

Outcome of the second GEO for Youth authors meeting, 4-6 February 2019

A selected group of authors drafting the GEO for youth report met at the United Nations Offices in, Nairobi to advance the drafts reports to a second order draft state.

The objective of the meeting was to;

- Complete the Second Order Draft of the four chapters
- Identify experts to interview for the sustainable jobs of the future chapter
- Assess the results of the questionnaire
- Strategize on a way forward

Mr. Pierre Boileau (Head of the GEO unit), welcomed the group followed by opening remarks from Dr. Jian Liu the UN Environment Chief Scientist and Director of Science Division. This was followed by a presentation from Mr. Sam Barratt, Head of Education and Training Unit of UN Environment. The GEO for Youth Co-chairs Dr. Nibedita Mukherjee and Mr. Charles Mwangi then addressed the team welcoming them and highlighting the key objectives of the three days meeting. Team leads for each of the four chapters then presented the state of their drafts and set their chapter specific objectives to be achieved during the meeting. A feedback session was then conducted to improve the GEO for Youth process and for efficiency of the three days meeting.



The young authors provided their constructive feedback on the GEO for Youth process and planned an objectives list for the meeting and the remainder of the process. The questionnaire results were reviewed and discussed, and it was concluded that the collected data was enough to meet the initial objectives. The data gathered will be used in a qualitative way both by extracting quotes and to identify individuals to interview to develop case studies for the report.

From left to right: Charles Mwangi (GEO for Youth Co-chair), Pierre Boileau (Head, GEO Unit) and Nibedita Mukherjee (GEO for Youth Co-chair)

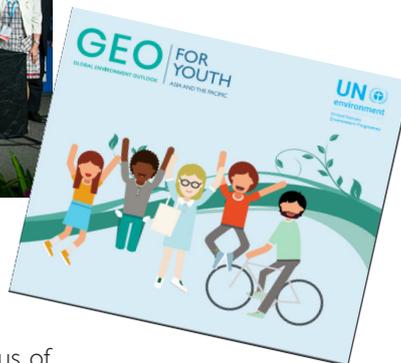


Participants at the GEO for Youth Meeting in Nairobi, 4-6 February 2019

Akshay Jain, a global and regional youth author, presented the finalized GEO for Youth, Asia Pacific that was launched on 23 January 2019 at the Asia Regional Ministerial Forum in Singapore. The presentation provided both inspiration and ideas on how to build onto the global report. Ideas included visual infographics, comics and interactive maps.



Launch of the GEO for Youth, Asia Pacific



A revised timeline of the GEO for Youth process was outlined which will have the launch of the report sometime in September. Based on the status of the drafts and the outcomes document from the first GEO for Youth authors' meeting, held in Bangkok in June 2018 the second order draft objective changed to a 1.5 order draft with an added objective of having the second order draft finalized by February 28, just before the review period. Other inputs to the draft included limiting each chapter to just 5,000 words, removing overlaps between different chapters, providing more consistency in the language style and dividing the work more equally among authors.

The young authors gave a presentation about the progress of their drafts on the last day of the meeting and outlined their workplan over the next three weeks just before the review period. Authors then discussed their plan to create synergy between chapters including the creation of characters that will be included in each chapter of the report. They also mentioned the need for consistency in referencing and assigning one reference person per chapter by their next meeting. The Secretariat asked the authors to provide a proposal for the next meeting location in the next two weeks for better planning.

Pierre Boileau made his closing remarks highlighting the importance of having a well thought out report by the youth for the youth and reaching a second draft by 28 February 2019.

If you are interested in reviewing the GEO for Youth report in the month of March 2019, please click [here](#).



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Hyeonju Ryu is an interdisciplinary researcher based in Copenhagen, Denmark, currently designing her career in connecting businesses, policymakers, scientists and citizens to collaborate towards a sustainable planet. Through her six years of research experience across the world including South Korea, New Zealand, Indonesia, Denmark, Costa Rica and Japan, she has worked with various stakeholders including indigenous groups, farmers, companies, and governments on a wide range of topics spanning from forest landscape restorations (FLR), ecosystem services assessments, carbon trading and sharing economy. She graduated with a BSc in Forest Environmental Science from Seoul National University in 2013 and a MSc in Nature Management from the University of Copenhagen in 2016, building the balanced perspective between ecological and social science.

In addition to her academic training and professional experiences, she has been following her passion of engaging and training the youth, and therefore she has been an active member of two youth groups: International Forestry Students' Association (IFSA) and Young Ecosystem Services Specialists (YESS). In YESS, she initiated a youth training programme on science-policy dialogues at the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), which she has been coordinating for the last two years.

Hyeonju joined the authors team of the sixth Global Environment Outlook (GEO-6) for Youth in 2018, a youth-led project to translate high-level, scientific messages on the state of the environment into something that is useful and more exciting for youth, supported by UN Environment. She first worked on the Asia-Pacific regional report of

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