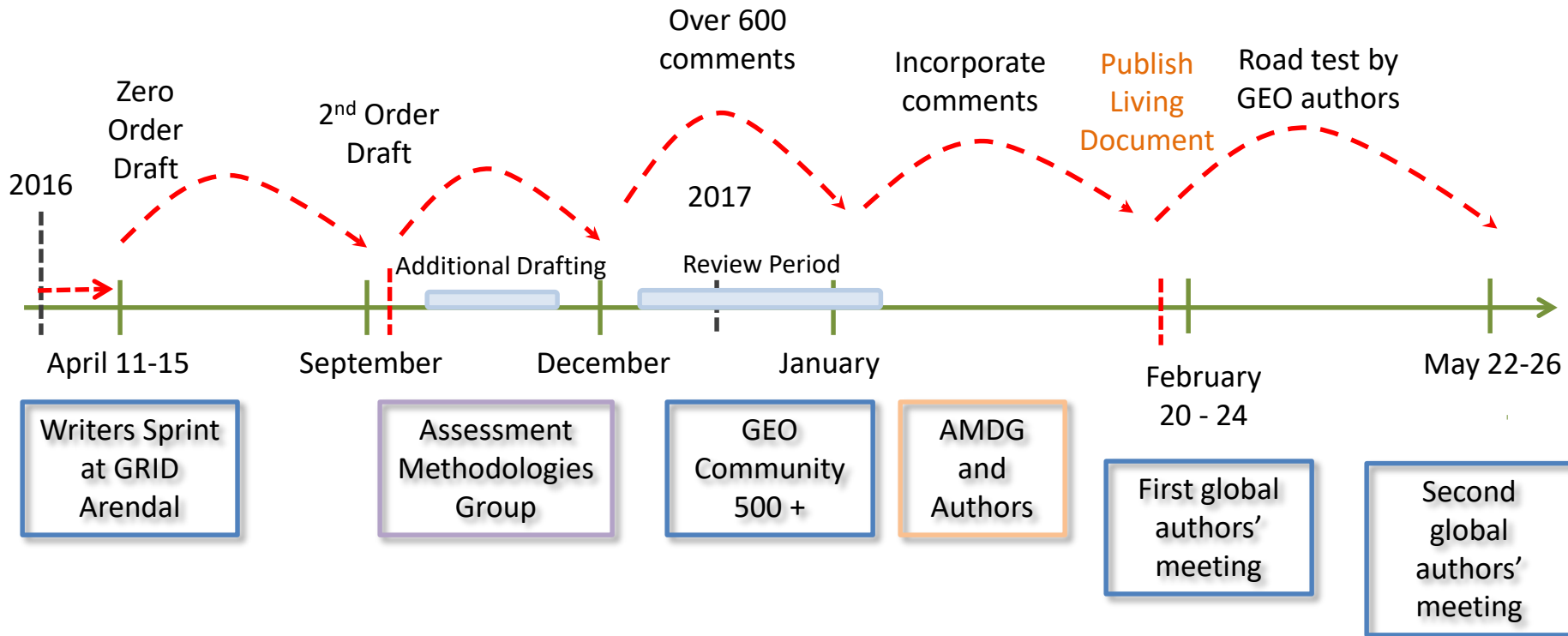


UN Environment's Integrated Environmental Assessment Guidelines

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Guidelines Development

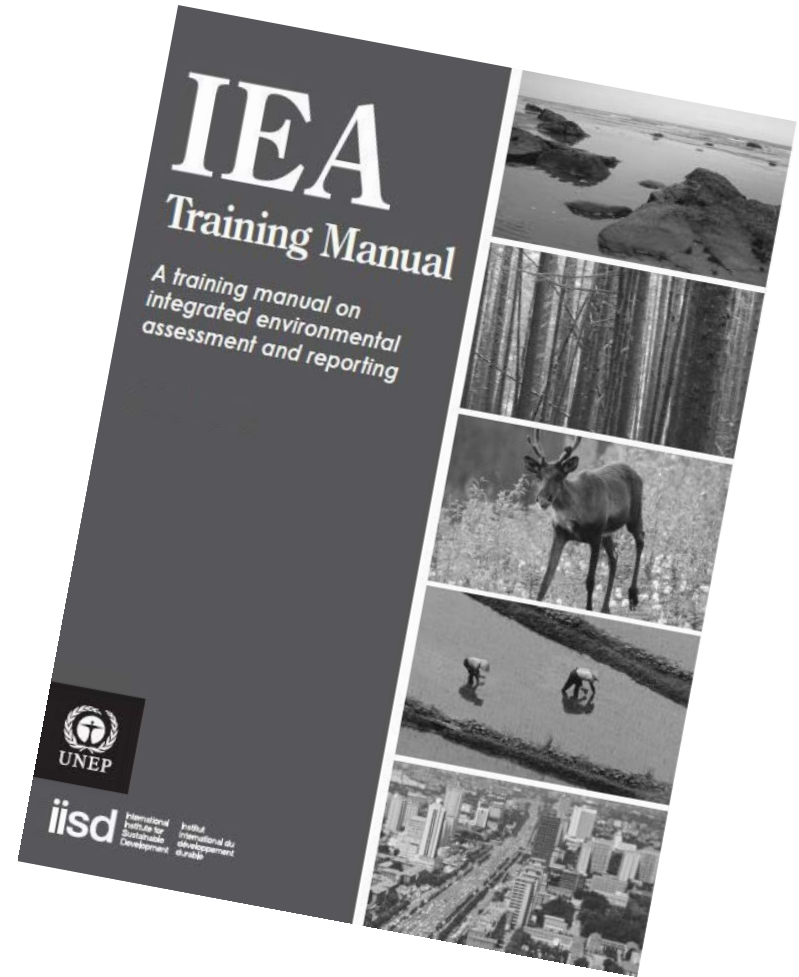


- Requested by Governing Council Decision 27/11 paragraph 1:

"Requests the Executive Director to review best practices and develop a set of transparent procedures, particularly with regard to administrative processes, the selection of participants the inclusion of diverging view points, as well as government and peer reviews to support a wide range of environmental assessments that the United Nations Environment Programme conducts in order to ensure that they are of the highest quality and have maximum impact. These procedures should be based on the knowledge and experience of nationally recognized experts and current best assessment practices should be provided to member states for comments. Those procedures relevant to the sixth Global Environment Outlook assessment should be prioritized to feed into its preparation and should be provided to Member States for review and comment in time for the preparation of the sixth Global Environment Outlook assessment;"

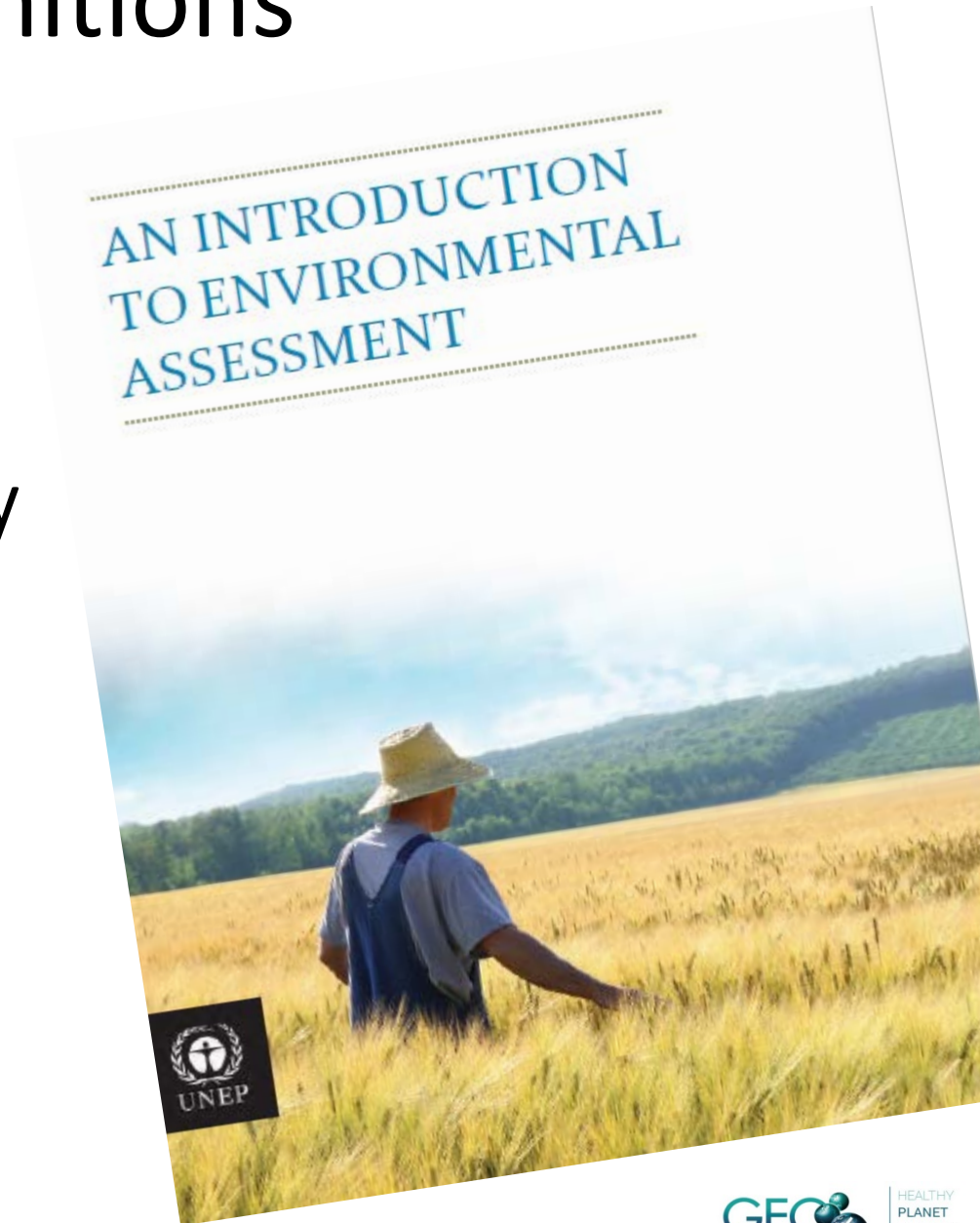
Structure

- Follows 2007 manual structure. Guidance in manual still relevant.
- New components
 - Theory of change
 - Policy effectiveness assessment
 - Evaluation
- Use decision trees to select the type of approach or method to use for the assessment.

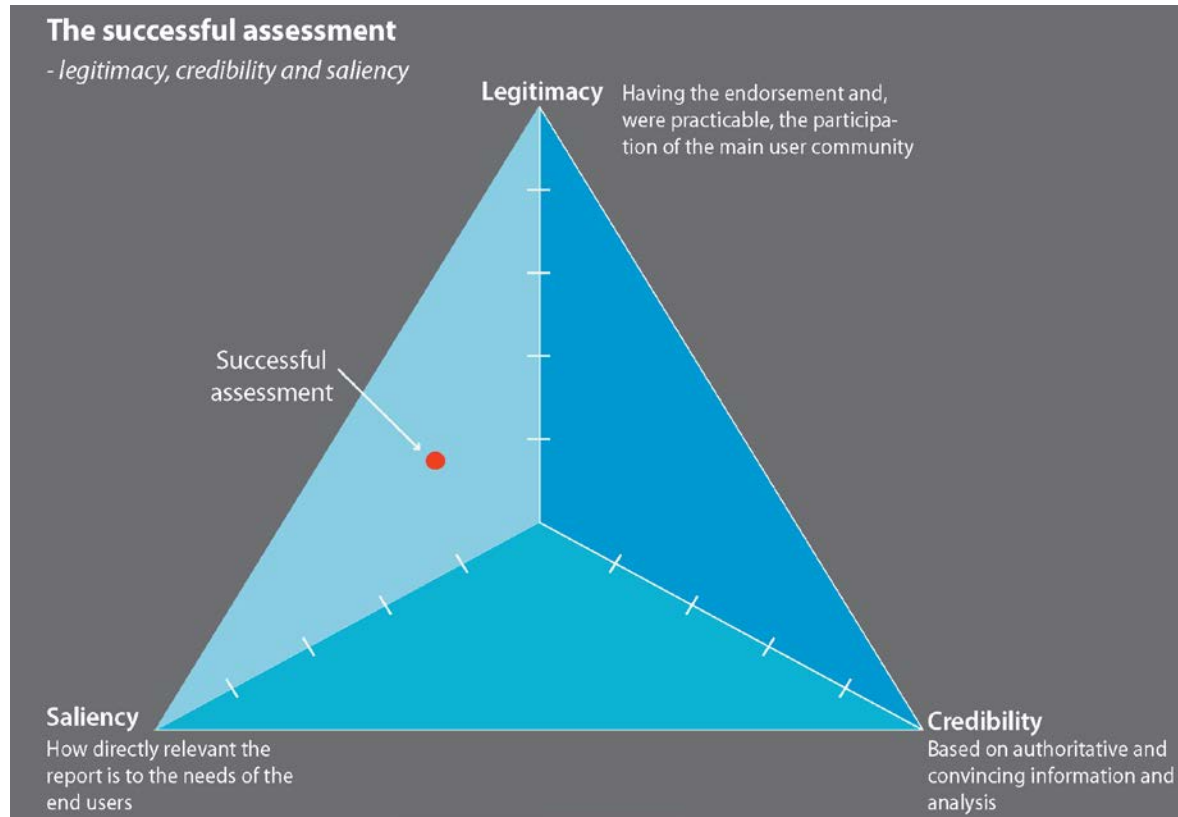


Definitions

- Assessment findings
- Practitioner
- Users
- Commissioning Entity
- Secretariat
- Advisory bodies
- Integrated Environmental Assessment



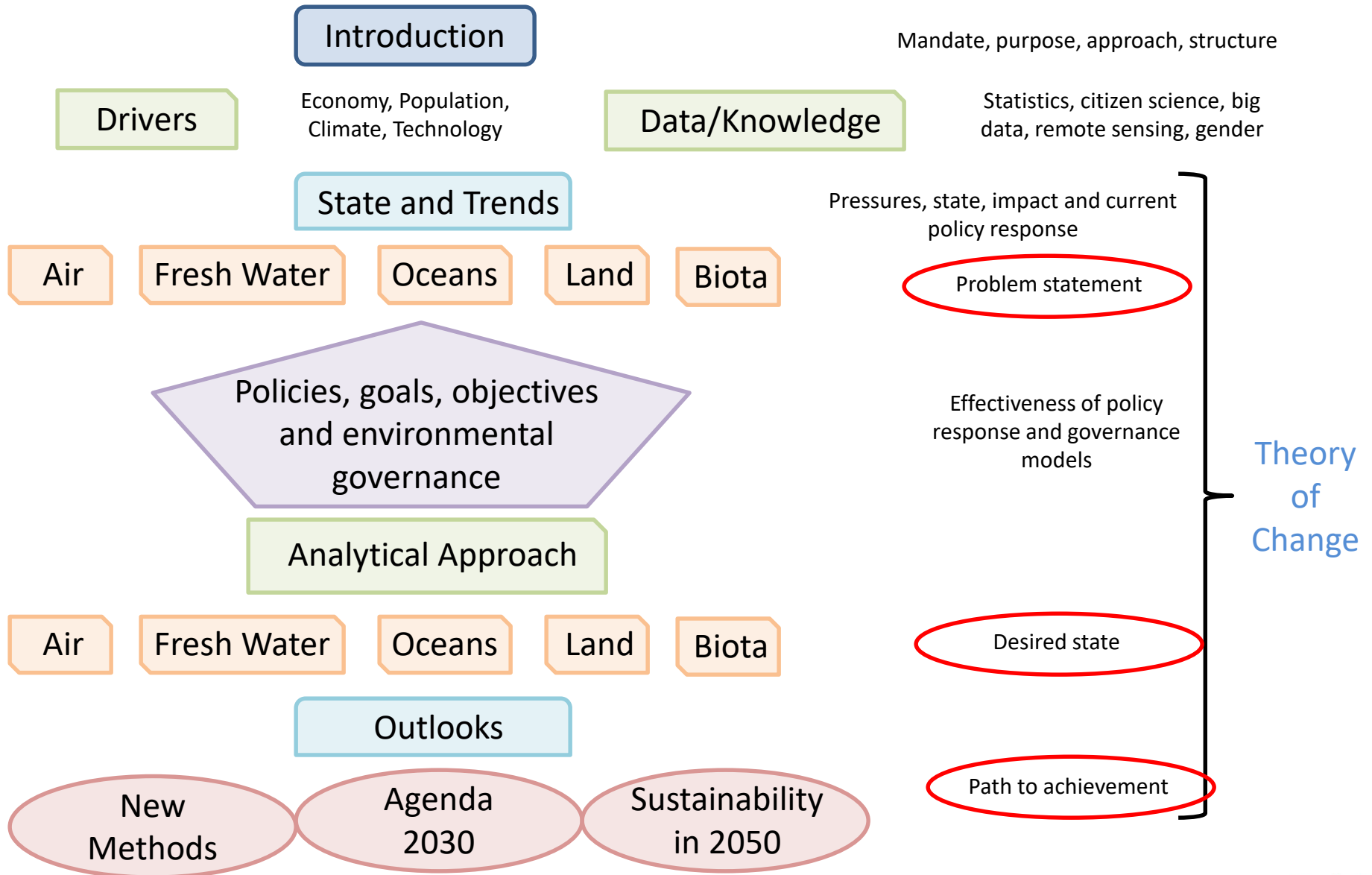
Successful Assessment



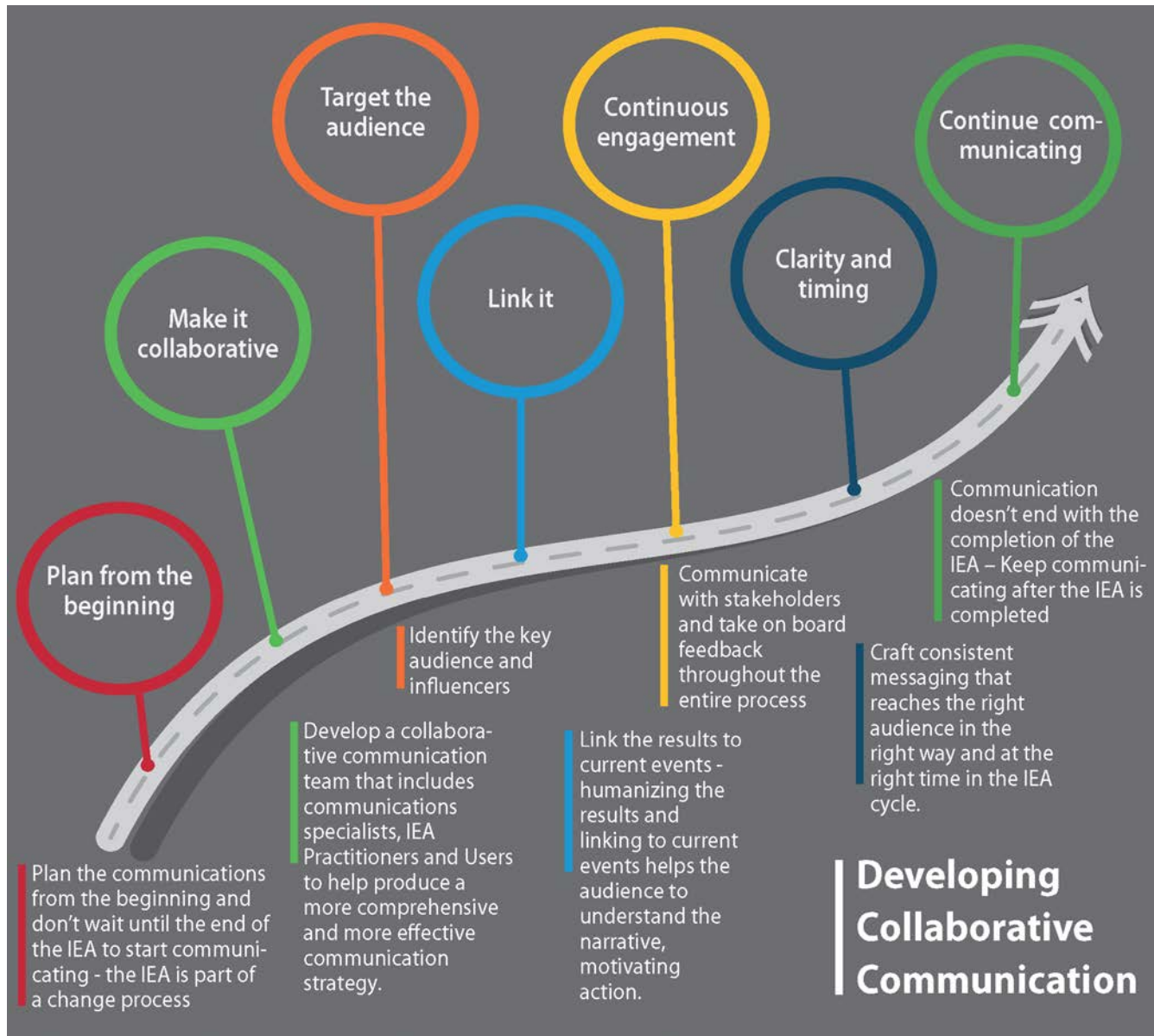
Findings of the assessment must be considered

- credible,
- have legitimacy with the audience, and,
- must be considered relevant (salient) to the audience

Theory of Change



Impact Strategy



Scope and scale

Defining Scope and Scale

- the scope represents the dimensions used to define the boundaries of the problem and the scale the level of analysis

		The Scope	The Scale
The Problem		Boundaries	Levels of analyses
	Dimensions	Geographic	Global/Regional/National/Local
		Temporal	Long-term/Mid-term/Short-term
		Political/Administrative	Super-national division/Country/State/Province/District/Community

- Decisions may be influenced by available resources

Steps in the process

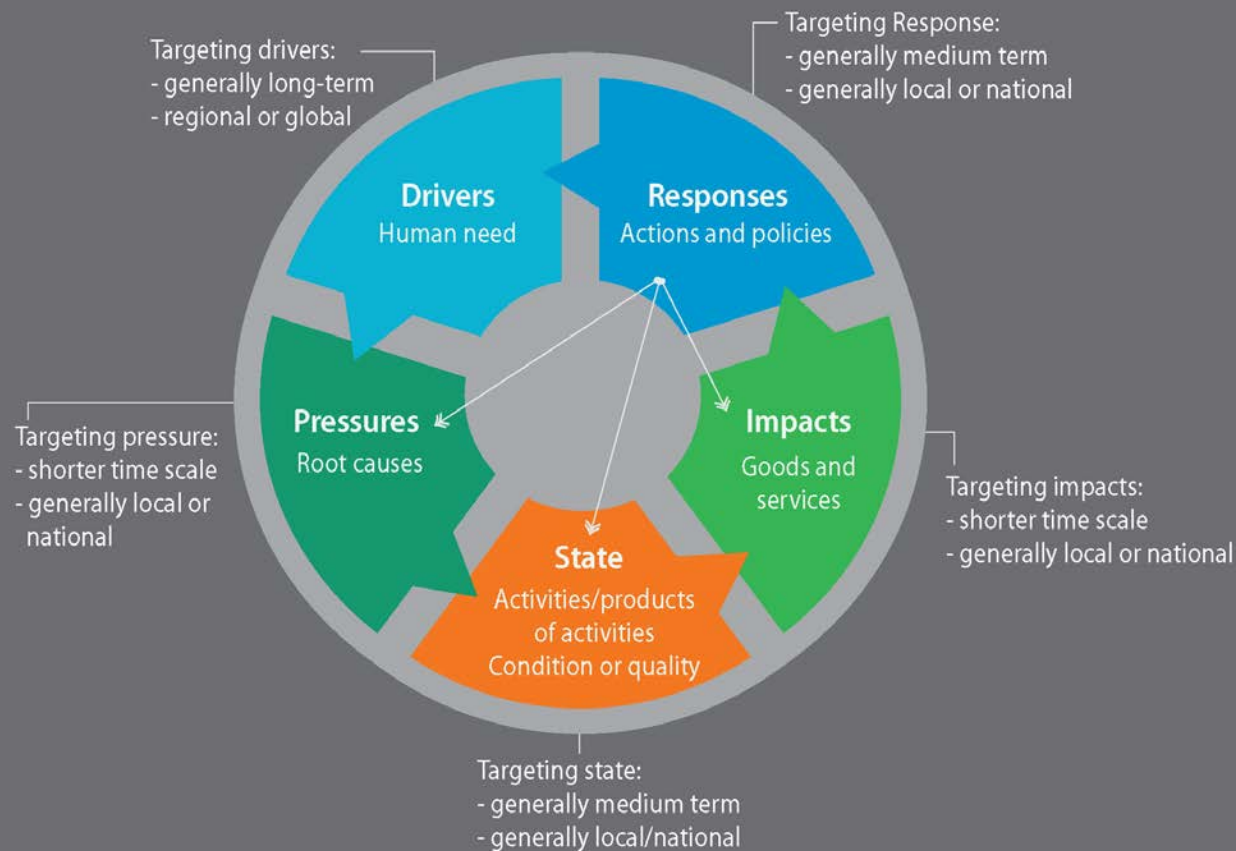
- Nomination process
- Selection process
- Balance:
 - Expertise
 - Geographic
 - Gender
- Availability
- Time commitment



Drivers, pressures, state, impact, response

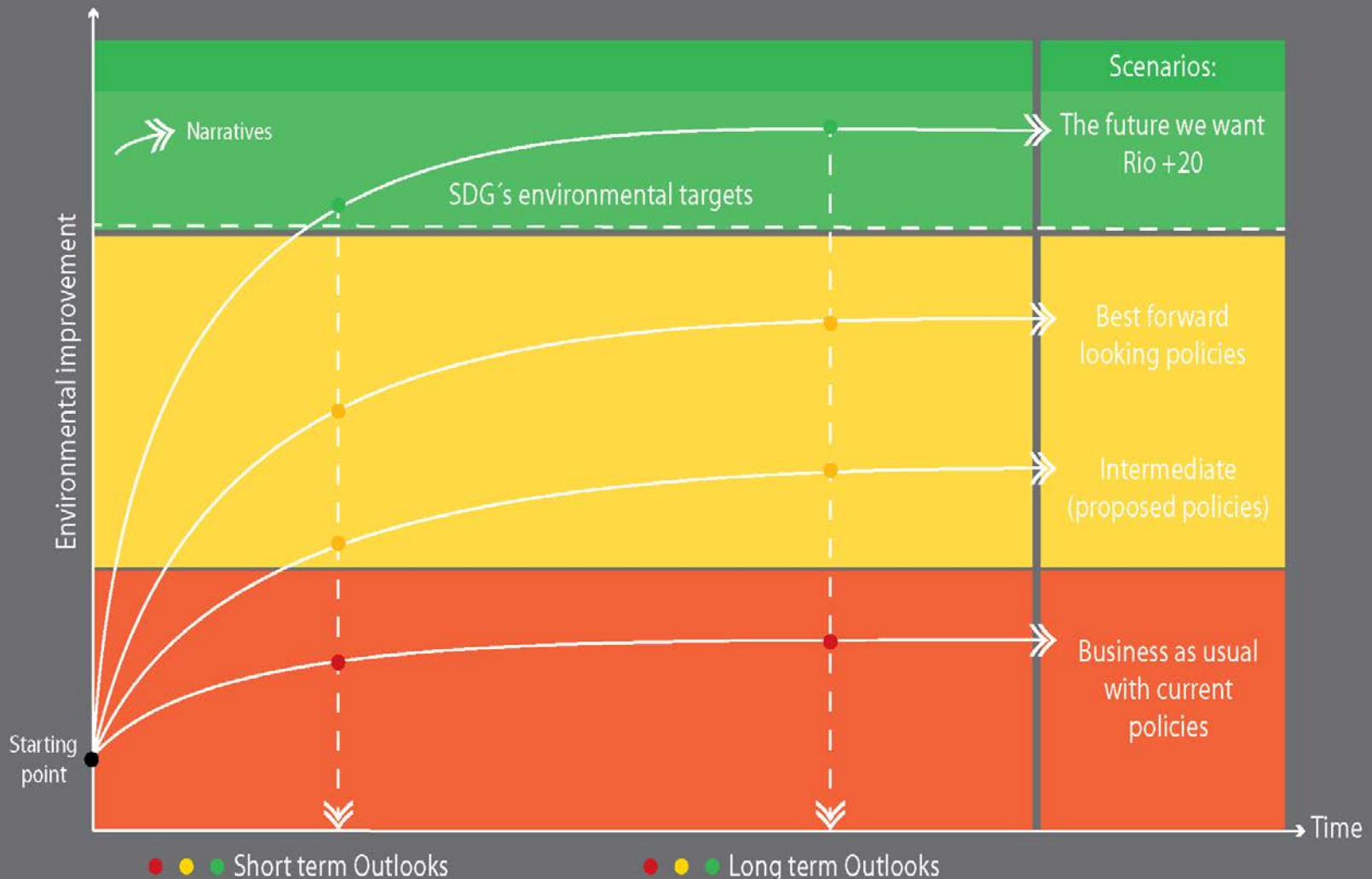
The DPSIR framework

- drivers, pressures, state, impacts and responses



Outlooks?

Building Scenarios for Outlooks



Evaluation

Different things to consider in an evaluation

Costs

Timetable

Efficiency

Methodologies

Feasibility

Scientific questions

Communication

Usefulness/impact

Capacity building

Dissemination of findings

Still to come

Procedures developed as Global Environment Outlook progresses

Writers sprints

Procedural guidance for advisory bodies

Procedural guidance for ensuring independence of authors

Procedure for developing the Summary for Policy Makers

Procedure for first-order draft reviews

Integrating social and economic considerations

Methods for assessment of Policy Effectiveness

Methods for conducting Innovative Outlooks

Questions ???