

Briefing to the CPR Subcommittee

Update on the 7th Global Environment Outlook (GEO-7)

GEO Secretariat, Scientific Assessment Branch, Early Warning and Assessment Division

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Objective of the Briefing

To Provide an Update on the GEO-7:

1. Intergovernmental and expert peer review
2. Production timeline
3. Integration of Indigenous Knowledge and Local Knowledge (IK&LK)
4. GEO supporting services



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



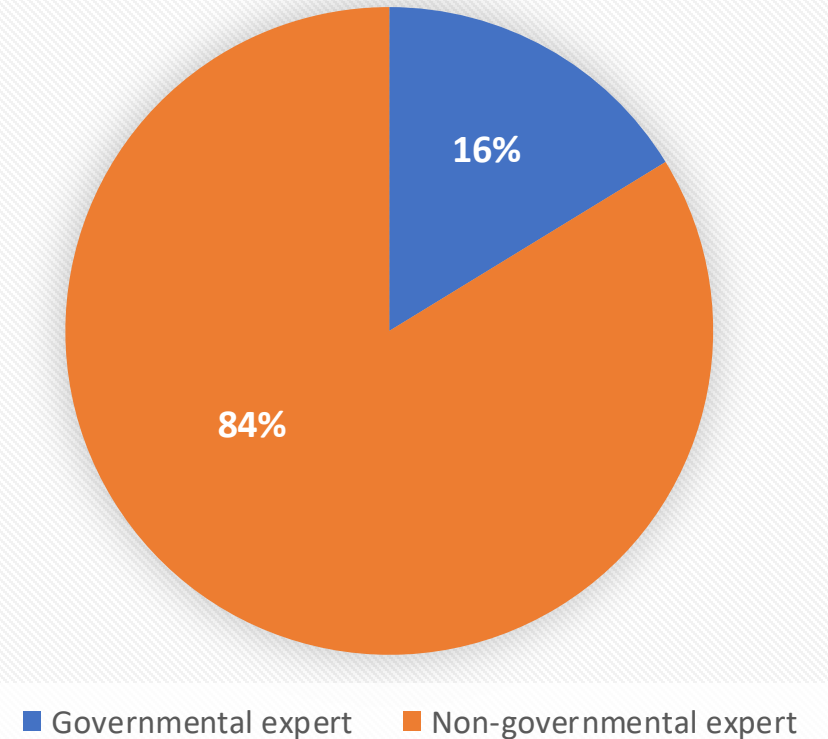
1. Intergovernmental and Expert Peer Review (1)

- Review of **two GEO-7 documents (1 Nov 2024 to 22 Jan 2025)**:
 - Main Report: Second Order Draft (SOD)
 - Summary for Policy-Makers (SPM):
First Order Draft (FOD)
- Total comments received -**15,031** (out of which: **SPM 3,024**)
- Total registered reviewers – **2,131**
- Reviewers who submitted comments - **36.54%**



1. Intergovernmental and Expert Peer Review: Comments Distribution (2)

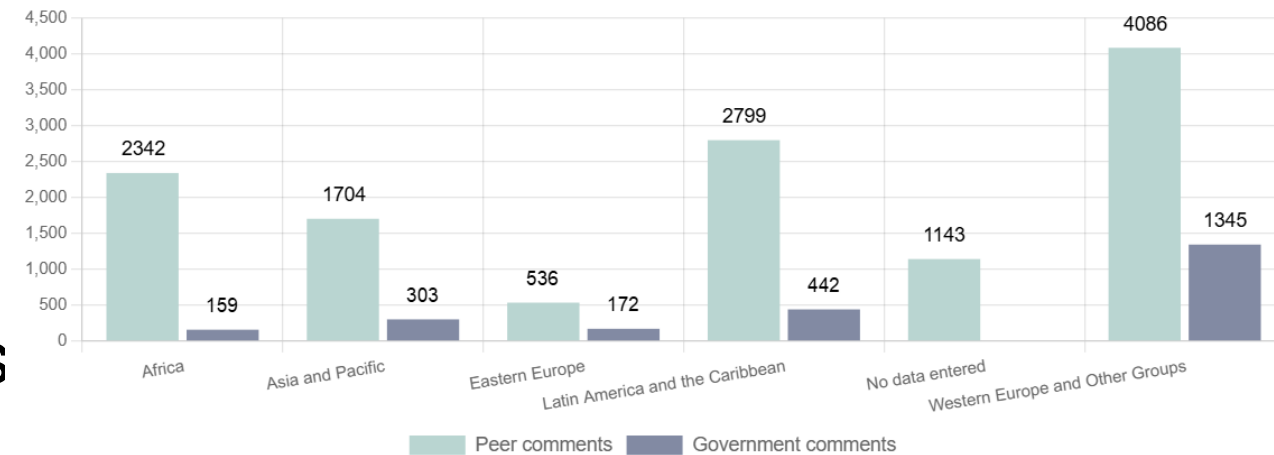
- Comments from governments - **2,445**
- Comments from experts – **12,586**



1. Intergovernmental and Expert Peer Review: Comments Distribution (3)

- Registered government experts -**163**
- Government reviewers who provided Comments – **100**
- Representing **33** Member States

Comments per Region (Peer and Government-nominated) (Reviewer Nationality)



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2. Production Timeline

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

Phase:	Time Period:	Activity:
1. Reviewing the report	1 Nov 2024 – 15 Jan 2025	GEO-7 SOD Review of the Main Report and the FOD of the Summary for Policymakers
2. Addressing comments	23 Jan – 22 March 2025	Authors address comments from intergovernmental and expert peer review
3. Quality assurance	23 March – 22 April 2025	Review Editors assess the quality of response to peer review comments
4. Designing the report	April 2025	Production of GEO-7 begins (graphic design, science and copy editing)
5. Refining the SPM	2 June – 6 June 2025	SPM drafting meeting and MESAG validation opinion meeting
6. Final editing of text	23 April – 1 July 2025	Authors finalize their chapters after addressing the review editor suggestions and science editor edits
7. SPM review	15 Aug – 12 Oct 2025	Online Intergovernmental review of the SOD of the SPM (only for Member States nominated experts)
8. SPM Negotiation	3 –7 November 2025	SPM review and approval meeting by Member States
9. Launch	8 – 12 December 2025	Launch of GEO-7 and its accompanying SPM at UNEA-7

3. Integration of Indigenous Knowledge and Local Knowledge (IK & LK)

- **Why?** To ensure a more complete and holistic understanding of Envir. Systems (air and climate, land and soils, oceans and coasts, freshwater, biodiversity)
- **How?** 4 Indigenous People's dialogues
- **3rd Dialogue**
 - 12-16 Jan. 2025, Thailand with 20 participants
 - Resulted in **1,316 comments**
 - Key messages from Indigenous Peoples shared to author teams



Field trip to the Huay E-Khang community,
3rd Dialogue, Chiang Mai, Thailand

4. GEO Supporting Services

- UNEA resolution 5/3
- Three mandated supporting services
 - **Capacity- building:** training workshops in Malawi, Pakistan, Jordan and Bahrain
 - **Knowledge generation:** Ad hoc Global Assessments Dialogue (AGAD)
 - **Support for policymaking:** science to policy seminars
- Collaborating Centres, Regional Offices, UN Country teams



Thank you very much for your attention!

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