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

21 November 2016
Preparatory phase (2012-2014)

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Fourteen meetings of the Working Groups
The region is committing itself: access to information, public participation and access to justice in environmental matters in Latin America and the Caribbean.
Calendar of the regional process (2015-2016)

Santiago Decision (November 2014)

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

- Preliminary document of the regional agreement (31 March 2015)
- Compilation text prepared by the Presiding Officers with language proposals (preamble and art. 1-10)

First meeting of the Negotiating Committee (ECLAC, Santiago)

Virtual meetings of the Presiding Officers

Second/third/fourth versions of the compilation text prepared by the Presiding Officers

Second meeting of the Negotiating Committee (Panama City)

Third meeting of the Negotiating Committee (Uruguay)

Fourth meeting of the Negotiating Committee (Dom. Rep.)

Fifth meeting of the Negotiating Committee (ECLAC, Santiago)
Capacity-building: a key element that advances in parallel with the negotiation

San José
- September 2014
  Regional Workshop Implementation of Principle 10
- January 2016
  Workshop on environmental expenditures

Kingston
- March 2013
  Regional Conference on the Freedom of Information

Santo Domingo
- August 2016
  Capacity-building and good practices workshop (Principle 10)

Saint Kitts and Nevis
- October-November 2016
  Caribbean Youth Environment Congress and Public Officers Workshop

Saint Lucia
- August 2015
  Regional implementation meeting on access rights in the Caribbean and workshop on climate change and natural disasters

Panama
- October 2015
  Capacity-building workshop for civil society organizations on participation in international negotiations on environmental matters

Lima
- October 2013
  Taller Regional Workshop on the Implementation of Principle 10 and the application of the Bali Guidelines

Santiago de Chile
- October 2012
  ICTs and Sustainable Development in LAC
- December 2013
  Workshop on Environmental Information
- October 2014
  Regional workshop on PRTR
- July 2016
  Seminar mining, SDGs and environmental democracy

Port-of-Spain
- September 2013
  Regional Workshop on the Implementation of Principle 10

Montevideo
- June 2014
  Seminar on Principle 10 and the regional process
- April 2016
  Workshop on participation in environmental decision-making
Activities and events (August-Nov. 2016)

**Workshop: More and better environmental democracy for Chile and Latin America and the Caribbean**
Santiago, November 2016

**Biennial Congress and Caribbean Youth Environment Summit**
Saint Kitts and Nevis, Oct-Nov 2016

**International Access to Information Day celebrations**
Asunción, September 2016

**Environmental democracy forum in Colombia**
Bogotá, November 2016

**Southern Cone Constituency meeting GEF**
Montevideo, September 2016
Publications and supporting documents
Dissemination

Infographics

News bulletin – 26 issues (ES – EN) (2 new bulletins)

Fact-sheet (ES – EN – PR)
Regional Public Mechanism

Number of people registered

Regional Public Mechanism: **2949** (20.11.2016)
Regional Public Mechanism

Number of people registered by country
(in decreasing order)
Dissemination


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.

Saint Kitts and Nevis adheres to the Declaration on Principle 10

During the Fourth Meeting of the Negotiating Committee of the Regional Agreement (Santo Domingo, 5-12 August 2016), Saint Kitts and Nevis adhered to the Declaration.
Santiago, Chile, will host New Round of Negotiations for Regional Agreement on Rights of Access in Environmental Matters.
Observatory on Principle 10 in Latin America and the Caribbean

Observatorio del Principio 10 en América Latina y el Caribe

Noticias destacadas

07/10/2016
Antigua y Barbuda aprueba ley de protección y gestión ambiental
07/10/2016
Argentina aprueba ley de acceso a la información pública

Documento

Evaluación de Desempeño Ambiental - Chile