

*Briefing to the CPR Subcommittee*

# Update on the 7<sup>th</sup> Global Environment Outlook

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# Objective of the Briefing

## To Provide an Update on the GEO-7's:

1. Production Timeline
2. Peer Review Process
3. Terminology on Environmental Crises
4. Dialogues on Indigenous Knowledge and Local Knowledge (IK&LK)



# Quick Recap of GEO-7's Main Characteristics

- UNEP's single flagship report
- Responds to UNEA Res. 4/23 and 5/3
- Integrated assessment
- Scientifically multidisciplinary
- Interlinkages across crises
- Solutions-focused
- Regionally specific
- Interactive digital tool
- Launch at UNEA-7 in Dec. 2025



# 1. Production Timeline

\* FOD = First Order Draft;  
SOD = Second Order Draft

Phase	Time Period	Activity
1. Reviewing the report	1 Nov 2024 – 15 Jan 2025	Peer review of the main report's SOD and Summary for Policymakers' FOD*
2. Addressing the comments	16 Jan – 15 Mar 2025	Comments received from peer reviewers being addressed by authors
3. Assuring the report's quality	15 Mar – 15 Apr 2025	Assessment of the quality of responses to the reviewers' comments by review editors
4. Final editing of texts	15 Apr – 1 Jul 2025	Authors finalize texts after addressing review editors' suggestions and science editors' edits
5. Reviewing the SPM	15 Aug – 31 Oct 2025	Review of the SOD of the Summary for Policy-Makers
6. Negotiation of the SPM	3 –7 Nov 2025	Negotiation and approval of the final version of the Summary for Policy-Makers
7. Launch	8-12 Dec 2025	Launch of GEO-7 and its SPM at UNEA-7

## 2. Peer Review Process: General Aspects

- Review from 1 Nov. 2024 to 15 Jan. 2025
- Review of two GEO-7 documents:
  - Main Report: Second Order Draft (SOD)
  - Summary for Policy-Makers (SPM): First Order Draft (FOD)
- Reviewers can decide to review both documents or only one of them
- Webinars led by the Secretariat to:
  - Explain the review guidelines
  - Demonstrate the online review platform READ



## 2. Peer Review Process: Regional and Gender Balance

<b>Regions</b>	<b>Countries</b>	<b>Reviewers</b>
• Africa	11	534 (27%)
• Asia and the Pacific	11	312 (16%)
• Eastern Europe	3	95 (05%)
• Latin America & Caribbean	9	702 (35%)
• Western Europe and Other	8	368 (17%)
<b>Gender</b>		
• Female		881 (44%)
• Male		1116 (55%)
• Prefer not to say		14 (01%)
<b>Type of Nomination</b>		
• Government-nominated		122 (06%)
• Self-nominated		1889 (94%)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>2011 (100%)</b>



# 3. Terminology on the Global Environmental Crises



## 4. Indigenous Knowledge and Local Knowledge Dialogues

- **What?** Incorporate Indigenous Knowledge and Local Knowledge (IK&LK) in GEO-7
- **Why?** To ensure a more complete and holistic understanding of envir. systems
- **How?** Through dialogues with experts
- **Who?** Engaging Indigenous peoples and local communities
- **When?**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Dialogue: 25 to 27 March 2024 (virtual)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Dialogue: 11-13 June 2024, Mexico
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Dialogue: 12-16 Jan. 2025, Thailand
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Dialogue: Dec. 2025, Kenya



2<sup>nd</sup> Dialogue, Oaxaca, Mexico



***Thank you very much for your attention!***

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