Save the Date: **Tue May 3rd 13:30-14:30 UTC**
Exciting Eye on Earth Webinar: **UNEP Live**

Dear Eye on Earth friends,

We are delighted to announce details for the next in our series of Eye on Earth Webinars. Once again we are privileged to have high level speakers talking to us about important initiatives in the data-for-sustainable development agenda.

As ever we encourage you to share news of this event to your institutional and personal professional network.

Abstract:

The presentation will involve an online tour of the **UNEP Live** knowledge management platform. The goal of the UNEP Live platform is to implement a global web-based knowledge platform that provides up-to-date data, information and scientific knowledge to keep the environment under review. provide tools to strengthen the capacity of countries to do state of the environment reporting, and assessments, create opportunities through sharing of information and data, for research to arise from close collaboration amongst researchers, practitioners and policymakers to support robust, evidence-based assessments and policy analysis. The presentation includes a visit to the:

The SDG Synergies portal: which provides an effective way to: (i) retrieve relevant indicator-level data, (ii) track a country's progress in reporting on data, (iii) show relationships between SDG and MEA-related data, (iv) access the common underlying language (ontologies) used for indicators so that comparisons on knowledge and data can be made from different users; (v) make linkages and related data available through dynamic visualizations for easy accessibility. This kind of information could be highly valuable to decision makers and can support efforts to increase data and knowledge literacy.

The Web Intelligence portal: allows users to explore news and social media coverage across languages and regions. Interactive visualizations reveal public opinion trends on sustainable development and related environmental issues such as air quality, biodiversity and climate change. Capturing stakeholder perceptions of sustainability issues in real time helps to identify opinion leaders, and to structure the online dialog in terms of prevailing topics and geographic location. The result is a comprehensive and multi-lingual repository of environmental knowledge. The ability to explore communication threads in a specific context helps environmental stakeholders to understand contested issues, track the evolution of public dialog over time, and identify key indicators that are shaping public opinion.

Speakers

Neeyati Patel works in the Country Outreach and Innovations Unit, Division of Early Warning and Assessment at the United Nations Environment Programme. She is the Project Manager of UNEP's online knowledge management platform called UNEP Live (uneplive.unep.org).

DDr Arno Scharl heads the Department of New Media Technology (www.modul.ac.at/nmt) at MODUL University Vienna and serves as the Managing Director of webLyzard technology (www.weblyzard.com). He currently serves as the Scientific Coordinator of the DecarboNet.EU and uComp.EU research projects – with a focus on Web intelligence and visual analytics, environmental communication, human-computer interaction, and the integration of semantic and geospatial Web technology.

Schedule

Neeyati and Arno will speak to us on **Tuesday May 3rd at 13:30 UTC**

Webinar logistics

To join the call: **https://www.gotomeeting.com/join/156326661**

Out of respect for those who will join from US West Coast and Australia (for whom it is very early in the morning / very late at night respectively) we will start the webinar on time.

- To ensure the call is efficient and clear all participants are kindly asked
- To use a headset
- To keep headset on mute unless asking a question in the discussion phase.
- The webinar session will be opened 30 mins before the scheduled start to give participants time to connect and fix any headset issues.

Cross Posting

We will be "advertising" this event widely - so please accept our apologies for any cross-postings.