

# *Briefing to the CPR Subcommittee*

## **Update on the 7<sup>th</sup> Global Environment Outlook (GEO-7)**

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# Objective of the Briefing

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

1. Second Order Draft of the Summary for Policymakers Development
2. Validation Opinion Process by GEO-7 Advisory Groups
3. Preparations for the SPM Review and Approval Meeting in October 2025
4. GEO-7 Launch, Communication and Outreach Plan



# Quick Recap of GEO-7 Main Characteristics

- UNEP's flagship report since 1995
- Responds to UNEA Res. 4/23 and 5/3
- Integrated assessment
- Scientifically multidisciplinary
- Interlinkages across crises
- Solutions-focused
- Regionally specific
- Launch at UNEA-7 in Dec. 2025



# 1. Second Order Draft of the SPM (1)

Revised SPM contains 3 parts that look at:

1. The **current situation and underlying causes**;
2. The **solution pathways** to transform the systems of **economics/finance, materials/waste, energy and food** and a better management of **environmental system**;
3. The **regional and socio-economic dimensions** of the solution pathways.





# 1. Second Order Draft of the SPM (2)

- **2-6 June:** SPM Drafting Meeting in Jeju, Republic of Korea:
  - Refinement of the SPM
  - Development of key visuals for the SPM
- **15 August – 26 October 2025** (with written comments sent by 12 Oct.):
  - Online intergovernmental review of the SOD of the SPM (only for Member States' nominated experts)



## 2. GEO-7 Validation Opinion Process by GEO-7 Advisory Groups

- **Why?** 'Validation' as one of the clearance and endorsement processes of the GEO reports.
- **How?** The Multi-disciplinary Expert Scientific Advisory Group (MESAG) and the Intergovernmental and Multi stakeholder Advisory Group (IMAG) agreed to provide their separate validation opinions
- **When?** Both the IMAG and MESAG will present their validation opinion ahead of the ad-hoc open-ended meeting that will review and approve the SPM in October 2025.

**Note:** The main report will be formally accepted at the start of the SPM review and approval meeting based on the validation opinions of the IMAG and MESAG



Group photo of GEO-7 IMAG and MESAG members during the third Authors Meeting in Nairobi, Kenya, September 2024



### 3. GEO-7 SPM Review and Approval Meeting

- **UNEA Resolution:** 5/3
- **Dates:** 27-31 October 2025
- **Location:** Nairobi, Kenya
- **Nominations:** Invitation letter sent to Member States on 16 June 2025
- **Deadline:** Deadline for nominations and registration of nominated participants is **1 September 2025**



## 4. GEO-7 Outreach and Communication Plan

- A collaboration between UNEP's *Early Warning & Assessment Division* and its *Communication Division*
- The joint Communications and Outreach Plan aims to:
  - Raise the profile of GEO-7
  - Inform Policies
  - Drive Awareness and Action
  - Increase Reach and Impact





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

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