The Environmental Democracy Index
Strengthening Accountability for Sustainable Development

Tuesday 9 June 2015 - 12.30-14.00
International Environment House II
(Chemin de Balexert 7-9)

Access to information, public participation and access to justice are determinant to achieve sustainable development. To advance measuring progress in countries around the world towards strengthening access rights, The Access Initiative and the World Resources Institute launched the first Environmental Democracy Index (EDI), based on an internationally recognized set of guidelines, on 20 May 2015.

The Index offers new insights into the state of environmental democracy around the world and is the first to measure how well countries' national laws protect environmental democracy rights. According to the developers, it is a tool that could support global policies to strengthen environmental democracy.

You are cordially invited to attend an event, hosted by UNITAR and the Geneva Environment Network, presenting and discussing this new tool with the developers and key stakeholders, on Tuesday 9 June, at the International Environment House.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA
Light lunch from 12.00
Welcome and introduction
Achim HALPAAP, Senior Manager, UNITAR (moderator)
Jan DUSIK, Director and Regional representative, UNEP

EDI Presentation
Lalanath DE SILVA, Director, Env. Democracy Practice, WRI
Jesse WORKER, Manager, Env. Democracy Practice, WRI

Interactive Panel
Jan DUSIK, Director and Regional representative, UNEP
Biruté ABRAITIENE, Minister Counsellor, Lithuania
Maria Cristina CÁRDENAS FISCHER, Chief, Technical Assist. Branch, Basel, Rotterdam & Stockholm Conventions Secretariat
Yves LADOR, Regional representative, EarthJustice
Marc HUFTY, Professor, Graduate Institute

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