

Successful meetings at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development and the International Energy Agency.

The Inception Meeting of the Advisory Committee for GEO for Business was held in Paris, France on 24 September 2019 at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). The meeting's objective was to approve the workplan for production of the GEO-6 for Business, approve the timeline and come up with a tentative list of authors that will write the GEO-6 for Business. The Advisory Committee is chaired by Prof. Paul Elkins, one of the Co-Chairs of the [sixth Global Environment Outlook](#) and draws membership from key business Non-Governmental Organizations such as the International Chamber of Commerce and the World Economic Forum, International Labour Organization and the World Business Council for Sustainable Development. GEO-6 for Business is a Global Environment Outlook derivative product and is one of the outputs to United Nations Environment Programme's Private Sector Engagement Strategy. The meeting decided to produce six issue briefs every two months through to October 2020 rather than a standalone publication, the first one tentatively set for January 2020. These six briefs will be on matters that would be of interest to business as a niche product that appeals to Chief Executive Officers to take action.



Members of the Advisory Committee of the GEO-6 for Business

Presentation to the International Energy Agency

On 25 September, the Global Environment Outlook team made a presentation on the [findings of the sixth edition of the Global Environment Outlook](#) to colleagues from the International Energy Agency headquarters in Paris. Those present were drawn from Office of the Legal Counsel, Office of Global Energy Relations, Strategic Initiatives Office, Communications and Digital Office, International Partnership for Energy Efficiency Cooperation, Sustainability, Technology and Outlooks amongst others. The [findings of GEO-6](#) are especially relevant due to the linkage on energy. Discussions after the presentation were on the link between economic growth and Circular Economy. The process of having a Circular Economy involves recirculating value through the economy where we keep items for longer.

Presentation to Environment Policy Committee (EPOC)

The Environment Policy Committee (EPOC) implements the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Environment Programme and meets thrice every two years. During their meeting of 26 September 2019, the Global Environment Outlook team presented the [findings of GEO-6](#). The participants were taken through the process of developing the sixth edition of the Global Environment Outlook, its major findings across the themes of air, oceans, freshwater, land and biodiversity and on policy effectiveness. The [findings of GEO-6](#) were well received at a crucial stage where the Committee was in the process of developing priority themes for inclusion into the workplan that would be approved in April 2020.

GEO-6 for Youth at the Youth Climate Summit

On the eve of the UN Climate Action Summit 2019, there was a Youth Climate portion on 21 September which was a platform for young climate action leaders to showcase their solutions. Priti Patel one of the authors of the GEO-6 for Youth report was present to announce the report. You can view the announcement [here](#). Her two-minute speech is also included below.



Hello, my name is Priti Patel. I'm from the US and I am an author for the GEO for Youth report.

Global youth today number 1.6 billion strong and growing.

We, the youth, have the potential, the fearlessness, and the determination to transform our current problems into opportunities by creating innovative and sustainable solutions.

GEO-6 for Youth is a derivative product of the Sixth Edition of the Global Environment Outlook, which is the United Nations Environment's flagship report which assesses the state of our global environment.

The report is a one-stop-shop guide created by and for the youth forged by a team of 28 young authors from 19 countries over the past 16 months.

GEO-6 for Youth emphasizes that we must fundamentally alter our food, energy, and waste systems to ensure that we have a healthy planet for generations to come. A global shift is needed towards a circular economy where we extract and waste fewer resources by extending the shelf life of materials and keeping resources in use for as long as possible.

The report provides concrete examples of what youth can do in their daily lives and how they can shape their own future through greener career choices, demanding accountability, employing innovative technology, and shaping policy. We've created this interactive report to include videos, animated graphics, interviews, and case studies. There are small-scale, community-led projects, daily sustainable actions, and individual guides to green jobs. The challenges presented in this report provide us with the opportunity to map out our actions to ensure that we will have a healthy planet with healthy people for future generations. Our future depends on the decisions and actions that Youth will commit to and continue to undertake from today onward!

Additionally, a GEO-6 for Youth survey was conducted over the course of four months which allowed close to 2,000 young people globally to share their ideas and thoughts about our climate. We're excited to announce we'll be launching GEO-6 for Youth report in early 2020! You will be able to download the e-book online and I encourage everyone to look at this unique youth driven report.

GEO-6 for Youth has illustrated that youth have technology and social media, geographical and social diversity, and creativity and innovation on their side. But it is up to all of us to do this. Ensuring a healthy planet depends on this generation and this could be a critical defining moment in our history. Let's be the first generation to leave this planet in better shape than what we were born into. The time is now, and youth are critical for this movement. Thank you.



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