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

31 July 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: 0.700

Peru
GDP/Cap: 6.535 USD
Population: 31.383
HDI: 0.766

Bolivia
GDP/Cap: 3.121 USD
Population: 10.737
HDI: 0.662

Chile
GDP/Cap: 14.48 USD
Population: 18.089
HDI: 0.832

Ecuador
GDP/Cap: 4.546 USD
Population: 16.444
HDI: 0.732

Honduras
GDP/Cap: 2.456 USD
Population: 8.075
HDI: 0.627

Saint Kitts and Nevis
GDP/Cap: 7.251 USD
Population: 107
HDI: 0.720

Dominica
GDP/Cap: 6.673 USD
Population: 36
HDI: 0.780

Grenada
GDP/Cap: 3.95 USD
Population: 107
HDI: 0.720

Saint Lucia
GDP/Cap: 15.510 USD
Population: 87
HDI: 0.752

Dominican Republic
GDP/Cap: 6.673 USD
Population: 10.531
HDI: 0.715

Jamaica
GDP/Cap: 5.004 USD
Population: 2.793
HDI: 0.719

Trinidad and Tobago
GDP/Cap: 20.131 USD
Population: 1.360
HDI: 0.772

Antigua and Barbuda
GDP/Cap: 13.42 USD
Population: 92
HDI: 0.783

Grenada
GDP/Cap: 11.381 USD
Population: 107
HDI: 0.750

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

Uruguay
GDP/Cap: 16.41 USD
Population: 3.430
HDI: 0.793

Argentina
GDP/Cap: 12.783 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
Note: The names and boundaries shown on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.
Preparatory phase (2012-2014)

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Fourteen meetings of the Working Groups
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)

First meeting of the Negotiating Committee (ECLAC, Santiago)

- 5-7.05.15
- 28.07.15
- 27-29.10.15

Second meeting of the Negotiating Committee (Panama City)

- 03.09.15
- 5-8.04.16
- 9-12.08.16

Third meeting of the Negotiating Committee (Uruguay)

- 21-25.11.16
- 31.01.17
- 31.07.17

Fourth meeting of the Negotiating Committee (Dom. Rep)

- 07.03.17
- 20-24.03.17
- 23.05.17

Fifth meeting of the Negotiating Committee (ECLAC, Santiago)

- 20-24.03.17
- 13.07.17

Sixth meeting of the Negotiating Committee (Brasilia)

- 23.05.17
- 13.07.17

Seventh meeting of the Negotiating Committee (Buenos Aires)

- 31.07.17

Eighth meeting of the Negotiating Committee

- 20-24.03.17
- 13.07.17

Intersessional meetings (virtual)

- 31.01.17
- 31.07.17
Organization of the work

NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE
Decision-making body

Presiding Officers
Co-chairs:

Vice-chairs:

Coordination of the process

ECLAC
Technical Secretariat

PUBLIC

Participating members:

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)
Support meetings and groups

Inter-sessional meetings of the Negotiating Committee
23 May 2017 and 13 July 2017

Presiding Officers
4 May and 11 and 19 July 2017

Contact Group 1
Articles 6 and 7 (access to environmental information)
- Virtual meeting on 9 June

Contact Group 2
Article 8 (public participation in environmental decision-making)
- Virtual meeting on 6 June

Contact Group 3
Article 9 (access to justice)

Contact Group 4
Article 10 (capacity-building and cooperation)
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

**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
- May 2017
  Regional course on international law

**Kingston**
- March 2013
  Regional Conference on the Freedom of Information

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

**St. George’s (Granada) – Roseau (Dominica)**
- June 2017
  Workshops on Principle 10 (Govt. and public)

**Basseterre**
- October-November 2016
  Caribbean Youth Environment Congress and Public Officers Workshop

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

**Port-of-Spain**
- September 2013
  Regional Workshop on the Implementation of Principle 10
- January 2017
  Disaster Planning and Management

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

Infographics

News bulletin – 33 issues
(ES – EN) (4 new bulletins)

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

Number of people registered

Regional Public Mechanism: **3341** (27.07.2017)
Regional Public Mechanism

Number of people registered by country (in decreasing order)

- Chile
- Argentina
- Colombia
- Perú
- México
- Other Latin America
- Brasil
- Ecuador
- Other
- Bolivia (Plur. State of)
- Costa Rica
- Honduras
- Antigua and Barbuda
- Uruguay
- Panamá
- Guatemala
- El Salvador
- Other Caribbean
- Paraguay
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Jamaica
- Grenada
- Dominica
- Saint Kitts and Nevis
- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Dissemination

La Séptima Reunión del Comité de Negociación tendrá lugar del 31 de julio a 4 de agosto de 2017 en Buenos Aires. El objetivo de esta reunión es continuar la negociación del acuerdo regional sobre la base de la sexta versión del texto compilado por la Mesa Directiva que integra las propuestas de texto de los países.
Observatory on Principle 10 in Latin America and the Caribbean

NEW:
- Participation laws
- Environmental Impact Assessment Laws
- Laws and regulations on indigenous peoples