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TRAINING PRIORITIES FOR EACH PILLAR OF PRINCIPLE 10

Background: At the Third meeting of the focal points appointed by the Governments of the signatory countries of the Declaration on the application of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Lima, in October 2014, it was agreed that the Working Group on Capacity Building and Cooperation would review the outcomes of the regional training workshops held as part of the process, and would propose two training priorities for each of the three pillars of Principle 10, to be presented at the Fourth meeting of the Working Group.

After the discussions and receipt of comments, hereafter are the training priorities identified for each of the three pillars of Principle 10 for the consideration of signatory countries. This proposal seeks to guide efforts to implement regional actions and provide guidance for activities that countries wish to undertake at the national level, notwithstanding other actions developed at both regional and national levels to raise awareness of the public and Government officials on the rights and obligations regarding access to information, participation and justice in environmental matters.

PILLAR	PRIORITIES
Access to information	1. Dissemination of good practices on proactive, active and passive transparency and implementation mechanisms to access environmental information, national environmental information systems, entities or bodies that guarantee transparency and access to public information, electronic infrastructure or

	<p>platforms to access environmental information and for the treatment and management of information requests.</p> <p>2. Exchange of good practices or successful experiences to put useful, significant, comprehensible, accurate, appropriate and reliable information on environmental matters at the disposal of the public.</p>
Access to participation	<p>1. Dissemination of good practices to promote the participation of the public and its active participation in environmental mechanisms and instruments, with a special emphasis on groups traditionally underrepresented and training of civil servants and citizens to guide them towards being actors for change, access rights defenders, generate shared government-society responsibility and highlight the importance of inclusive, informed and effective participation in environmental matters</p> <p>2. Knowledge exchange on public participation at the policies, plans and programmes level and in the implementation of investment projects (before, during and after their development)</p>
Access to justice	<p>1. Training and awareness of judges, judicial officers and administrative courts on the expeditious delivery of fair and impartial justice in environmental issues and exchange of cases and successful experiences on access to justice in environmental matters</p> <p>2. Raise awareness of citizens on administrative and judicial proceedings to exercise their environmental rights and/or remedy environmental damage</p>