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Inception Meeting of the Steering Committee on the Future of GEO Location: Ministry of the Environment offices, Prague, Czech Republic

Oct. 31 - Nov. 1, 2019

Inception meeting objectives:

- 1. Update Steering Committee members of the rationale and details of resolution UNEP/EA.4/RES.23 and lessons learned from the GEO process, in particular as it pertains to the preparation of GEO-4, GEO-5 and GEO-6.
- 2. Consider and approve the main issues to be reviewed in the options document;
- 3. Consider and approve the Terms of Reference for the work on the options document and the broad consultations;
- 4. Consider and approve the work plan and timeline for the preparation of the options document and for conducting the broad consultations on the future of GEO

Meeting documents:

- Resolution 23, the medium-term evaluation of the GEO-6 process, the discussion document prepared on lessons learned from GEO-5, the terminal evaluation of GEO-5 (incl comparisons with GEO-4), the GEO-4 self assessment survey.
- Draft issues document
- Draft Terms of reference
- Draft work plan and timeline

Provisional Agenda

Thursday Oct. 31, 2019 - 09h00 to 18h00

<u>08h00 – 09h00</u> **Item 1:** Registration and distribution of DSA

<u>09h00 – 09h15</u> **Item 2:** Opening remarks from dignitaries, co-chairs and roundtable introductions **Location:** TBC **GoTo link:** <u>https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/129027685</u>

<u>09h15 – 09h30</u> **Item 3: Group photo**

Location: TBC

09h30 - 11h30

Item 4: Overview of Resolution 23 and considerations of experiences from GEO-6, GEO-5, GEO-4 and other relevant assessment processes

- Challenges faced
- Lessons learned

Location: Ministry of the Environment offices, Prague, Czech Republic Supporting documents: Presentation on GEO-6 process GoTo link: <u>https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/129027685</u>

11h30 - 12h00

Item 5: Review and discussion of issues to be considered in the options paper Location: TBC Supporting documents: Draft issues paper GoTo link: https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/129027685

<u>12h00 – 13h00</u> **Item 6:** Lunch

<u>13h00 – 15h00</u> **Item 7:** Further discussion of issues to be considered in the options paper **Location:** TBC **Supporting documents:** Draft issues paper **GoTo link:** <u>https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/129027685</u>

<u>15h00 – 15h30</u> **Item 8:** Break

<u>15h30 – 18h00</u> **Item 9:** Discussion and approval of the issues to be considered in the options paper **Location:** TBC **Supporting documents:** Draft Terms of Reference **GoTo link:** <u>https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/129027685</u>

Friday Nov. 1, 2019 - 08h30 to 16h00

<u>08h30 – 10h00</u> **Item 10:** Discussion of Terms of Reference for the options paper **Location:** TBC **Supporting documents:** Draft Terms of Reference **GoTo link:** <u>https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/581319853</u>

<u>10h00 – 10h30</u> **Item 11:** Break

10h30 - 12h00

Item 12: Discussion and approval of Terms of Reference for the options paper Location: TBC Supporting documents: Draft Terms of Reference GoTo link: https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/581319853

<u>12h00 – 13h00</u> **Item 13:** Lunch

13h00 - 15h00

Item 14: Overview and discussion of the Future of GEO work plan and timeline Location: TBC Supporting documents: Draft issues work plan and timeline GoTo link: https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/581319853

<u>15h00 – 15h30</u> **Item 15:** Break

<u>15h30 – 17h45</u> **Item 16:** Discussion and approval of the Future of GEO work plan and timeline **Location:** TBC **Supporting documents:** Draft issues work plan and timeline **GoTo link:** <u>https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/581319853</u>

<u>17h45 – 18h00</u> **Item 17: Closing remarks** Day 1 of face to face meeting of the Future of GEO Steering Committee

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Day 2 of Face to face meeting of Future of GEO Steering Committee Fri, Nov 1, 2019 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM EAT

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