

Lessons learned from the GEO-7 process as input to UNEP's future global environmental assessment

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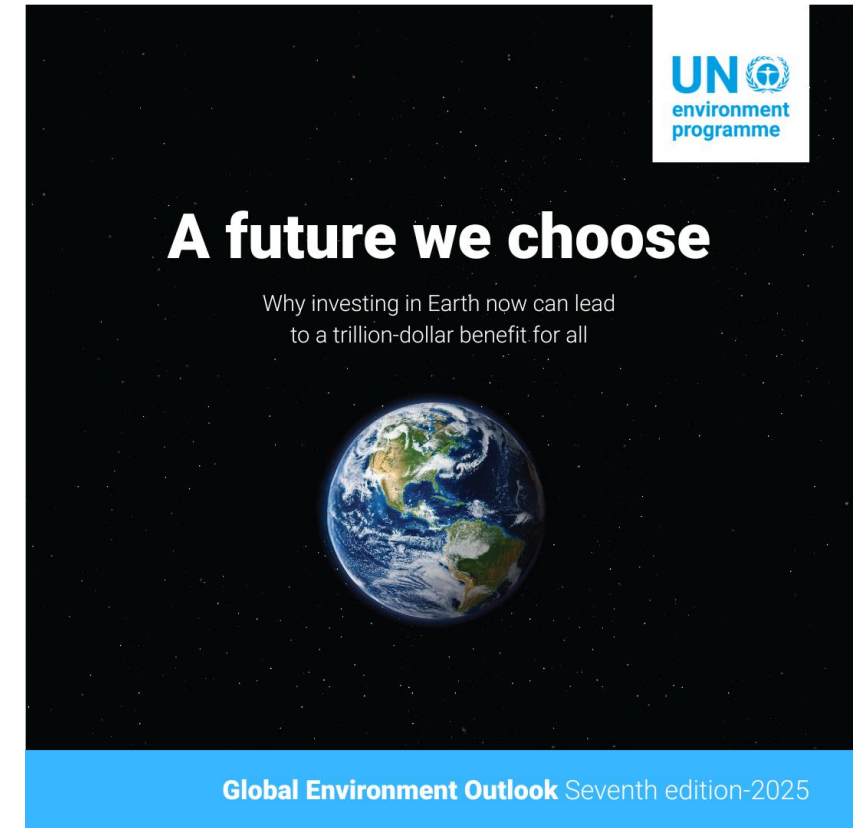
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Objective of the Briefing

To provide an update on the GEO-7 process:

1. Update on GEO-7 outreach efforts
2. Key aspects of the lessons learned from the GEO-7 process
3. Provisional plans for a consultative process around UNEP's future global environmental assessment



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
- Launched at UNEA-7 in Dec. 2025



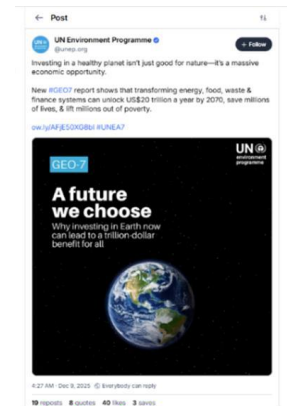
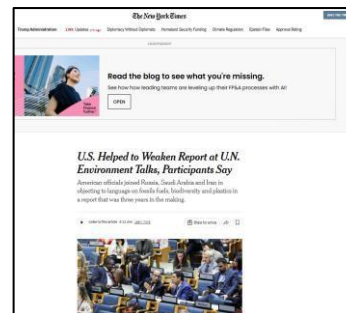
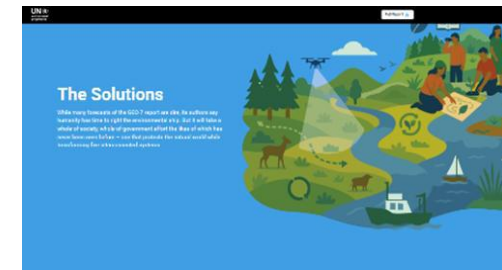
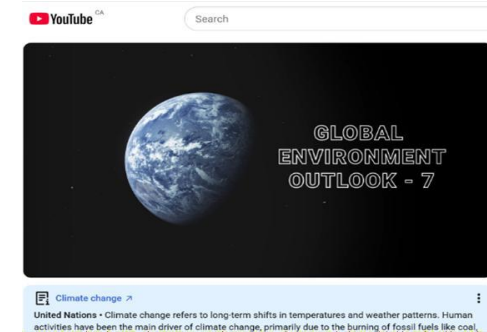
GEO-7 Launch and Communication

- ***Launched at UNEA-7*** (side event, press conference, exhibition)
- ***Communication products:***
 - **200 social media posts**
 - **5 web stories**
 - **A key messages' video**
 - **Interactive infographic**
 - **Modelling dashboard**
 - **Collection of key messages**



Communications Statistics

- **1,200 stories** mentioning GEO-7 (83 countries and 33 languages)
- **14,000+ downloads** of the report
- **18 million** people saw social media posts
- **A strong Altmetric score (289)**



GEO-7 Outreach



- **Global events and presentations**
- **UNEP *Science for Impact* Webinar Series**
- **Translations of the Executive Summary (Spanish, German, Chinese, Korean, ...)**
- **Used in academia** around the world
- ***Science to Policy* Seminars** (pilot to be implemented in Q2 of 2026)



GEO-7 Lessons Learned



Focus on the nexus of environmental issues – GEO's unique features



Include a broader range of knowledge types from the start of the GEO process



Review of **the assessment cycle and production time** of the report



Build in and implement a **strong communication and outreach strategy** from the start of the process



Design a future **GEO for a digital landscape**



Strengthen **engagement with Member States and Major Groups**



Enhanced engagement with experts from under-represented regions



Ensure effective relationships with UNEP's Collaborating Centres

Consultative review process for a future UNEP flagship Global Environmental Assessment beyond GEO-7

Rationale	Objectives	Implement. Phases	Expected Outcome
The evolution of the assessment landscape requires an analysis to ensure UNEP's future global assessment(s) are fit for purpose. (Digital tools, AI, specialized assessments, budgetary constraints)	Identify key elements of future global env. assessments: • Unique value proposition • Scope and focus • Methodology • Governance options • Frequency of publication	Phase 1: Internal consultation May-Jun 2026 Phase 2: External consultation Aug-Oct 2026 Phase 3: Formulation of results Q4 2026	A set of options for a future UNEP flagship Global Environmental Assessment for further internal discussion and consultation with Member States and Major Groups

Thank you!



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