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Provisional Agenda: First Authors Meeting for the Seventh Global Environment Outlook (GEO-7)

Location: United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC)

Rajdamnern Nok Avenue
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March 13-17, 2023

Meeting objectives:

1. Expand the annotated outline and agree the drafting process of the Introduction and Drivers/Pressures chapters
2. Expand the annotated outline and agree the drafting process for the State and Trends of the Environment chapters
3. Expand the annotated outline and agree the drafting process for the Policy chapters
4. Expand the annotated outline and agree the drafting process for the Outlooks chapters
5. Where possible, begin the drafting process for the chapters.

Meeting Documents :

- GEO-7 annotated outline
- GEO-7 scoping document
- Draft outcomes from solutions pathways workshop
- Draft outcomes from modelling and scenarios workshop

Provisional Agenda

Registration and daily subsistence allowance from 08h00 to 10h00: Secretariat room

Monday March 13, 2023 – 10h00 to 13h00

Location: Plenary room – CR1

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

10h00 – 10h45

Item 1: Welcome and opening remarks

- Welcome from the Secretariat and GEO-7 co-chairs
- Virtual live opening - Inger Andersen, UNEP's Executive Director
- Opening remarks - UNEP's Director of Asia and the Pacific Office and Director of the Early Warning and Assessment Division
- Mr. Thalearnsak PETCHSUWAN-Deputy Permanent Secretary of Natural Resources and Environment

[10h45 – 11h00](#)

Item 2: Overview of the agenda and adoption

- Presented by the GEO-7 co-chairs

[11h00 – 11h30](#)

Item 3: Group photo and coffee break

[11h30 – 12h00](#)

Item 4: Review of annotated outline and discussion of drafting approach for different chapters (GEO-7 co-chairs)

- Brief on the annotated outline
- Overview presentations on proposed drafting approach.

Session Objectives: Participants are fully aware of the key requirements set by Member States in the scoping document.

Supporting document: GEO-7 scoping document

Discussion/decision: Questions and answers from participants

[12h00 – 13h00](#)

Item 5: Presentation and discussion of outcomes from the Modelling and Scenarios and Solutions Pathways methodology workshops

Session Objectives: Participants are fully aware of the outcomes of the methodology workshops

Supporting document: Solutions Pathways discussion paper, modelling scenario discussion paper

Discussion/decision: Questions and answers

[13h00 – 14h00](#)

Item 6: Lunch

[14h00 – 14h30](#)

Item 7: Orientation session: Writing for assessments

- Review of objectives of GEO assessments (legitimacy, relevance, credibility)
- Review of writing style for assessments

Session objectives : participants are aware of basic assessment writing goals

Supporting document: Presentation, examples

Discussion/decision: Questions and answers

[14h30 – 15h00](#)

Item 8: Orientation session: Behavioral science tips for assessment writing

Session objectives : Participants are aware of behavioural science guidance for GEO-7

Supporting document: Presentation, examples (Busara colleagues)

Discussion/decision: Questions and answers

[15h00 – 15h30](#)

Item 9: Orientation session: The new science to policy educational material

Session objectives : Participants are aware of the new educational material that's available.

Supporting document: Presentation, examples (DLR colleagues)

Discussion/decision : Questions and answers

[15h30 – 16h00](#)

Item 10: Orientation session: The digital collaboration platform

Session objectives : Participants are aware of the new collaboration platform that they will be working from.

Supporting document: Presentation, examples (GRID Arendal and developer colleagues)

Discussion/decision: Questions and answers

[16h00 – 16h30](#)

Item 11: Coffee Break

[16h30 – 16h45](#)

Item 12: Orientation session: The new GEO website

Session objectives: Participants are aware of the new approach to the GEO website

Supporting document: Presentation, examples (UNEP web colleagues)

Discussion/decision: Questions and answers

[16h45 – 17h45](#)

Item 13: Orientation session

- Managing citations, references and plagiarism
- Managing charts, graphs, maps and infographics

Session objectives : Participants are aware of the preferred approaches for managing citations and references as well as producing maps and graphs

Supporting document : Presentation, examples (GEO team, digital platform developers)

Discussion/decision: Questions and answers

[17h45 – 18h00](#)

Item 14: Wrap-up for Day 1

[Tuesday March 14, 2023 – 09h00 to 17h00 \(Reception at 1700\)](#)

[09h00 – 09h15](#)

Item 15: Plenary (CR1): Objectives for the day, room and task assignments (GEO-7 co-chairs)

[09h15 – 10h30](#)

Session Objectives: Authors agree with GEO-7 co-chairs on how to expand the annotated outline and agree the drafting process.

Item 16: Parallel planning sessions: Overview and context

Supporting document: Scoping document and annotated outline

Discussion/decision: Brainstorm on how to expand the annotated outline and agree the drafting process of the Introduction and Drivers/Pressures chapters

Location: Meeting Room B (MR-B)

Item 17: Parallel planning session: State and Trend of Environment

Supporting document: Proposed annotated outline, approach to overlaying triple planetary crisis on to the four environmental systems.

Discussion/decision: Expand the annotated outline and agree the drafting process for the State and Trends of the Environment chapters

Location: Meeting Room F (MR-F)

Item 18: Parallel planning session: Policy responses and solutions pathways

Supporting document: Proposed annotated outline, outcomes from the methodology workshop

Discussion/decision: Expand the annotated outline and agree the drafting process for the Policy chapters

Location: Meeting Room C (MR-C)

Item 19: Parallel planning session: Outlooks

Supporting document: Proposed annotated outline, outcomes from the modelling and scenarios workshop

Discussion/decision: Expand the annotated outline and agree the drafting process for the Outlooks chapters

Location: Meeting Room H1 (MR-H1)

Item 20: Parallel orientation session with Fellows: Power BI training, discussion of new course materials, discussion of approach to citations and references)

Supporting document: Presentations, exercises, training

Discussion/decision: Help fellows understand how to best support the authors teams and get familiar with the digital platform

Location: Meeting Room H2 (MR-H2)

[10h30 – 11h00](#)

Item 21: Coffee Break

[11h00 – 12h00](#)

Session Objectives: Expand the annotated outline and agree the drafting process.

Item 22: Parallel planning sessions: Overview and context

Supporting document: Proposed annotated outline

Discussion/decision: Expand the annotated outline and agree the drafting process of the Introduction and Drivers/Pressures chapters

Location: Meeting Room B (MR-B)

Item 23: Parallel planning session: State and Trend of Environment

Supporting document: Proposed annotated outline, outcomes from workshop

Discussion/decision: Expand the annotated outline and agree the drafting process for the State and Trends of the Environment chapters

Location: Meeting Room F (MR-F)

Item 24: Parallel planning session: Policy responses and solutions pathways

Supporting document: Proposed annotated outline, outcomes from solutions pathways workshop

Discussion/decision: Expand the annotated outline and agree the drafting process for the Policy chapters

Location: Meeting Room C (MR-C)

Item 25: Parallel planning session: Outlooks

Supporting document: Proposed annotated outline, outcomes from workshop

Discussion/decision: Expand the annotated outline and agree the drafting process for the Outlooks chapters

Location: Meeting Room H1 (MR-H1)

Item 26: Parallel orientation session with Fellows: Power BI training, discussion of new course materials, discussion of approach to citations and references)

Supporting document: Presentations, exercises, training

Discussion/decision: Help fellows understand how to best support the authors teams and get familiar with the digital platform

Location: Meeting Room H2 (MR-H2)

12h00 – 13h00

Session Objectives: Explore current environmental issues of Thailand and the Asia-Pacific region, specifically focusing on energy systems and climate change issues. Highlight the need for an environmentally sustainable energy transition and explore the steps that are needed.

Item 27: Side-event: Energy transition and natural resources

Supporting document: Side event concept note

Location: Meeting Room B (MR-B)

13h00 – 14h00

Item 28: Lunch

14h00 – 15h30

Session Objectives: Expand the annotated outline and agree the drafting process.

Item 29: Parallel planning sessions: Overview and context

Supporting document: Proposed annotated outline

Discussion/decision: Expand the annotated outline and agree the drafting process of the Introduction and Drivers/Pressures chapters

Location: Meeting Room B (MR-B)

Item 30: Parallel planning session: State and Trend of Environment

Supporting document: Proposed annotated outline, outcomes from workshop

Discussion/decision: Expand the annotated outline and agree the drafting process for the State and Trends of the Environment chapters

Location: Meeting Room F (MR-F)

Item 31: Parallel planning session: Policy responses and solutions pathways

Supporting document: Proposed annotated outline, outcomes from workshop

Discussion/decision: Expand the annotated outline and agree the drafting process for the Policy chapters

Location: Meeting Room C (MR-C)

Item 32: Parallel planning session: Outlooks

Supporting document: Proposed annotated outline, outcomes from workshop

Discussion/decision: Expand the annotated outline and agree the drafting process for the Outlooks chapters

Location: Meeting Room H1 (MR-H1)

Item 33: Parallel orientation session with Fellows: Power BI training, discussion of new course materials, discussion of approach to citations and references)

Supporting document: Presentations, exercises, training

Discussion/decision: Help fellows understand how to best support the authors teams and get familiar with the digital platform

Location: Meeting Room H2 (MR-H2)

[15h30-16h00](#)

Item 34: Coffee Break

[16h00 – 16h45](#)

Session Objectives: Expand the annotated outline and agree the drafting process.

Item 35: Parallel planning sessions: Overview and context

Supporting document: Proposed annotated outline

Discussion/decision: Expand the annotated outline and agree the drafting process of the Introduction and Drivers/Pressures chapters

Location: Meeting Room B (MR-B)

Item 36: Parallel planning session: State and Trend of Environment

Supporting document: Proposed annotated outline, outcomes from workshop

Discussion/decision: Expand the annotated outline and agree the drafting process for the State and Trends of the Environment chapters

Location: Meeting Room F (MR-F)

Item 37: Parallel planning session: Policy responses and solutions pathways

Supporting document: Proposed annotated outline, outcomes from workshop

Discussion/decision: Expand the annotated outline and agree the drafting process for the Policy chapters

Location: Meeting Room C (MR-C)

Item 38: Parallel planning session: Outlooks

Supporting document: Proposed annotated outline, outcomes from workshop

Discussion/decision: Expand the annotated outline and agree the drafting process for the Outlooks chapters

Location: Meeting Room H1 (MR-H1)

Item 39: Parallel orientation session with Fellows: Power BI training, discussion of new course materials, discussion of approach to citations and references)

Supporting document: Presentations, exercises, training

Discussion/decision: Help fellows understand how to best support the authors teams and get familiar with the digital platform

Location: Meeting Room H2 (MR-H2)

[16h45 – 17h00](#)

Item 40: Wrap-up for Day 2

[17h00-18h30](#)

Item 41: Reception

[Wednesday March 15, 2023: 09h00 to 17h00](#)

[10h30 – 11h00](#) Coffee Break [13h00 – 14h00](#) Lunch [15h30-16h00](#) Coffee Break

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[09h00 – 09h30](#)

Item 42: Plenary (CR1): Presentation on the progress from authors group

[09h30 – 10h00](#)

Item 43: Orientation session: How to write assessment

- The fundamental difference between an assessment and a review
- How to write a chapter executive summary
- How to write a SPM

Session objectives : Participants are aware of the difference between writing environment assessment and other articles

Supporting document: Presentation, examples (Co-chair of assessment)

Discussion/decision: Questions and answers

[10h00 – 16h30](#)

Session Objectives: Expand the annotated outline and agree the drafting process. Where possible, begin the drafting process for the chapters.

Item 44: Parallel drafting sessions: Introduction, Historical, current and projected drivers and pressures of environmental change

Supporting document: Annotated outline of the chapter

Location: Meeting Room B (MR-B)

- Group 1: Introduction team
- Group 2: Drivers team

Item 45: Parallel drafting session: State and Trend of Environment: air, land and soils, oceans and coast, freshwater

Supporting document: Annotated outline of the chapter

Location: Plenary room (CR-1)

- Group 1: Air team
- Group 2: Land and soils team
- Group 3: Oceans and coast team
- Group 4: Freshwater team

Item 46: Parallel drafting session: State and Trend of Environment: Interlinkages across environmental changes, scales and geographic regions and sub-regions

Supporting document: Annotated outline of the chapter

Location: Meeting Room F (MR-F)

Item 47: Parallel drafting session: State and Trend of Environment: Implications of environmental change on the SDGs, and internationally agreed environmental goals

Supporting document: Proposed annotated outline, outcomes from workshop

Location: Meeting Room C (MR-C)

Item 48: Parallel planning session: Policy responses and solutions pathways: What are the elements and levers of transformative change?

Supporting document: Annotated outline for the chapter, outcomes from methodology workshop
Location: Meeting Room H1 (MR-H1)

Item 49: Parallel planning session: Policy responses and solutions pathways: Methodological approach and economic models

Supporting document: Annotated outline for the chapter, outcomes from workshop
Location: Meeting Room D (MR-D)

- Group 1: Methodology team
- Group 2: Economy team

Item 50: Parallel planning session: Policy responses and solutions pathways: Energy, Food , Circularity, Environmental systems transformation pathways

Supporting document: Annotated outline for the chapters, outcomes from methodology workshop
Location: Public Foyer (PF)

- Room 1: Energy team
- Room 2: Food team
- Room 3: Circularity team
- Room 4: Environment team

Item 51: Parallel planning session: Outlooks

Supporting document: Annotated outline for the chapters, outcomes from workshop drafting

Location: Meeting Room H2 (MR-H2)

Item 52: Parallel planning session: Regional similarities and differences

Supporting document: Annotated outline for the chapters

Location: Meeting Room F (MR-F)

[16h30 – 17h00](#)

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

Item 53: Review of progress and co-chairs and vice-chairs guidance

[Thursday March 16, 2023: 09h00 to 17h00 \(Coordination meeting from 17h00\)](#)

[10h30 – 11h00 Coffee Break](#) [13h00 – 14h00 Lunch](#) [15h30-16h00 Coffee Break](#)

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[09h00 – 09h30](#)

Item 54: Plenary (CR1): Presentation on the progress from authors group

[09h30 – 16h30](#)

Session Objectives: Expand the annotated outline and agree the drafting process. Where possible, begin the drafting process for the chapters.

Item 55: Parallel drafting sessions: Introduction, Historical, current and projected drivers and pressures of environmental change

Supporting document: Proposed annotated outline

Location: Meeting Room B (MR-B)

- Group 1: Introduction team
- Group 2: Drivers team

Item 56: Parallel drafting session: State and Trend of Environment: air, land and soils, oceans and coast, freshwater

Supporting document: Proposed annotated outline, outcomes from workshop

Location: Plenary room (CR-1)

- Group 1: Air team
- Group 2: land and soils team
- Group 3: Oceans and coast team
- Group 4: Freshwater team

Item 57: Parallel drafting session: State and Trend of Environment: Interlinkages across environmental changes, scales and geographic regions and sub-regions

Supporting document: Proposed annotated outline

Location: Meeting Room F (MR-F)

Item 58: Parallel drafting session: State and Trend of Environment: Implications of environmental change on the SDGs, and internationally agreed environmental goals

Supporting document: Proposed annotated outline, outcomes from workshop

Location: Meeting Room C (MR-C)

Item 59: Parallel planning session: Policy responses and solutions pathways: What are the elements and levers of transformative change?

Supporting document: Proposed annotated outline, outcomes from workshop

Location: Meeting Room H1 (MR-H1)

Item 60: Parallel planning session: Policy responses and solutions pathways: Energy, Food , Circularity, Environmental systems transformation pathways

Supporting document: Proposed annotated outline, outcomes from workshop

Location: Public Foyer (PF)

- Room 1: Energy team
- Room 2: Food team
- Room 3: Circularity team
- Room 4: Environment team

Item 61: Parallel planning session: Policy responses and solutions pathways: Methodological approach and economic models

Supporting document: Proposed annotated outline, outcomes from workshop

Location: Meeting Room D (MR-D)

- Group 1: Methodology team
- Group 2: Economy team

Item 62: Parallel planning session: Outlooks

Supporting document: Proposed annotated outline, outcomes from workshop

Location: Meeting Room H2 (MR-H2)

Item 63: Parallel planning session: Regional similarities and differences

Supporting document: Proposed annotated outline

Location: Meeting Room F (MR-F)

[16h30 – 17h00](#)

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Item 64: Review of progress and co-chairs and vice-chairs guidance

[16h00 – 18h00](#)

Item 65: Coordination group meeting

Location: Meeting Room G (MR-G)

[Friday March 17, 2023: 09h00 to 17h00](#)

[10h30 – 11h00](#) **Coffee Break** [13h00 – 14h00](#) **Lunch** [15h30-16h00](#) **Coffee Break**

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[09h00 – 09h30](#)

Item 66: Plenary: Presentation on the progress from authors group

[09h30 – 16h00](#)

Session Objectives: Expand the annotated outline and agree the drafting process. Where possible, begin the drafting process for the chapters.

Item 67: Parallel drafting sessions: Introduction, Historical, current and projected drivers and pressures of environmental change

Supporting document: Proposed annotated outline

Location: Meeting Room B (MR-B)

- Group 1: Introduction team
- Group 2: Drivers team

Item 68: Parallel drafting session: State and Trend of Environment: air, land and soils, oceans and coast, freshwater

Supporting document: Proposed annotated outline, outcomes from workshop

Location: Plenary room (CR-1)

- Group 1: Air team
- Group 2: land and soils team
- Group 3: Oceans and coast team
- Group 4: Freshwater team

Item 69: Parallel drafting session: State and Trend of Environment: Interlinkages across environmental changes, scales and geographic regions and sub-regions

Supporting document: Proposed annotated outline

Location: Meeting Room F (MR-F)

Item 70: Parallel drafting session: State and Trend of Environment: Implications of environmental change on the SDGs, and internationally agreed environmental goals

Supporting document: Proposed annotated outline, outcomes from workshop

Location: Meeting Room C (MR-C)

Item 71: Parallel planning session: Policy responses and solutions pathways: What are the elements and levers of transformative change?

Supporting document: Proposed annotated outline, outcomes from workshop

Location: Meeting Room H1 (MR-H1)

Item 72: Parallel planning session: Policy responses and solutions pathways: Energy, Food , Circularity, Environmental systems transformation pathways

Supporting document: Proposed annotated outline, outcomes from workshop

Location: Public Foyer (PF)

- Room 1: Energy team
- Room 2: Food team
- Room 3: Circularity team
- Room 4: Environment team

Item 73: Parallel planning session: Policy responses and solutions pathways: Methodological approach and economic models

Supporting document: Proposed annotated outline, outcomes from workshop

Location: Meeting Room D (MR-D)

- Group 1: Methodology team
- Group 2: Economy team

Item 74: Parallel planning session: Outlooks

Supporting document: Proposed annotated outline, outcomes from workshop

Location: Meeting Room H2 (MR-H2)

Item 75: Parallel planning session: Regional similarities and differences

Supporting document: Proposed annotated outline

Location: Meeting Room F (MR-F)

[16h00 – 17h00](#)

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Item 76: Plenary: work plan for the next months and closing remarks (GEO Co-chairs, Secretariat)