

# Session 2: Advancing National Action and Capacity Development

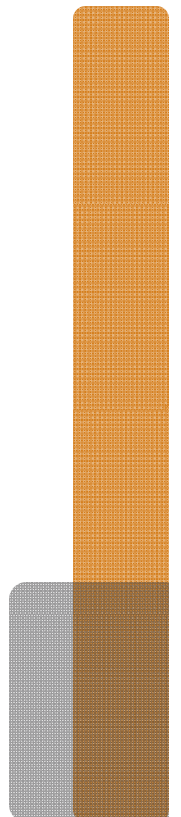
## National Implementation of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration and the UNEP Bali Guidelines: Opportunities for Capacity Development Support

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# UNEP/UNITAR Principle 10 and Bali Guidelines Capacity Development Initiative

- Series of regional workshops on P 10 and Bali Guidelines
- Bali Guideline Implementation Guide
- Global Joint Programme to Support National P10 Implementation
  1. National Capacity Development and Legal Reform Projects
  2. Global Support Services
- Engagement with countries in programme design
- Partnership with United Nations Development Partner (UNDP) under development
- Global programme document and joint fund-raising



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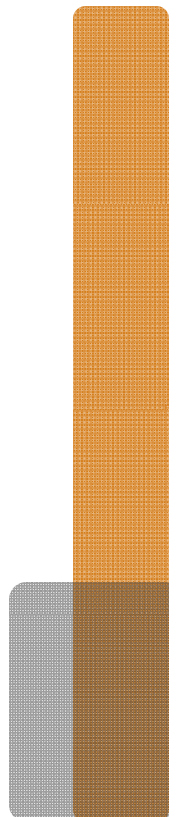
# Programme Area 1: National Capacity Development and Legal Reform Projects

1. Fast Track Learning Support and Legal Advice
  - Skills development linked to institutional objectives
  - On demand legal analysis and advice
  
2. National Capacity Assessments and Strategy Development
  - National Principle 10 Profiles
  - Priority Setting Workshops
  - National Action Plan Development”
  
3. Principle 10 Implementation Action
  - Legal reform (e.g. support of regulation development)
  - Implementation action in key sectors/thematic areas (e.g. forestry, green economy, PRTR)

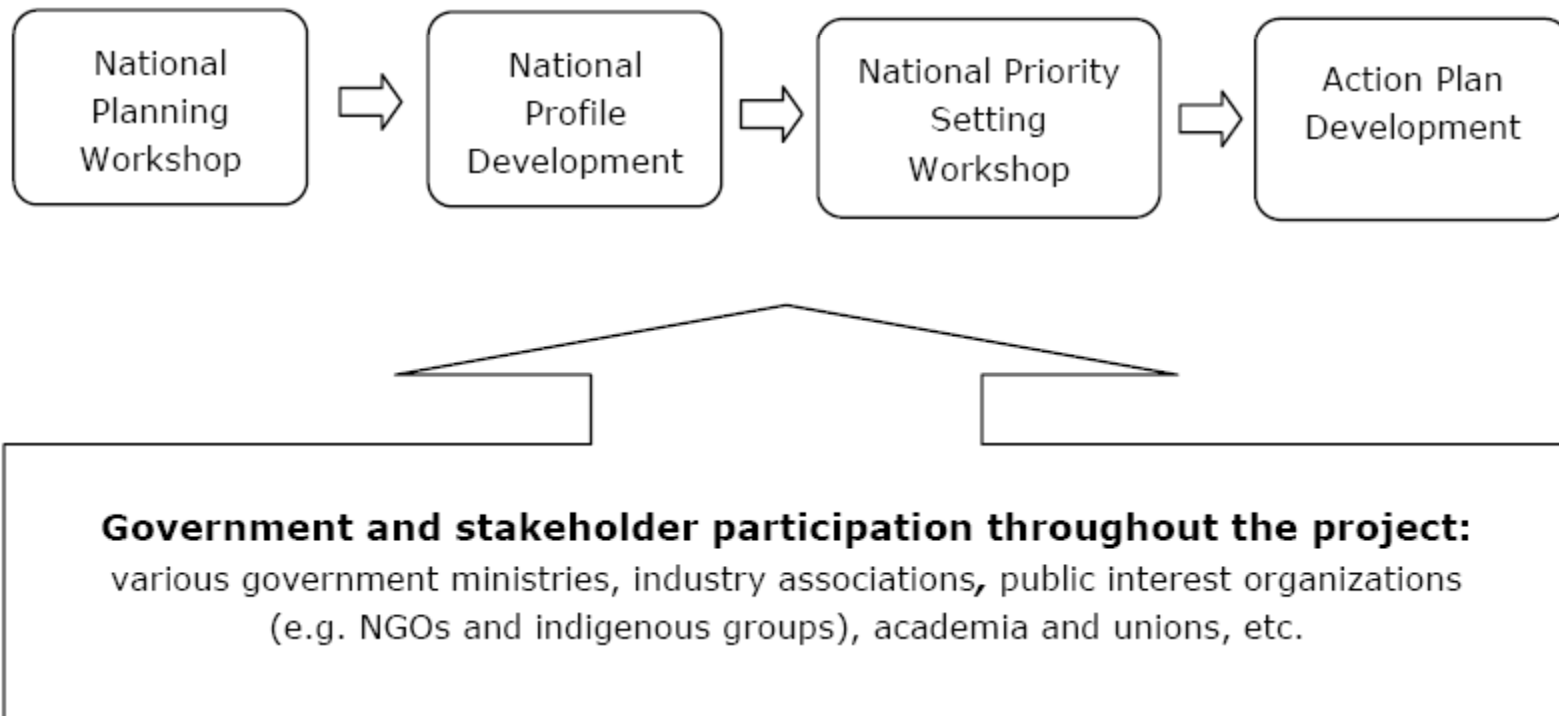


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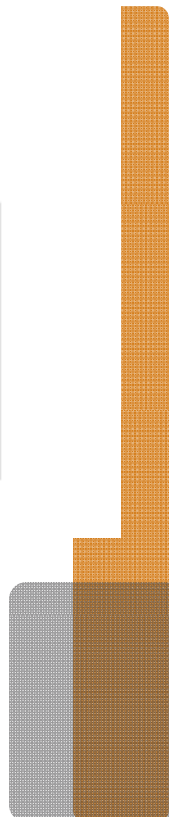


# National Principle 10 Capacity Assessment and Action Plan Development



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## Principle 10 National Profile and Action Plan Project in the Dominican Republic

The Secretary of State of the Environment and Natural Resources of Dominican Republic and UNITAR signed a Memorandum of Agreement concerning the project "Preparing a National Profile and Action Plan on the Implementation of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration" in March of 2007.



The national project coordinator was Ms. Martha Pérez, Undersecretary of State, with Mrs. Mariana Perez, Director of Environmental Information serving as focal point. A National Coordinating Team was established to guide and oversee the project implementation.

### National Planning Workshop

A *National planning workshop* took place on 24 April 2007 in Santo Domingo. Some 40 participants from a range of government agencies and stakeholder groups participated in the event. The workshop provided the opportunity to identify the support of the government and other institutions in strengthening the implementation of Principle 10.

### National Profile Development

The Dominican Republic completed its *National Profile* in 2008.

### National Priority Setting Workshop

The *National Priority Setting Workshop* on Principle 10 Implementation took place on 1-2 December 2008. The workshop was attended by 45 participants originating from government ministries, the judiciary, the private sector, local authorities, NGOs, universities and international donors.

National priorities identified at the workshop included:

- Implementation of a training programme to build capacities of government officials on participatory governance, including designing and managing participatory processes, creative approaches for public participation and tools for conflict resolution
- Legal development and reform including: development of a public participation act



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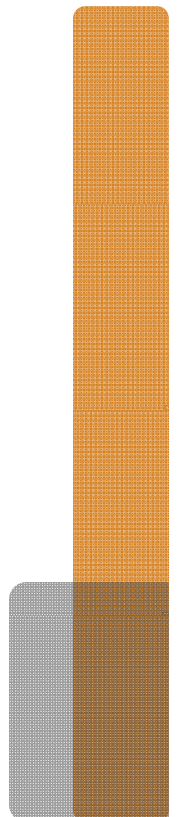
# Lessons Learned from National Principle 10 Capacity Development Projects

- Interest in Central American regions by Government to prepare a Principle 10 National Profile and Action Plan
- Reveals that Principle 10 implementation needs capacity in civil society and Government (technical, legal, etc.)
- Civil society actively participated in the government coordinated processes (some 400 stakeholders in 6 countries)
- Processes created opportunity for Governments to cooperate with civil society to prepare situation analysis and set priorities
- Bali Guidelines helpful in creating benchmarks for national capacity development (not available at the time)
- UNITAR currently revising methodology within framework of UNEP/UNITAR collaboration (input from countries welcome)



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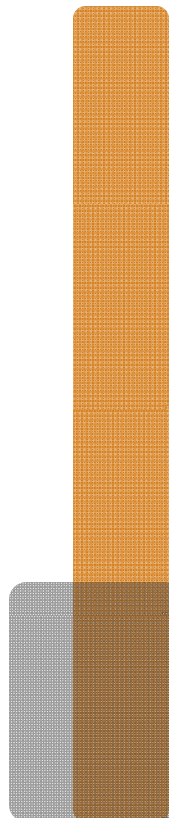
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# Multilateral Environmental Agreements and Principle 10 Implementation: Key Linkages

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- UNFCCC (1992)
- Biodiversity Convention (1992) and Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (2003)
- Desertification Convention (1992)
- Rotterdam Convention (2004) and Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (2004)
- Others (Montreal, GHS, etc)



# Programme Area 2: Global Support Services

## 1. Global Learning Services and Support

- Training material development
- Curriculum development and instructional design support
- etc

## 2. Legal Support Desk

- Research on good legal practices
- Ad hoc legal support advice

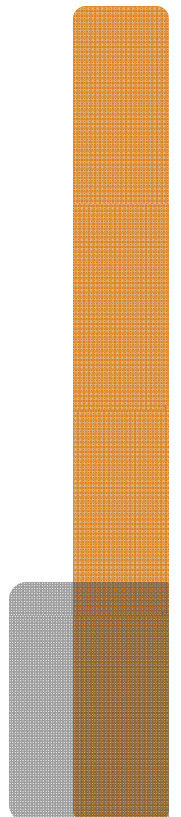
## 3. Global Knowledge Sharing and Coordination

- Global website
- Development of knowledge products
- Linkages with environment, democracy and sustainable development initiatives



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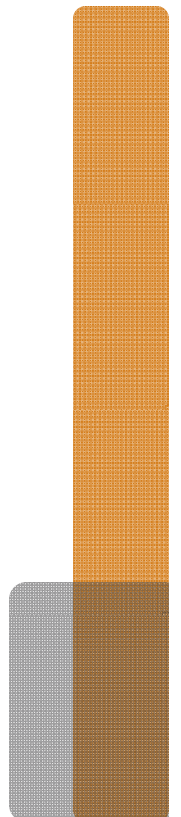
# Questions for Discussion

- Which proposed capacity development services are of interest to countries?
- What services are missing?
- Interest in a further dialogue?



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