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Bali Guidelines Implementation Guide

Quick Facts

Adopted 2010 UNEP GC

UNEP/UNITAR project includes guidance and training materials

Implemented by WRI

Linked to Regional Workshops

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Advisory Group
Boxes and case studies

Guideline 1 – Public authorities to make information available upon request

Implementation guidance:

Any person principle

No interest to be proved

Information vs. documents

Guideline 2 – Standards for environmental information in the public domain

Implementation guidance:

What is Environmental Information?

Environmental quality

Environmental impacts on health and factors affecting them

Information about law and policy

Meta-information

Guideline 3 – Limited grounds for refusal to provide information

Implementation guidance:

Must be according to law

Interpreted narrowly

Public interest test

Guideline 4 – Public authorities to collect and update various types of environmental information

Implementation guidance:

PRTR

Permitting, inspection and enforcement

Guideline 5 – State of the environment reporting

Implementation guidance:

Reasonable intervals

Up to date

Includes quality and pressures on environment

Guideline 6 – Information in emergency situations

Implementation guidance:

Emergency preparedness and response systems

Systems for collection and dissemination of information related to potential emergencies

Guideline 7 – Provide means for and encourage effective capacity-building

Implementation guidance:

Aimed at public authorities and the public
To facilitate effective access to information

Guideline 8 – Early and effective public participation in decision-making

Implementation guidance:

All options open

Phases of decisionmaking (screening, scoping)

Linked to deadlines and preparation time

Nature, complexity and size of project

Guideline 9 – Authorities proactively seek transparent and consultative public participation

Implementation guidance:
Identifying the public concerned
Notification standards

Guideline 10 – All information relevant to decision-making to be made available

Implementation guidance:

Public concerned

Objective, understandable, timely and effective

Obligation to update

Guideline 11 – Due account of comments received

Implementation guidance:

Transparency and publicity (general and to the public concerned)

Reasons upon which decision based

How comments handled

Guideline 12 – Updating public participation where information or circumstances change

Implementation guidance:

Triggers new decision-making

All PP standards to be reapplied

Guideline 13 – Public participation in preparation of legal norms, policies, plans and programs

Implementation guidance:

SEA

Levels of participation

Applicability of standards related to specific decision-making

Guideline 14 – Capacity-building, education and awareness-raising

Implementation guidance:

Aimed at public authorities and the public

To facilitate effective and meaningful
participation