

SIDE EVENT: UNEP-Live: Keeping the future state of the world Environment under review

DATE: 22 February 2012

TIME: 13.45-14.45 pm

VENUE: Conference Room 10

Purpose/objective:

UNEP-Live aligns with initiatives being undertaken at global, regional and national levels to improve data availability, quality and accessibility. This event will review some of these key initiatives and examine the challenges and opportunities ahead of them as well as their experiences and lessons for UNEP to learn.

To improve the future assessments and reporting UNEP has been requested to develop UNEP Live web-platform to present and share environmental data and information with national institutions engaging as distributed participants of the platform. At the national level however, providing official environmental statistics is still a challenge due to lack of systematic regular monitoring and the limited capacity.

UNEP-Live being prototyped to create and share the knowledge needed for future assessments. It focuses on leveraging partnerships to enable countries to better collect, manage and analyze their environmental knowledge, information and data. It also seeks to harness emerging technologies that are changing the way in which environmental data can be collected and used – for example mobile phones measuring environmental conditions or being used for reporting environmental destruction and crime as they happen, make it possible for citizens to influence environmental decision-making.

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Organizers: UNEP/DEWA

Programme:

Moderator: John Matuzack, US Department of State

- 3 min Welcome and introduction
Speaker: Peter Gilruth, Director, DEWA, UNEP
- 5 min. Eye on Earth Network – A vision for data sharing
Speaker: Jacqueline McGlade, Executive Director, European Environment Agency
- 5 min. Views on follow up to Eye on Earth Summit in the Middle Eastern region
Speaker: Catharine Armour, Programme Manager, Abu Dhabi Global Environmental Data Initiative (AGEDI)
- 5 min. Real-time monitoring of deforestation in the Amazon
Speaker: A representative from the Government of Federative Republic of Brazil
- 5 min Technology trends and potential in bridging the data gaps
Speaker: Guenther Pichler, ESRI Inc, Europe
- 10 min UNEP-Live prototype demonstration; dynamic State of the Environment (SoE) reporting
Speakers: Johannes Akiwumi, DEWA, UNEP; Mick Wilson, DEWA, UNEP
- 15 min Discussion: How to strengthen networking and capacity-building for data publishing and sharing as the success of global and regional efforts predicated on country participation.

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