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

27 November 2017
### Preparatory phase (2012-2014)

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• Priority Lines of Action in Matters of Capacity-Building and Cooperation |
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**Fourteen meetings of the Working Groups**

Declaration on the application of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (Rio+20, Rio de Janeiro, 2012)
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)

Intersessional meetings (virtual)
- 5-7.05.15
- 28.07.15
- 27-29.10.15
- 9-12.08.16
- 31.01.17
- 20-24.03.17
- 31.07.17
- 27.11.17

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)
Seventh meeting of the Negotiating Committee (Buenos Aires)
Eighth meeting of the Negotiating Committee
Organization of the work

NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE
Decision-making body

Presiding Officers
Co-chairs:
Vice-chairs:
Coordination of the process

Preamble
Article 5 (general provisions)
Article 9 (access to justice)
Contact Group 3
Contact Group 4 (capacity-building)

PUBLIC

ECLAC
Technical Secretariat
Support meetings and groups

Presiding Officers
31 August, 6 September and 14 and 15 November 2017

Definitions (article 2)
- Virtual meeting on 3 October 2017

Article 5 (general provisions)
- Virtual meeting on 13 October 2017

Article 9 (access to justice)
- Virtual meeting on 20 October 2017

Article 10 (capacity-building)
- Virtual meeting on 31 October 2017

Institutional and final provisions (articles 11-25)
- Virtual meeting on 6 October 2017
Capacity-building: a key element that advances in parallel with the negotiation

**Tegucigalpa (Honduras)**
- May 2017
  - Roudtable discussion on the regional agreement

**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
- November 2017
  - Workshop on corporate sustainability reporting

**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
Activities and events (August-November 2017)

Sixth Meeting of the Parties of the Aarhus Convention
Budva, September 2017

II Inter-American Congress on Environmental Rule of Law
Santiago, September 2017

Intersessional meeting of the Forum of Ministers of Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean
Bogotá, October 2017

Regional consultation on environmental human rights defenders
Bogotá, November 2017

8th Workshop on Environmental Law of the University of Chile
Santiago, October 2017
Latest publications and supporting documents
Dissemination

Infographics

News bulletin – 34 issues (ES – EN) (2 new bulletins)

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

Number of people registered

Regional Public Mechanism: 3446 (24.11.2017)
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

Octava Reunión del Comité de Negociación - Principio 10
Santiago de Chile, del 27 de noviembre al 1 de diciembre de 2017

Santiago de Chile será sede de nueva ronda de negociación para alcanzar acuerdo regional en asuntos ambientales

ACERCA DEL EVENTO
La Octava Reunión del Comité de Negociación del Acuerdo Regional sobre el Acceso a la Información, la Participación Pública y el Acceso a la Justicia en Asuntos Ambientales en América Latina y el Caribe se llevará a cabo en Santiago, del 27 de noviembre al 1 de diciembre de 2017. El objetivo de esta reunión es continuar la negociación del acuerdo regional sobre la base de la séptima versión del texto compilado por la Mesa Directiva que integra las propuestas de texto de los países.

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