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First meeting of the negotiating committee
of the regional agreement on access to information,
public participation and justice in environmental
matters in Latin America and the Caribbean

Santiago, 5-7 May 2015

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 5 May

8.30 – 9.30 a.m.	Registration of participants
9.30 – 10 a.m.	Opening ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Representative of the Government of Chile• Representative of the Government of Costa Rica• Representative of the Public• Representative of ECLAC
10 – 10.15 a.m.	Adoption of the provisional agenda
10.15 – 11.30 a.m.	Adoption of the Work Plan of the Negotiating Committee
11.30 – 11.45 a.m.	Coffee break
11.45 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Presentation of the preliminary document of the regional agreement on access to information, public participation and access to justice in environmental matters in Latin America and the Caribbean ¹ Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
1 – 3 p.m.	Lunch break
3 – 4.30 p.m.	General thoughts on the preliminary document of the regional agreement on access to information, public participation and access to justice in environmental matters in Latin America and the Caribbean <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interventions of the signatory countries of the Declaration on the application of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration on

¹ LC/L.3987.

	Environment and Development ² (<i>5 minutes per country</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other countries • Public
4.30 – 5 p.m.	Coffee break
5 – 6.30 p.m.	General thoughts on the preliminary document of the regional agreement on access to information, public participation and access to justice in environmental matters in Latin America and the Caribbean (<i>continued</i>)
6.30 p.m.	Cocktail

Wednesday, 6 May

9.30 – 11 a.m.	Preamble, objective, definitions, principles, scope of application and general obligations
11 – 11.30 a.m.	Coffee break
11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Access to environmental information
1 – 2.30 p.m.	Lunch break
2.30 – 4 p.m.	Public participation in environmental decision-making
4 – 4.30 p.m.	Coffee break
4.30 – 6 p.m.	Access to justice in environmental matters
6.15 p.m.	Meeting adjourns for the day

Thursday, 7 May

9.30 – 11 a.m.	Capacity-building and cooperation
11 – 11.30 a.m.	Coffee break
11.30 – 1 p.m.	Resources, implementation and evaluation, rules of procedure and institutional framework
1 – 2.30 p.m.	Lunch break
2.30 – 3 p.m.	Adoption of agreements
3.30 – 4 p.m.	Closing ceremony

² A/CONF.216/13.