

## LEARNING CENTRE @ CSD-19

Conference Room B

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**10:00 – 1 pm**

### **Reaching Globally Agreed Environmental Goals: What do indicators tell us?**

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#### **Synopsis:**

Indicators help to keep the environment under observation and identify emerging issues. Interactions between people and the environment, and between different components of the environment, are extremely complex. However, there are signs that can tell us if problems are getting better or worse and if policy measures appear to be having an effect. For example, melting of mountain glaciers tells us something about atmospheric warming while reduced production of ozone depleting substances indicates that countries are successfully phasing them out.

The objective of the session is to introduce global environmental indicators being considered in UNEP's Global Environment Assessment – 5 (GEO) and to help participants understand how they are generated and used as well as the messages they convey.