

GEO-6 Summary for Policy Makers Drafting Meeting



In cooperation with the Government of Mexico, the sixth Global Environment Outlook Summary for Policy Makers drafting meeting will be held at the Hotel Xcaret Cancun, Mexico from 24-27 September 2018. The meeting will last 4 days, with a detailed agenda to ensure that all portions of the Summary for Policy Makers are fully reviewed and commented.

Members of the High-level Group will be expected to have fully reviewed the first-order draft of the Summary for Policy Makers and have prepared their initial interventions ahead of time. To have an effective drafting meeting for

the drafting of the Summary for Policy Makers in Cancun, Mexico some basic guidance will be developed. Some of the proposed guidance includes the following:

The co-chairs of the meeting would be Mr. Paolo Soprano (Italy) and Prof. Yi Huang (China) with assistance of the vice-chairs Prof. Pascal Houenou (Côte d'Ivoire) and Ms. Paula Brand (Canada). The co-chairs will receive guidance on their roles before the meeting.

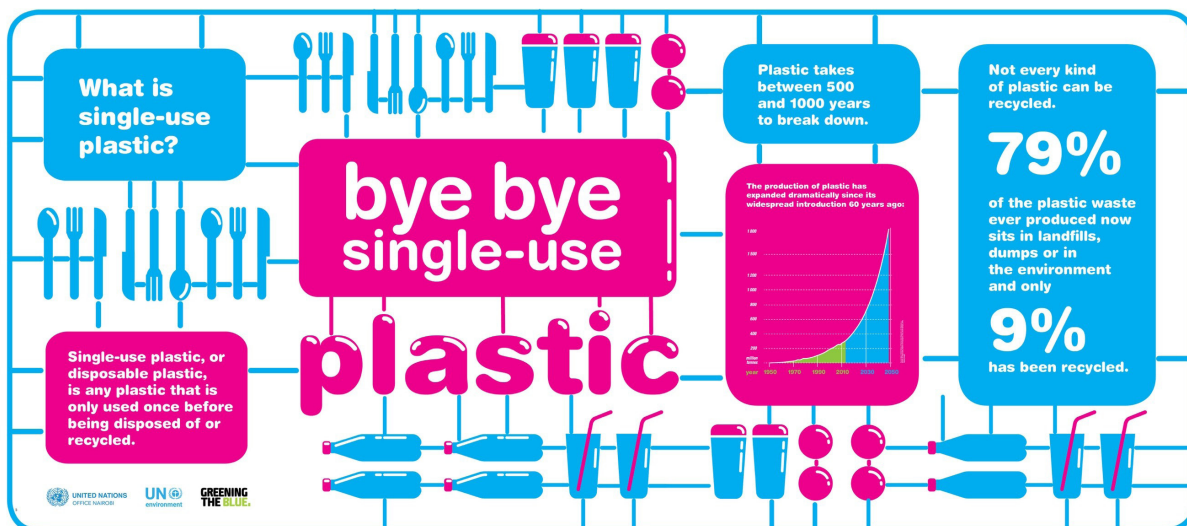
The meeting is not a negotiation meeting and will not follow traditional United Nations rules for negotiation meetings. The meeting will be a drafting meeting with the sole purpose of developing an improved draft of the Summary for Policy Makers. Suggestions to modify the text of the author's first-order draft of the Summary for Policy Makers would be made by members of the High-level Group, following basic rules of order (e.g. Robert's rules) and the guidance of the co-chairs.

Members of the High-level Group who are stakeholders will have the same standing as members from governments. A group of up to 25 Authors and the assessment Co-chairs and vice-chairs of the assessment, as well as the co-chairs of the Scientific Advisory Panel, will be present at the meeting to offer support to the High-level Group members during the drafting process. Only those authors that are needed for a particular section of the drafting of the Summary for Policy Makers should be present in the plenary. Authors should rotate through the plenary room as their sections of the Summary for Policy Makers are presented for discussion.



Some members of the High-Level Group

Authors and Co-chairs of the assessment may request to take the floor at the meeting during the drafting process to offer points of clarification on specific wording in the draft, in particular to ensure that messaging in the Summary for Policy Makers respects the findings in the main report. Interventions from the Authors should be passed on to the meeting Co-chairs who will then grant the opportunity. The timing of addressing the Author's interventions will be decided upon by the meeting Co-chairs.



Plastic pollution is one of the main challenges of our time and it is crucial that we all act to fight the issue. This is why I am proud of the United Nations Compound in Nairobi, which banned every kind of single-use plastic in August 2018. No more single-use plastic cups, cutlery, coffee lids and takeaway containers will be sold in the premises. Thanks to the #BeatPlasticPollution campaign and UN Environment, we are working on make this planet a better place to live, starting right here, in our workplace.

Know an Expert: Global Environment Outlook Fellow Profile



Mandy van den Ende obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in General Social Sciences at the University of Amsterdam. This was followed by a Master of Science degree in Sustainable Development at Utrecht University where she specialized in policy-oriented Earth System Governance track, where she was able to apply her social skills on environmental issues. Her interdisciplinary background has provided Mandy the ability to apply a broader systems-thinking in analysing environmental issues.

For her thesis project, Mandy compared two Global Environmental Assessments; the sixth edition of the Global Environment Outlook and the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services global assessment where she explored the influence of governance factors on their use of bottom-up scenarios.

This grounded her involvement in the Global Environment Outlook process as a Fellow where she has written several pieces of texts for the bottom-up Outlooks chapter.

One of the most unique aspects of the sixth edition of the Global Environment Outlook according to Mandy, has been the attempt to develop future scenarios that consider the potential of existing local practices (i.e. 'seeds') to be scaled, in order to broaden their influence. Within the physical boundaries given by the global pathways, these seeds can help envision transformations toward sustainability. As such, the sixth edition of the Global Environment Outlook goes beyond merely describing the problem, by actually trying to provide policy makers and decision makers with innovative opportunities that contribute to a more sustainable future.

With the Global Environment Outlook process coming to an end, Mandy continues to be involved in the sixth edition of the Global Environment Outlook for Youth process that was launched in Bangkok in June 2018. She hopes that her participation as a Coordinating Lead Author in translating the findings of the main Global Environment Outlook to a youthful audience will inspire and motivate the young generation to make changes that will contribute toward a more sustainable future.

New Team Member of the Global Environment Outlook



Adele Roccato is an intern at UN Environment's Science Division with the Global Environment Outlook (GEO) team. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Asian Studies and a Master's degree in Development Studies from the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. During her studies, she focused on food security and gender issues. With the GEO team, she is strengthening her research skills, focusing on the gender-environment nexus and reviewing the reports with a gendered lens.

