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Webinar for Caribbean Governments on the
Regional agreement on access to information,
participation and justice in environmental matters
in Latin America and the Caribbean

23 August 2018

11am-1pm Santiago; 10am-12pm Castries/Georgetown/Port-of-Spain; 9-11am Kingston

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Background: The Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean (C.N.196.2018.TREATIES-XXVII.18), adopted on 4 March 2018 at Escazú, Costa Rica, will open for signature of the 33 countries of the region on 27 September 2018 at United Nations headquarters in New York, in the framework of the Treaty Event. To assist Caribbean countries in preparation for possible signature and ratification, UN ECLAC, CARICOM and the OECS are convening a webinar for Caribbean governments.

Objective of the webinar: Present the content of the Regional Agreement to government delegates involved in the signature and ratification process and offer an opportunity to discuss queries with legal experts.

Date: 23 August [virtual] (ENGLISH ONLY)

11 - 11.15 pm	Welcoming remarks
11.15 - 11.45 pm	Summary of context and content of the Regional Agreement <i>Kishan Kummarsingh, Head of Multilateral Environmental Agreements, Government of Trinidad and Tobago and Presiding Officer of the process</i>
11.45 – 12 pm	Signature and ratification process <i>Santiago Villalpando, Chief, Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations</i>
12 – 12.45 pm	Discussion with participants
12.45 – 1 pm	Conclusions and closing remarks