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SIDE EVENT



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Strengthen inter-regional cooperation on Principle 10 of Rio Declaration

[2012 Declaration on the Application of
Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration](#)



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Highlights on P10 LAC Declaration process

- Rio+20 and under the auspices of UNECLAC, 10 governments committed for supporting the development of a regional instrument to strengthen P10.
- 14 governments have approved a Plan of Action 2013-14 that includes also a mechanism for the participation of the NGOs in the process of elaboration of Principle 10 instrument.
- By now 18 LAC governments have signed the Declaration

Signatories: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago and Uruguay



Building bridges - Facilitate an informal forum for exchange of experience between UN ECE – UN ECLAC stakeholders

Benefit from the process of the UNECE region when

- **designing**
- **drafting**
- **negotiating and**
- **implementing**

a regional instrument on Principle 10 as Aarhus Convention (AC)



The forum offers through live online exchange-webinars:

- **Opportunity for direct discussions with key stakeholders**
- **Benefit from the words of the people who faced the challenges**
- **Share good practices and lessons learned**
- **Draw recommendations on how to structure the process efficiently**
- **Offer resources and information about the good practices and approaches under Aarhus convention**



First forum on preparation and negotiations on the text of the of the Aarhus Convention (AC) (April 3, 2014)

- The Aarhus experience on **advocating** for a strong legally binding instrument with governmental stakeholders ?
- Ensuring **input by CSOs** and other stakeholders into the Aarhus negotiating process



Webinar on capacity building to support the implementation of the AC (May 20, 2014)

- CB as **reflected in the text** of the convention and its implications for practical implementation;
- **mechanisms** for CB under the AC
- CB to **prepare for the ratification** of the AC in individual countries;
- CB to **enable CSOs** use their rights under the convention (including in relation to the compliance mechanism); and
- different forms of CB carried out in projects

Webinar on issues related to compliance under the AC



Second forum for the exchange, in the form of a side event to the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the AC (July 2, 2014, Maastricht)

LAC speakers at the side event:

- Ms. Constance Nalegach, FP, Ministry for Environment, Chile
- Ms. Mariamalia Jimenez Coto, FP, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Costa Rica
- Ms. Andrea Sanhueza, Coordinator, The Access Initiative
- Ms. Danielle Andrade, Legal Director, Jamaica Environment Trust, Jamaica
- Mr. Daniel Barragan, Director, CEDA, Ecuador

Working Group A. Capacity Building

- Colombia and Jamaica
- Working Group B. Regional instrument
- Brazil and Costa Rica

July 2, 2014 13.00-14.50 Room 0.4



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In the long term the project will strive to continue with providing capacity-building programmes on P10

Thank you
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