Report on the activities carried out by the Technical Secretariat of the regional process on Principle 10 in Latin America and the Caribbean

Sustainable Development and Human Settlements Division
9 August 2016
The region is committing itself: access to information, public participation and access to justice in environmental matters in Latin America and the Caribbean


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Preparatory phase (2012-2014)

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Fourteen meetings of the Working Groups
Calendar of the regional process (2015-2016)

Santiago Decision (November 2014)

Organization and Work Plan of the Negotiating Committee (May 2015)

- 5-7 May 2015: First meeting of the Negotiating Committee (ECLAC, Santiago)
- 28 July 2015: Second meeting of the Negotiating Committee (Panama City)
- 3 September 2015: Third meeting of the Negotiating Committee (Uruguay)
- 5-8 April 2016: Fourth meeting of the Negotiating Committee (Dom. Rep.)
- 27-29 October 2015: Second and third versions of the compilation text prepared by the Presiding Officers

Preliminary document of the regional agreement (31 March 2015)

Compilation text prepared by the Presiding Officers with language proposals (preamble and art. 1-10)

Intersessional meeting (virtual)

Second and third versions of the compilation text prepared by the Presiding Officers

Virtual meetings of the Presiding Officers

- 2 January 2016
- 11 June 2016
- 25 August 2016
- 15 October 2016
- 17 March 2016
- 3 June 2016

2016
### Capacity-building: a key element that advances in parallel with the negotiation

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Activities and events (April-August 2016)

- **Webinar: Standards on access to information and participation in climate change matters**
  - Mexico City, August 2016

- **Workshop Mining, Sustainable Development Goals and environmental democracy**
  - Santiago, July 2016

- **High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development and side events**
  - New York, July 2016

- **Seminar Access rights: Constitutional treatment**
  - Santiago, June 2016

- **Environmental Performance Review of Chile**
  - Santiago, July 2016

- **Brazilian Congress on Environmental Law**
  - Sao Paulo, June 2016
Activities and events (April-August 2016)

Environmental Performance Review of Peru
Lima, May 2016

Session of ECLAC
Res. 706(XXXVI)
Mexico City, May 2016

Second United Nations Environment Assembly
Res. 2/25 and side events
Nairobi, May 2016

XVI International Congress on Final Waste Disposal
Colombia, May 2016

Launching of FARN’s 2016 Environmental Report
Buenos Aires, May 2016
Publications and supporting documents

Seminars and Conferences

Regional implementation meeting on access rights and sustainable development in the Caribbean
Workshop on enhancing access to information on climate change, natural disasters and coastal vulnerability: leaving no one behind

Seminars and Conferencias

Workshop on public participation in international negotiations on environmental matters
Panel on environmental justice and access rights for sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean

Seminarios y Conferencias

Conversatorio sobre la naturaleza del instrumento regional
Resumen de respuestas y comentarios de expertos en derecho público ambiental internacional

Medio Ambiente y Desarrollo

Acceso a la información, participación y justicia en temas ambientales en América Latina y el Caribe
Situación actual, perspectivas y ejemplos de buenas prácticas

Tipología de instrumentos de derecho público ambiental internacional
Marcela A. Cristián
Dissemination

Infographic on Principle 10 (ES – EN)

Poster on SDGs-Principle 10 (ES – EN - PR)
Dissemination

New webpage (ES – EN - POR)  

Principle 10

At the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), held in Rio de Janeiro in June 2012, the Declaration on the application of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development was signed. In this Declaration, signatory countries committed, with the support of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) as technical secretariat, to advance the implementation of a regional agreement for the full implementation of the rights of access to information, public participation and access to justice in environmental matters. Between 2012 and 2014, four meetings of the focal points of the signatory countries and fourteen meetings of working groups were held. In November 2014, the countries launched the negotiation phase of the regional agreement and established a Negotiating Committee with a view to concluding its functions by December 2016.

Fourth meeting of the negotiating committee will be held in the Dominican Republic

The meeting will take place from 9 to 12 August 2016 in Santo Domingo. Visit the website of the meeting http://negociaciones10.cepal.org/
Fourth meeting of the Negotiating Committee - Principle 10
Santo Domingo, August 9-12, 2016

Fourth Round of Negotiations for Agreement on the Application of Principle 10 in Environmental Matters Will Be Held in Dominican Republic

Meeting of the negotiating committee of the regional agreement on access to information, participation and justice in environmental matters in Latin America and the Caribbean

Cerise Hall, Crown Plaza Hotel, Santo Domingo
Capacity-building workshop and good practices on the application of Principle 10 in Latin America and the Caribbean
08:30 am to 01:00 pm

Meeting of the Presiding Officers
04:00 pm to 06:00 pm

Registration of participants
08:30 am to 09:30 am

Opening ceremony
09:30 am to 10:30 am

ABOUT THE EVENT
The fourth meeting of the Negotiating Committee will take place on 9 to 12 August 2016 in the Dominican Republic. The purpose of this meeting is to resume negotiations on the substantive content of the regional agreement, using as a basis the third version of the text compiled by the Presiding Officers, which includes the language proposals sent by countries.

THIRD VERSION: TEXT COMPILED BY THE PRESIDING OFFICERS INCORPORATING THE LANGUAGE PROPOSALS FROM THE COUNTRIES

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Regional Public Mechanism

Number of people registered

Regional Public Mechanism: **2471** (01.08.2016)

Register

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Regional Public Mechanism

Number of people registered per country (decreasing order)

- Argentina
- Chile
- Colombia
- Peru
- Mexico
- Other (Latin America)
- Ecuador
- Brazil
- Honduras
- Costa Rica
- Uruguay
- Bolivia (Plur. State of)
- Other (other regions)
- Guatemala
- Dominican Rep.
- Panama
- El Salvador
- Paraguay
- Other (Caribbean)
- Antigua and Barbuda
- Jamaica
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Granada
- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines