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The role of Governments is a crucial one in the GEO-6 process. Governments have not only requested UNEP to conduct a global, integrated environmental assessment, but they are also key partners in the assessment process as well as its main target audience group. All member states and governments have been invited to participate in the GEO-6 process.

More than 80 governments attended the First Intergovernmental and Multi-stakeholder Consultation on GEO-6, in Berlin that agreed on the scope, objectives and process for GEO-6. The GEO-6 assessment process also benefits from the advice of a High-Level Intergovernmental and Stakeholder Advisory Group (HLG) which will provide guidance to the policy assessment process, and leadership on the Summary for Policy Makers. The HLG will also and provide substantive support to relevant outreach activities. The HLG will comprise five members from each of the United Nations Regional Groups of Member States⁶ plus five stakeholder representatives.

Governments are requested to submit their nominations for experts to participate in GEO-6 assessment process using the *GEO-6 IGMS Community of Practice (CoP) nominations portal*. The nominations portal requires details to be submitted for both the nominee and the nominator including areas of expertise and roles in the assessment. The nomination process will run until **31 January 2015**. Late nominations will be accepted under mitigating circumstances. The selected experts and nominees for the advisory bodies will be sent to governments for review and the final list of selected experts will be published on-line by 28 February 2015.