work
- Group discussion on the objectives of the modelling and scenarios work.

**Session objectives:**

- Having a shared view on role and objective of the modelling work

**Supporting document:** [GEO-7 Scoping document](#), and background paper

**Discussion/decision:**

- Agreed objective of the work

[13h00 – 14h00](#)

**Item 5:** Lunch

[14h00 – 15h30](#)

[Location: Room F \(MR-F\)](#)

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**Item 6:** Continued discussion on the methodology and discussion on contributions and potential gaps in expertise

**Session objectives:**

- Overview of the different modelling and scenarios tools in the room: short presentations (3 slides; 5min)
- Further discuss the proposed approach to the methodological work

- Mapping of proposed contributions from the literature and existing modelling and scenarios work to build upon

**Supporting document:** Background paper

**Decision/discussion:**

[15h30 – 16h00](#)

**Item 7:** Coffee Break

[16h00 – 17h50](#)

[Location: Room F \(MR-F\)](#)

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**Item 8:** Discussion on collaboration with policy group and continued discussion on the methodology and discussion on contributions and potential gaps in expertise

- Discuss linkage to solutions pathways part (prepare next day session)
- Group discussion on the methodology and how it can be implemented by the various groups.

**Session objectives:** Shared view on collaboration with policy group, and discussion of an approach to reach an agreed methodology

**Decision/discussion:**

- Shared view on collaboration with policy group
- What are the gaps in expertise to be filled?

[17h50 – 18h00](#)

**Item 9:** Closing of the meeting and takeaways from Day 1

[Thursday March. 9, 2023 – 09h00 to 18h00](#)

[09h00 – 09h10](#)

[Location: Room G \(MR-G\)](#)

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**Item 10:** Recap of Day 1

[9h10 – 10h30](#)

[Location: Room G \(MR-G\)](#)

[Link: Click here to join the meeting](#)

**Joint session with participants from both workshops**

**Link:**

**Item 11:** Exchange of ideas and progress update with participants from both workshops

**Session objectives:**

- Brainstorm with the solutions pathways experts to ensure alignment
- Sharing of initial ideas from a solutions pathways perspective and modelling/scenarios perspective
- Discussion on how to link the two parts and respective needs

**Supporting document:** [GEO-7 Scoping document](#), background paper

**Decision/discussion:**

- How can the two groups best collaborate?
- What's the timeline for the work of the two groups?

[10h30 – 11h00](#)

**Item 12:** Coffee Break

[11h00 – 13h00](#)

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**Item 13:** Continued brainstorm

**Session objectives:**

- Brainstorm with the solutions pathways experts to ensure alignment
- Sharing of initial ideas from a solutions pathways perspective and modelling/scenarios perspective
- Discussion on how to link the two parts and respective needs

**Supporting document:** [GEO-7 Scoping document](#), background paper

**Decision/discussion:** Discuss and agree on how the groups will work together, how the methods will dovetail and what key aspects of the work must advance and by when

[13h00 – 14h00](#)

**Item 14:** Lunch

[14h00 – 15h30](#)

[Location: Room F \(MR-F\)](#)

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*[The participants move to their allocated rooms - Modelling and Scenarios group in Room F]*

**Item 15:** Group discussion on an agreed methodology to be adopted for the modelling and scenarios development, considering:

- Link to the solutions pathways analysis
- Identify additional needs in expertise and gaps to be filled and propose additional experts to be contacted
- Links to existing literature
- Regional perspectives

**Session Objectives:** Further develop the methodology

**Supporting documents:** [GEO-7 Scoping document](#), background paper

**Decision/discussion:** Agreed approach to the methodological work

[15h30 – 16h00](#)

**Item 16:** Coffee Break

[16h00 – 17h50](#)

[Location: Room F \(MR-F\)](#)

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**Item 17:** Group discussion on a shared methodology to be adopted for the drafting of the chapters and the modelling and scenarios development, considering:

- Link to the solutions pathways analysis
- Identify additional needs in expertise and gaps to be filled and propose additional experts to be contacted

- Links to existing literature
- Regional perspectives

**Session Objectives:** Further develop the methodology

**Supporting documents:** [GEO-7 Scoping document](#), background paper

**Decision/discussion:** Agreed approach to the methodological work

[17h50 – 18h00](#)

[Location: Room F \(MR-F\)](#)

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**Item 18:** Closing of the meeting and takeaways from Day 2

[Friday March. 10, 2023 – 09h00 to 18h00](#)

[Location: Room G \(MR-G\)](#)

[Link: Click here to join the meeting](#)

[09h00 – 09h10:](#)

**Item 19:** Recap of Day 2

[9h10 – 10h30](#)

**Item 20:** Further elaboration of the agreed methodology

**Session Objectives:** Outline the detailed elements of the methodology

**Supporting document:** Discussion document

**Decision/discussion:** Detailed elements of the methodology

[10h30 – 11h00](#)

**Item 21:** Coffee Break

[11h00 – 13h00](#)

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**Item 22:** Group discussion and agreement on:

- roles and responsibilities
- best practices on how to work together, including the use of the GEO collaboration platform and other tools
- workplan for 2023-2024

**Session objectives:** Discuss and agree on:

- workplan for developing the methodology
- divisions of roles and responsibilities
- modus operandi and best practices on how to work together

**Supporting document:** [GEO-7 timeline](#), [GEO-7 Scoping document](#)

[13h00 – 14h00](#)

**Item 23:** Lunch

[14h00 – 15h30](#)

[Location: Room G \(MR-G\)](#)

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**Item 24:** Continued group discussion and agreement on:

- roles and responsibilities

- best practices on how to work together, including the use of the GEO collaboration platform and other tools
- workplan for 2023-2024

**Session objectives:** Discuss and agree on:

- workplan for developing the methodology
- divisions of roles and responsibilities
- modus operandi and best practices on how to work together

**Supporting document:** [GEO-7 timeline](#),

[15h30 – 17h00](#)

**Item 25:** Coffee Break

[16h00 – 17h50](#)

[Location: Room G \(MR-G\)](#)

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**Joint session with the participants of both workshops**

**Item 26:** Recap of the three days and preparation of the presentation for the Authors meeting

- Discussion and agreement on methodological objectives, roles and responsibilities
- Collective preparation of the presentation for Day 1 of the authors meeting on next Monday
- Collection of takeaways from the three days of workshop

**Session objectives:**

- Development of a presentation for Day 1 of the authors meeting
- Summarize the takeaways from the three days of the workshops.

**Decision/discussion:** Agreement on a methodology and ways to collaborate among the two groups

[17h50 – 18h00](#)

**Item 27:** Closing of the meeting