



**United Nations Environment
Programme**

Second Face to Face Meeting of the Intergovernmental and Multi-stakeholder Advisory Group (IMAG)

Location: United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC)
Meeting Room A
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March 14-16, 2023

Meeting objectives:

1. Agree IMAG's work plan for the coming year.
2. Provide advice on key GEO-7 policy questions.
3. Provide advice on the profiles of additional experts and authors that may be needed.
4. Provide advice on the profiles and roles of selected collaborating centers.
5. Provide advice on the evidence base and literature to support the GEO-7.
6. Provide advice on the approach for regional and sub-regional analysis within the GEO.
7. Review and provide advice on proposed methodological approach to developing solutions pathways.
8. Review and provide advice of the proposed outlooks methodology.
9. Discuss and provide advice on the proposed supporting services and how these will be delivered within the GEO process.

Provisional Agenda

Tuesday March 14, 2023 – 09h00 to 17h00

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

09h00 – 09h10

Item 1: Welcome

The co-chairs will present the objectives of the IMAG meeting followed by approval of the agenda.

09h10 –10h00

Item 2: Briefing from Director of Corporate Services Division on funding for GEO

Session objectives: review and discuss GEO funding plan

Supporting documents: verbal briefing, note on GEO-7 funding, GEO-7 scoping document

Expected discussion/decision: IMAG is informed and can input on GEO funding plan

10h00 - 10h30

Item 3: Review and agree IMAG's work plan for the coming year.

Session objectives: review and approval of work plan

Supporting documents: draft work plan

Expected discussion/decision: approval of work plan

10h30 – 11h00

Item 4: Coffee Break

11h00 – 13h00

Item 5: Provide advice on key GEO-7 policy questions.

Session objectives: review the proposed GEO-7 policy questions as per the annotated outline.

Supporting document: GEO-7 scoping document, policy questions teaser

Expected discussion/decision: decide on the right policy questions to be answered in GEO-7.

13h00 – 14h00

Item 6: Lunch

14h00 – 15h30

Item 7: Provide advice on the profiles of additional experts and authors that may be needed.

Session objectives: collection of advice on additional experts and authors that may be needed.

Supporting document: List of authors invited to first authors meeting and potential gaps in expertise

Expected discussion/decision: list of suggested additional authors or expertise required

15h30-16h00

Item 8: Coffee Break

16h00 – 16h55

Item 9: Provide advice on the profiles and roles of selected collaborating centers.

Session objectives: Collection of advice on the profiles and possible roles of collaborating centers.

Supporting document: List of nominated collaborating centres with areas of expertise

Expected discussion/decision: advice on the possible roles of collaborating centers.

16h55 – 17h00

Item 10: Closing of the meeting

Wednesday March 15, 2023 – 09h00 to 17h00

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09h00 – 09h10

Item 11: Brief recap of the previous day.

Session objectives: Co-chairs will give an overview of the previous day

09h10-10h30

Item 12: Provide advice on the evidence base and literature to support the GEO-7.

Session objectives: review of the type of evidence base and literature to support the GEO-7

Supporting document: Discussion document on the evidence base and literature

Expected discussion/decision: comments on the type of evidence base and literature.

10h30 – 11h00

Item 13: Coffee Break

11h00 – 13h00

Item 14: Provide advice on the approach for regional and sub-regional analysis within the GEO-7.

Session objectives: IMAG co-chairs suggest different approaches for regional and sub-regional analysis within the GEO.

Supporting document: Scoping document, draft approach

Expected discussion/decision: comments on regional and sub-regional analysis within the GEO.

13h00 – 14h00

Item 15: Lunch

14h00 – 15h30

Item 16: Review and provide advice on proposed methodological approach to developing solutions pathways.

Session objectives: IMAG is briefed on the proposed solutions pathways methods.

Supporting document: Verbal briefing from the policy team.

Expected discussion/decision: Advice on solutions pathways methods.

15h30-16h00

Item 17: Coffee Break

16h00 – 17h00

Item 18: Review and provide advice on the proposed outlooks methodology.

Session objectives: IMAG members are briefed on the proposed outlooks methodology.

Supporting document: Verbal briefing from the outlooks team

Decision/discussion: provide advice on approach proposed by outlooks team

17h00- 18:30

Item 19: Reception

Thursday March 16, 2023 – 09h00 to 17h00

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09h00 – 09h10

Item 20: Brief recap of the previous day.

Session objectives: Co-chairs will give an overview of the previous day

09h10 – 10h30

Item 21: Discuss and provide advice on proposed supporting services and how these will be delivered within the GEO process.

Session objectives: Participants will discuss the supporting services approach that are to be delivered within the GEO process

Supporting document: Draft supporting services document.

Expected discussion/decision: remarks on the supporting services to be delivered within the GEO process.

10h30 – 11h00

Item 22: Coffee Break

11h00 – 13h00

Item 23: IMAG/MESAG joint meeting (Separate agenda to be provided)

Session objectives: Roundtable introductions and discussion of how the two advisory bodies can best work together

Supporting document: GEO procedures document.

Expected discussion/decision: common areas that would require input of both groups, channels of communication, how best to work together to support the GEO-7 process.

13h00 – 14h00

Item 24: Lunch

14h00 – 15h00

Item 25: Continued discussion and advice on the approach to providing supporting services.

Session objectives: provide advice on the approach to providing supporting services.

Supporting document: Draft supporting services document.

Expected discussion/decision: remarks on the supporting services to be delivered within the GEO process.

15h00-15h30

Item 26: Work plan of the next steps and closing of the meeting.

15h30-16h00

Item 27: Coffee Break

16h00 – 18h00

Item 28: Coordination Group meeting (Separate agenda to be provided)

Session objectives: Discussion any pending issues that need further advice.

Supporting document: GEO procedures document, verbal briefing from the co-chairs of the assessment, MESAG, IMAG and ad hoc open-ended meetings

Expected discussion/decision: how best to work together to support the GEO-7 process