

Global (GEO-4) scenarios: summary sheet

Originally created for the fourth Global Environment Outlook (GEO-4) assessment, the scenarios describe four plausible trajectories of change between 2007 and 2050. The scenarios consist of a narrative describing the current status and trends, drivers and a story line into the future as well as a vision for that future. There are four scenarios named after the key underlying societal focus. The following highlights the main elements of each scenario:

Markets First: the private sector, with active government support, pursues maximum economic growth as the best path to improve the environment and human well-being for all.

Policy First: the government sector, with active private- and civic-sector support, implements strong policies intended to improve the environment and human well-being, while still emphasizing economic development.

Security First: the government sector and the private sector vie for control in efforts to improve, or at least maintain, human well-being for mainly the rich and powerful in society.

Sustainability First: the civic, government and private sectors work collaboratively to improve the environment and human well-being for all, with a strong emphasis on equity.

For more information on these scenarios and the GEO-4 assessment, see [here](#).