

Description of GEO-7 proposed support services

Member States in [Resolution 5/3](#) decided that the “Global Environment Outlook process should identify intergovernmentally defined needs and terms for the provision of support for capacity-building, knowledge generation and policymaking, in line with the mandate of the United Nations Environment Programme, and should provide support services for addressing those needs, in partnership with relevant institutions as appropriate;”

These functions and activities will be designed and implemented in close collaboration with UNEP Regional Offices, United Nations Country Teams and regional collaborating centres to help increase global, regional and national capacities.

These supporting services are intended to strengthen the capacity and to support regional and national policy development and implementation and lastly to enable science to inform policy. These support services will be expected to inform and influence national policy makers, the UN system and other relevant stakeholders through the policy recommendations proposed in GEO reports for the development and implementation of transformational national and regional policies.

a. Capacity Building

Through capacity building efforts, the UN system, policymakers and stakeholders will gain a better understanding of the GEO methodology and its scientific findings, to and base their decisions on the evidence presented by these scientific environmental assessments. Capacity building services may include:

- Provisioning of training and capacity-building, including through training sessions, e-learning tools, fellowships, and exchange programmes that assist in the preparation and use of assessment reports and other deliverables based on GEO/DPSIR methodology;
- Organizing webinars and seminars for communicating science for decision-making;
- Undertaking dialogues and consultations with government-designated national focal points and other stakeholders on specific needs related to the GEO findings;
- Organizing workshops, expert meetings, or dialogues with relevant experts to explore a specific topic or methodological issue, to develop a guide, or to address a cross-cutting or complex topic relevant to the GEO findings.

b. Knowledge Generation

Knowledge generation aims to increase understanding of environmental issues through building a strong evidence base from intergovernmental and expert-led assessments. The scientific community and academia will play a key role in this regard. This will be achieved through different knowledge generation projects and processes.

c. Support for Policy making

Policy makers at national and regional levels will receive support to better integrate environmental assessments findings and policy recommendations into policy making and policy implementation. This will help foster greater understanding of the findings in assessments, leading to more evidence-based decision-making that encourages action on these environmental issues by policymakers. Support for policy making services may include:

- Developing and delivering science-policy seminar materials based on GEO findings and regionally or national appropriate solutions pathways to support dialogues with policymakers and relevant stakeholders
- Supporting discussion and participatory processes with Member States, stakeholders and policymakers to adapt GEO solution pathways to national and local realities so that they may be incorporated into new policies.
- Supporting the development of National State of Environment reports following the GEO methodology to communicate credible information about the country's environmental situation and the available solutions pathways for policy makers