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Policy Responses and Solutions Pathways Workshop for the Seventh Edition of UNEP's Global Environment Outlook (GEO-7)

Location: United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC)
Meeting Room G (In person, hybrid)
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March 8-10, 2023

Meeting objectives:

1. Develop a shared understanding of the objectives of the solutions pathway section
2. Review and agree on a methodology for the solutions pathways analysis
3. Discussion of roles and responsibilities in the further development of the methodology
4. Develop a work plan for methodological development
5. Establish collaborative approach with the outlooks/modelling/scenarios group
6. Discuss potential gaps in expertise to be filled and suggest additional experts to be involved

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 (both policy and outlooks teams to participate in the opening session)

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

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

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

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 G, Modelling and Scenarios group in Room F]

11h00 – 11h15

Location: [Room G \(MR-G\)](#): [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Session objectives: Introduction of any new authors/experts

Item 4: Personal introduction from the authors with their backgrounds and possible contributions

Supporting document: Confirmed policy and pathways authors list

11h00 – 13h00

Location: [Room G \(MR-G\)](#): [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Item 5: Presentation and discussion of available Solutions Pathways frameworks –Henri, Parfait

Session objectives: Evaluate various methodological frameworks for the development of Solutions Pathways

Supporting document: [GEO-7 Scoping document](#), Solutions Pathways discussion paper

13h00 – 14h00

Item 6: Lunch

14h00 – 15h30

Location: [Room G \(MR-G\)](#): [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Item 7: Continued discussion on the available analytical frameworks

Session objectives:

- Establish an approach for assessing the frameworks

- Agree on how the frameworks will be used
- Agree on how the framework will be translated into a methodology

15h30 – 16h00

Item 8: Coffee Break

16h00 – 17h50

Location: Room G (MR-G): [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Item 9: Discussion on possible approaches to the Solutions Pathways methodology

Session objectives: List of possible methodologies and narrow down possible methodologies

Supporting Document: Solutions Pathways discussion paper

17h50 – 18h00

Location: Room G (MR-G)

Item 10: Closing of the meeting and takeaways from day 1.

Thursday March. 9, 2023 – 09h00 to 18h00

9h00 – 9h10

Location: Room G (MR-G)

Item 11: Recap of day 1 and set the objectives for day 2

9h10 – 10h30

Location: Room G (MR-G): [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Joint session with participants from both workshops

Item 12: Exchange of ideas and progress update with participants from both workshops

Session objectives:

- Brainstorm with the modelling/scenarios 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](#), discussion documents

Decision/discussion:

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

[10h30 – 11h00](#)

Item 13: Coffee Break

[11h00 – 13h00](#)

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Item 14: Continued brainstorm

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Supporting document: [GEO-7 Scoping document](#), discussion documents

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 15: Lunch

[14h00 – 15h30](#)

Location: Room G (MR-G);

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

Item 16: Identification of policies: criteria to be used

Session objectives: Agree on methods for developing Solutions Pathways in GEO-7

Decision/discussion: Can the methodologies be narrowed down to one primary method?

Supporting document: [GEO-7 Scoping document](#), Solutions Pathways discussion paper

[15h30 – 16h00](#)

Item 17: Coffee Break

[16h10 – 17h50](#)

Location: Room G (MR-G)

Item 18: Identifying data and analytical needs to support the proposed methodology

Session objectives: Outline what data and analysis are needed to apply the Solutions Pathways methodology and whether these available

Decision/discussion: what are the data and analysis needs and how can they be met?

Supporting document: Solutions Pathways discussion paper

[17h50 – 18h00](#)

Location: Room G (MR-G)

Item 19: Closing of the meeting and takeaway from day 2

Friday March. 10, 2023 – 09h00 to 18h00

9h00 – 09h10

Location: Room G (MR-G): [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Item 20: Recap the previous discussions and set the objectives for day 3

Session Objectives: Recap the discussion from day 2 and objectives for day 3

9h10 – 10h30

Location: Room G (MR-G): [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Item 21: Selected literature that must be reviewed to support the selected methodology and analysis

Session Objectives: Establish which supporting evidence is needed from the literature to document the methodology

Supporting document: Solutions Pathways discussion paper

10h30 – 11h00

Item 22: Coffee Break

11h00 – 13h00

Location: Room G (MR-G): [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Item 23: Discussion on the typologies of countries

Session objectives: Review and agree on the typologies as inputs for the method (e.g. countries, economic and social indicators) as well as the metrics to be output by the methodology (i.e. the inputs to the modelling and scenarios work)

Supporting document: [GEO-7 Scoping document](#), Solutions Pathways discussion paper

13h00 – 14h00

Item 24: Lunch

14h00 – 15h30

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Item 25: 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 Scoping document](#), [GEO-7 timeline](#), Solutions Pathways discussion paper

[15h30 – 16h00](#)

Item 26: Coffee Break

[16h10 – 17h50](#)

[Location: Room G \(MR-G\): Click here to join the meeting](#)

Joint session with participants from both workshops

Item 27: 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 28: Closing of the meeting