Nomination Criteria for GEO-6 experts

The GEO-6 Nomination process aims to identify the best available expertise representing a range of disciplines, and geographical and gender balance, with particular emphasis on ensuring full representation from developing-country experts.

Member States and stakeholders are invited to nominate experts and individuals for the various roles in GEO-6 through the Nominations Portal in the UNEP Live GEO-6 Community of Practice. Guidance for the different roles is given below. The deadline for submission of GEO-6 nominations for the various roles is 31 January 2015.

The names, profiles and Curricula Vitae of all nominees will be made available through the GEO-6 Community of Practice (UNEP Live online open platform). The identity of the Member State, observer state or institution/individual making the nomination. The Secretariat will not accept self-nominations. The Secretariat can accept late nominations at its discretion. An individual may not serve on more than one advisory body.

The following considerations should be carefully weighed before nominating experts and individuals to the GEO-6 regional and global assessments:

- Availability and willingness of candidate to commit to actively participating from the beginning of the process right through until completion of the GEO-6; bearing in mind the intensity of responsibilities of the respective role(s), including requirement to attend key meetings, subsidiary meetings and consultations, as appropriate (3-5 in total);
- In-depth expertise in one or more areas relevant to the scope of GEO-6 including natural and social sciences, local and traditional knowledge, assessment and policy analysis and;
- Experience in communicating, promoting and incorporating science into policy development processes.

The following criteria should be taken into account in nominating and selecting members to the GEO-6 Scientific Advisory Panel and Coordinating Lead Authors (CLAs):

- World-renowned expert as recognized by membership of a national academic society, union, professional body, or equivalent, senior university faculty member and corresponding publication record;
- Experts with an established reputation in providing a high level of scientific credibility to assessment processes;
- At least ten years of documented professional experience, including assessment-work at the regional and/or global level;
- Ability to assess and synthesize technical material rapidly; and
- Excellent drafting/writing skills (preferably in English, not excluding other UN languages).
The following criteria should be taken into account in nominating and selecting members to the CoP Moderators include:

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- Ability to assess and synthesize technical material rapidly;
- Excellent drafting/writing skills (in English and other UN languages as appropriate for facilitating discussion and incorporating sources across different languages);
- Excellent interpersonal and organizational skills and experience in moderating discussions;
- Multi-lingual would be highly desirable; and
- Ability to use the ICT platform and tools effectively.

UNEP recommends the following criteria should be applied in nominating and selecting members to the High-Level Intergovernmental and Stakeholder Advisory Group:

- At least ten years of documented professional experience with international environmental affairs and/or international sustainable development;
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- Extensive expertise with the international policy agenda and assessment work;
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