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Abu Dhabi Global Environmental Data Initiative (AGEDI), Environment Agency Abu Dhabi (EAD), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and The Center for Environment and Development for Arab Region and Europe (CEDARE) are organizing training workshop on Integrated Environmental Assessment (IEA).

The workshop focuses on the Driver-Pressure-State-Impact-Response (DPSIR) methodology used to develop the State of the Environment Report (SOER). The workshop aims to provide a greater understanding of how experts and Institutions can best integrate the National Reporting Toolkit (NRT) in the future.

The National Reporting Toolkit (NRT) is an online system, using templates to generate reports, which will increase the ease with which countries generate, verify and publish data, information and knowledge on the State of the Environment. The web-based system will display information related to nationally relevant needs and issues across environmental, social and economic domains.

The training uses UNEP's customized IEA training manual. The purpose of the IEA Training Manual is to help build capacity for forward-looking Integrated Environmental Assessment (IEA) and reporting. UNEP defines IEA as the process of producing and communicating future-oriented, policy-relevant information on key interactions between the natural environment and human society. The methodology underlying IEA has been pioneered and championed by the Global Environment Outlook, UNEP's flagship assessment on the status and direction of the global environment. As a key



measure of GEO's success, since the publication of the first global report in 1996, the GEO approach to environmental assessment and reporting has been adopted by an increasing number of organizations at the regional, national and sub-national level.

**Participants of the workshop will:**

- Understand the rationale for undertaking forward-looking, integrated environmental assessment (IEA) using a customised training manual of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).
- Understand the importance of a mandate for an IEA, its participatory process and options for its governance structure, and be able to construct an impact strategy.
- Be familiar with the conceptual and methodological aspects of carrying out the environmental assessment, including the analysis of environmental trends and policies and the study of policy options in the context of future scenarios.
- Be capable of organising the process for producing physical and electronic outputs from the IEA.
- Have the knowledge and skills to set up a monitoring and evaluation process focused on the IEA itself as part of a continuous learning process to improve the assessment.

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