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# Advancing climate action through Escazú Agreement standards in Latin America and the Caribbean

Side Event to the COP25, Madrid

12<sup>th</sup> December 2019, 11:30-1:00 pm, Room 5 (Hall 4)

Organized by UN ECLAC, WRI and The Access Initiative, CIVICUS-World Alliance for Citizen Participation, FIMA-Chile, DAR-Peru, FARN-Argentina, The Elders and COICA.

**Description:** The event discusses how the Escazú Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Access to Justice in environmental matters in Latin America and the Caribbean supports the implementation of the Paris Agreement and ensures that climate policies are shaped by and in benefit for those that are most affected by climate change.

Time	
11:30 – 11:33	<p><b>Welcome remarks on behalf of the Escazú Campaign Coalition and the Access Initiative LAC (3 minutes)</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> Gabriela Burdiles, FIMA-Chile</p>
11:33 – 12:13	<p><b>OPENING REMARKS (40 minutes)</b>  <b>Empowering people and advancing climate action through the application of the Escazú Agreement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr. Joseluis Samaniego, Chief, Sustainable Development and Human Settlements Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean</i></li> <li>• <i>Ms. Mary Robinson, First woman President of Ireland and former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights; Chair of The Elders</i></li> <li>• <i>Mr. Rodolfo Godinez, Head of International Affairs Unit, Secretariat of Environment and Natural Resources of Mexico</i></li> <li>• <i>Ms. Paola Vega, Congresswomen from Costa Rica</i></li> </ul>
12:13 – 12:43	<p><b>PANEL DISCUSSION (30 minutes)</b>  <b>Lessons and examples of how Escazú standards may help to advance climate action</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr. Adolfo Chávez, Coordinadora de las Organizaciones Indígenas de la Cuenca Amazónica, COICA</i></li> <li>• <i>Ms. Aida Gamboa, DAR-Perú</i></li> <li>• <i>Ms. Lyndal Rowlands, CIVICUS</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Enrique Maurtua, FARN-Argentina</p>
12:43 – 12:58	<p>Questions &amp; answers (15 minutes)</p>
12:58 – 01:00	<p>Concluding observations by the moderator (2 minutes)</p>