

Working Group on
Capacity-Building and Cooperation
Declaration on the application of Principle 10 of the
Rio Declaration on Environment and Development
in Latin America and the Caribbean

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**DRAFT PROPOSAL ON THE CAPACITY-BUILDING AND COOPERATION
COMPONENT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REGIONAL INSTRUMENT FOR
CONSIDERATION AT THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE FOCAL POINTS
DESIGNATED BY THE SIGNATORY COUNTRIES OF THE DECLARATION
ON THE APPLICATION OF PRINCIPLE 10 IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE
CARIBBEAN**

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BACKGROUND

1. At the Fifth Meeting of the Working Group on Capacity-Building and Cooperation, held on 30 May 2014, it was agreed to call upon the delegates of the signatory countries and the public to send inputs to prepare a proposal on the capacity-building and cooperation component to be considered in the regional instrument. In this context, the deadline set to send inputs and proposals was Monday, 7 July 2014.
2. To encourage inputs, a document with the proposal of the coordinators of the Working Group for designing a mechanism for capacity-building and cooperation to be included in the regional instrument was circulated and uploaded to the website. The document was intended to be a starting point for the discussion on the different models of mechanisms that would contribute to preparing a proposal of capacity-building and cooperation mechanism to be included in the regional instrument that aims to fully apply access rights.
3. In addition, it was agreed that the inputs received would be widely disseminated and uploaded to the website of the process (<http://www.cepal.org/rio20/principio10>).
4. The inputs received both from governments and members of the public for the preparation of a proposal on the capacity-building and cooperation component of the regional instrument are highlighted and greatly appreciated. Inputs for both Working Groups were received from the governments of Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama and Peru and the following members of the public: Academia de Derecho Ambiental de la Universidad Andrés Bello, AFDEA - Asociación de Formadores Docentes en Educación Ambiental, AIDA – Asociación InterAmericana para la Defensa del Medio Ambiente, Alianza ONG, AMARRIBO Brasil, Aprender Entidade Ecológica, APUES - Ámbito Proceso Uruguay Entero Sur, Article 19, Asociación Ambiente y Sociedad, Asociación Eusebio Vidal, Associação dos Especialistas em Políticas Públicas do Estado de São Paulo, CAAOBETÍ - Grupo de Monte Nativo, CAD – Consorcio Ambiental Dominicano, CAinfo - Centro de Acceso a la Información Pública, Carla Delfina Aceves Ávila, Casa de la Paz, Castries Fishermens' Co-operative Society Ltd., CECN - Centro de Estudios de Ciencias Naturales, CEDA - Centro Ecuatoriano de Derecho Ambiental, CeDePesca, CEIDUR - Centro Interdisciplinario de Estudios sobre el Desarrollo Uruguay,

CEMDA - Centro Mexicano de Derecho Ambiental, Centro de Investigaciones Jurídicas, Políticas y Sociales del Grupo de Investigación, Estudios Jurídicos y Sociojurídicos de la Universidad de Caldas, CIAM - Centro de Incidencia Ambiental, CINTEC, Comisión Salud y Ambiente PIT-CNT, Comunicación y Educación Ambiental, COPAU - Consumidores Organizados de la Producción Agroecológica del Uruguay, CRECE - Conselho de Representantes dos Conselhos de Escolas, CUI - Centro Uruguay Independiente, Cultura Ecológica, DEMAVAL - Grupo Defensa del Medio Ambiente de Colonia Valdense, Ecoa – Educação comunitária ambiental, Escola de Governo de São Paulo, Ernesto Villegas Rodríguez, Eyolquy Ríos López, FARN - Fundación Ambiente y Recursos Naturales, Fboms - Fórum Brasileiro de ONGs e Movimentos Sociais para o Meio Ambiente e o Desenvolvimento, FIMA - Fiscalía del Medio Ambiente, FORJAR - Asociación Civil Cultural de DDHH, Fórum Mudanças Climáticas e Justiça Social, Fundação Avina, Fundação Grupo Esquel Brasil, Fundación DECIDE, Fundación ECOANDINA, Fundación PACMA, Fundación UNIDA, GAIA Derecho Ambiental, Grupo Artigas 86, Grupo Ecológico de Young, Grupo Vecinos de Guichon, IDAHMO - Instituto Derecho Ambiental de Honduras, Idesam - Instituto de Conservação e Desenvolvimento Sustentável do Amazonas, IDPV - Instituto Direito por um Planeta Verde, Iepé - Instituto de Pesquisa e Formação Indígena, Iguassu Iterei Movimento da Cidadania pelas Águas, Florestas e Montanhas, Imaflora - Instituto de Manejo e Certificação Florestal e Agrícola, IMV - Instituto Madeira Vivo, INESMA - Instituto de Estudios del Medio Ambiente, INSAPROMA - Instituto de Abogados para la Protección del Medio Ambiente, Instituto Ambiente y Sociedad, Instituto Humanitas, International Rivers, IPEH - Instituto de Pesquisas em Ecologia Humana, Jamaica Environment Trust, Mariano Jorge Beret Rodríguez, Movimento Ficha Verde, MOVITDES - Movimiento por la Vida, el Trabajo y un Desarrollo Sustentable, MOVUS - Movimiento por un Uruguay Sustentable, MVVC~CC – Plataforma Montanha, Vales, Vida e Cidadania, Observatorio Ambiental de Bogotá, Observatório do Clima, OCC- Organización para la Conservación de Cetáceos, OSCRENEA - Grupo de Organizaciones de la Sociedad Civil de la Red Nacional de Educación Ambiental, Prodena – Asociación ProDefensa de la Naturaleza, PRONATURA, RED Uruguaya de ONG's AMBIENTALISTAS, Rede Latinoamericana de Ministério Público Ambiental, Saint Lucia National Trust, Sébastien Duyck, Sociedad Amigos del Viento, Terræ Organização da Sociedade Civil, UNES - Unidad Ecológica Salvadoreña, Voto Consciente, WRI - World Resources Institute.

5. It is worth mentioning that the objective of this Working Group is to make a proposal to intensify regional and international cooperation with regard to training and financing needs and operations, both for the public sector and the public in general. Therefore, the calendar of the Working Group for 2014 establishes that the result of the Seventh meeting of the Working Group (which will take place on 9-10-11 September 2014 in San José, Costa Rica) is a proposal on the capacity-building and cooperation component to be included in the regional instrument.
6. With this end, and within the agreed timeframes, the following document with the proposal on the capacity-building and cooperation component to be included in the regional instrument is offered for consideration of countries and public.

CONSIDERATIONS

1. This document has prioritized matters which reflect certain consensuses and matters that are considered interesting inputs.
2. This document shall be included in the draft proposal of annotated index of contents of the regional instrument.
3. It is worth noting that the proposal of annotated index of contents of the instrument states that capacity-building and cooperation shall be an essential element.
4. As was agreed in the framework of this process, the inputs from governments and the public have been taken into consideration.
5. This proposal is offered for the consideration of countries and the public to be discussed during the Seventh meeting of the Working Group to be held on 10-11 September in San José, Costa Rica, so as to present a final proposal of the Working Group sufficiently in advance for the discussion and adoption of agreements at the Fourth meeting of Focal Points designated by the signatory countries of the Declaration (4, 5 and 6 November 2014).

PROPOSAL ON THE CAPACITY-BUILDING AND COOPERATION COMPONENT (Fourth pillar of the regional instrument)

Principles

Demand-driven principle according to national needs
Flexibility and effectiveness
Results-based management
Reflect regional specificities
Mainstreaming of capacity-building
Transparency and accountability

Definition

Capacity-building and cooperation shall be a tool designed to assist States and the general public in the process of strengthening their capacities and foster cooperation to improve access to information, participation and justice in environmental issues.

Proposed contents

- Recognition of the importance and need of capacity-building of both the public and governments.
- Consideration of specific needs, circumstances, capacities and priorities of countries.
- The instrument shall be the framework of capacity-building activities.
- Consider the participation of the private sector, civil society organizations and other regional and international organizations, considering their role of multiplier agents and existing synergies between public and government initiatives.
- The provision of capacity-building and cooperation should take into account the target audiences, specifically in those cases where there are groups with specific needs or of special attention (women, rural communities, indigenous peoples, children/youth).
- Synergies with other environmental instruments or with environmental provisions

MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION

- Self-assessment of needs and national capacities

Forms of capacity-building and cooperation:

- Between States (bilateral or multilateral)
- Between bodies of the instrument and States
- Of the public, civic servants, national authorities
- Regional and international cooperation

Modalities

- Dialogues, workshops, exchange of experts, technical assistance, education and awareness-raising, observatories, clearinghouses, among others.
- Development and exchange of educational and public awareness material at the national and international levels.
- Development and implementation of educational and training programs.
- Voluntary codes of conduct, guidelines and best practices and/or standards.
- Promotion of national, regional and international exchanges of experiences.
- Use of public-private committees, councils or other platforms to address cooperation priorities and activities.

Implementation, follow-up and evaluation

- Appointment of focal points
- Periodic reports

Resources

- **Proposal:** Creation of fund to develop national actions for capacity-building and cooperation.
- Follow-up mechanism can establish/suggest capacity-building measures to support implementation.