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

20 March 2017
Mexico
GDP/Cap: 10.528 USD
Population: 124.612
HDI: 0.756

Guatemala
GDP/Cap: 3.663 USD
Population: 16.382
HDI: 0.627

El Salvador
GDP/Cap: 4.012 USD
Population: 6.298
HDI: 0.666

Costa Rica
GDP/Cap: 10.887 USD
Population: 4.821
HDI: 0.766

Panama
GDP/Cap: 12.714 USD
Population: 3.929
HDI: 0.740

Guatemala
GDP/Cap: 3.663 USD
Population: 8.075
HDI: 0.627

Honduras
GDP/Cap: 2.656 USD
Population: 8.075
HDI: 0.627

Ecuador
GDP/Cap: 5.946 USD
Population: 18.144
HDI: 0.732

Peru
GDP/Cap: 6.535 USD
Population: 31.303
HDI: 0.766

Bolivia
GDP/Cap: 3.121 USD
Population: 10.737
HDI: 0.734

Chile
GDP/Cap: 14.488 USD
Population: 18.089
HDI: 0.832

Paraguay
GDP/Cap: 4.712 USD
Population: 6.639
HDI: 0.679

Argentina
GDP/Cap: 12.793 USD
Population: 43.298
HDI: 0.836

Source: GDP/Cap (Dollars at current market prices) and total population (Thousands of persons, at mid-year): ECLAC (2015) Statistical Yearbook of Latin America and the Caribbean.
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Calendar of the regional process (2015-2017)

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)

5-7 May 2015

28 July 2015

3 September 2015

27-29 October 2015

5-8 April 2016

9-12 August 2016

21-25 Nov. 2016

31 Jan. 2017

7 Mar. 2017

20-24 Mar. 2017

First meeting of the Negotiating Committee (ECLAC, Santiago)

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)

Sixth meeting of the Negotiating Committee (Brasilia)

2nd/3rd/4th/5th versions of the compilation text prepared by the Presiding Officers

Intersessional meeting (virtual)

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Organization of the work

NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE
Decision-making body

Presiding Officers
Co-chairs:

Vice-chairs:

Coordination of the process

ECLAC Technical Secretariat

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Contact Group 1
Articles 6 and 7 (access to environmental information)

Contact Group 2
Article 8 (public participation in environmental decision-making)

Contact Group 3
Article 9 (access to justice)

Contact Group 4
Article 10 (capacity-building)
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

Montevideo
- June 2014
  Seminar on Principle 10 and the regional process
- April 2016
  Workshop on participation in environmental decision-making
Publications and supporting documents
Dissemination

Infographics

News bulletin – 29 issues (ES – EN) (3 new bulletins)

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

3297 (13.03.2017)
Dissemination

Webpage of the negotiating committee

http://negociacionp10.cepal.org/6/en

Sixth meeting of the Negotiating Committee - Principle 10
Brasilia, March 20-24 2017

Brasilia Will Host New Round of Negotiations for Regional Agreement on Rights of Access in Environmental Matters

Programme
- Meeting of the Presiding Officers
  06:00 pm to 07:00 pm
- Registration of participants
  08:30 am to 09:00 am
- Meeting of contact groups 1 and 2 (parallel sessions)
  09:00 am to 11:00 am
- Coffee break
  11:00 am to 11:20 am

Negotiating Document
Fifth version: Text compiled by the Presiding Officers incorporating the language proposals from the countries

Countries
UN Symbol: LC/L.4059/Rev.4

About the event
The sixth meeting of the Negotiating Committee will take place on 20 to 24 March 2017 in Brasilia. The purpose of this meeting is to resume negotiations of the regional agreement using, as a basis for discussion, the fifth version of the text compiled by the Presiding Officers, which includes the language proposals sent by countries.

Main Principle 10 Website

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Observatory on Principle 10 in Latin America and the Caribbean

The Observatory analyzes legislation, policies, jurisprudence and treaties that guarantee the full enjoyment by all persons of the rights to have access to information, public participation and justice in environmental matters, as enshrined in Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration.

Highlights
07/10/2016
Antigua y Barbuda adopta ley de protección y gestión ambiental
07/10/2016
Argentina approves law on access to public information

Documents
Society, rights and the environment: International human rights standards applicable to access to information, public participation and access to justice
Environmental Performance Reviews, Peru 2016: Highlights and recommendations

Constitutional treatment of right to healthy environment

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