

## Article 10

### Capacity-building and cooperation

1. To guarantee implementation of the provisions of the present Agreement, the Parties shall promote capacity-building and cooperation **[PUBLIC collection and distribution of information and construction of environmental and climatic databases]** based on national demands and needs, specific regional considerations, flexibility, efficiency and effectiveness, results-based management and consideration of the target audiences. The purpose of capacity-building **[PUBLIC technical and scientific]** and cooperation will be to establish a framework for peers to share experiences and carry out activities of common interest **[PUBLIC to improve the production and distribution of information]**.
2. The Parties shall cooperate to build capacity and strengthen human **[PUBLIC with gender equity, as well and-]** institutional resources to implement the present Agreement in an effective manner, particularly in [Colombia: those Parties that are] least developed countries or Caribbean small island developing States. **[PUBLIC In this context, Parties should facilitate, as a matter of priority, capacity-building for the participation of vulnerable individuals and / or groups, including women, indigenous and local communities and stakeholders Directives. (Nagoya Protocol, 2010. Contents of San Jose, 2014)].**
3. For the purposes of implementation of the previous paragraph, and within the framework of the commitments established in the present Agreement, cooperation modalities may include, inter alia:
  - (a) **[PUBLIC Exchange of information, databases, training in information systems]** discussions, workshops, exchanges of experts, technical assistance, education and awareness-raising and observatories; **[PUBLIC information dissemination centers, among others; (Contents of San José, 2014)]**
  - (b) **[PUBLIC production,]** development, exchange and implementation of educational, training and awareness-raising materials and programmes at the **[PUBLIC local,]** national and international level;
  - (c) voluntary codes of conduct, guidelines, good practices and/or standards;
  - d) **[PUBLIC exchange and transfer of technologies and technological mechanisms and resources;]**
  - (d) e) sharing of experiences at all levels; and
  - (e) use **[PUBLIC Creation]** of committees, councils and public-private platforms to **[PUBLIC follow up]** address **[PUBLIC commitments,]** cooperation priorities and activities.
4. A clearinghouse on access rights, **[PUBLIC which]** to be managed by the secretariat, is hereby established for the purpose of promoting synergies and coordination in capacity-building.

The Parties shall provide to the clearinghouse on access rights whatever may be required in accordance with the decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties, which ~~may~~ **[PUBLIC will]** include, inter alia:

- (a) legislative, administrative and policy measures on access rights;
- (b) information on the national focal point and the competent authority or authorities;
- and
- (c) **[PUBLIC good practices on access rights, as well as training and awareness materials developed]**, and
- ~~(e)~~ **d)** codes of conduct and good practices.

The Conference of the Parties, at its third meeting at the latest, shall examine operational modalities for the clearinghouse on access rights, including reports on its activities and take decisions with respect to those modalities.

5. In fulfilment of the commitments assumed under the present Agreement, each Party, to the extent of its ability, shall promote and facilitate, at the national level:
  - (a) capacity-building and guidance for the competent authorities and entities to help them perform their duties under the present Agreement. These measures ~~may~~ **[PUBLIC will]** include, inter alia:
    - (i) training for officials and authorities to assist and guide the public in access to information, participation and justice in environmental matters;
    - (ii) provisioning of government offices with human and technological resources, including information and communications technologies, **[PUBLIC databases]** to deliver assistance to the public; and
    - (iii) ongoing evaluation and improvements consistent with the collection of qualitative and quantitative information on the environment.

**Suggested addition under article 10, numeral 5, letter (a):**

- (iv) the hiring of interpreters or translators of indigenous languages. [Peru]**
- (b) promotion of environmental education and public awareness concerning environmental matters, so the public will know how to proceed to gain access to information, participate in decisionmaking and take recourse to justice. These measures may include, inter alia:
  - (i) organization of awareness **[PUBLIC information]** campaigns targeting the general public;
  - (ii) promotion, on an ongoing basis, of public access to relevant information, as well as broad public participation, in education and awareness activities;
  - (iii) promotion of the establishment of associations, organizations or groups that help raise awareness among the public;

- (iv) development and implementation of training and awareness programmes for the public, especially ~~disadvantaged~~ [PUBLIC vulnerability situation], groups on access rights [PUBLIC and the mechanisms available for its exercise and guarantee];
  - (v) preparation and dissemination of basic educational modules on access rights for students [PUBLIC different levels of school education since] in primary and secondary [PUBLIC until university]; and
  - (vi) training for workers, scientists, educators and technical and management personnel.
  - (vii) [PUBLIC Effective use of mass and alternative media]
6. The Parties shall cooperate, as applicable, with existing global, regional, subregional and national institutions and organizations. In this context, the Parties may partner with, inter alia, nongovernmental, academic and private [Peru: , inter alia, non-governmental, academic and private **civil society and indigenous peoples'**] organizations and other relevant stakeholders.