

The Committee to Support Implementation and Compliance of the **Escazú Agreement**



Promoting and supporting Parties in the implementation of the Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in **Latin America and the Caribbean** (Escazú Agreement).

What is it?

Art. 18

A subsidiary body of the Conference of the Parties (COP).

- Consultative.
- Transparent nature.
- Non-adversarial.
- Non-judicial.
- Non-punitive.



Who is it composed of?

7 members acting in their personal capacity and serving ad honorem.

Of high moral standing, with recognized competence and independent.

Nationals or residents in the countries of Annex 1 of the Escazú Agreement.

Elected by the Conference of the Parties.

Mandate of 4 years, renewable (staggered renewal)

How does it work?

- Preferably in virtual format.
- In Spanish and English.
- By consensus, or in its absence, by 2/3 majority.
- Open meetings, with exceptions.

What does the Committee do?

It supports **implementation and compliance**.

- 1 It provides support to the COP.**
 - It prepares systemic reports periodically on implementation and compliance.
 - It prepares reports on any aspect as requested by the COP.
- 2 It provides support to Parties.**
 - It formulates general comments on interpretation of the Agreement.
 - It responds to queries on interpretation of the Agreement made by a Party.
 - It engages in periodic consultations and dialogues with each of the Parties.
 - It carries out visits to the territory of a Party with its consent.
 - It holds open dialogues with Parties.
- 3 It provides support to the public.**
 - It responds to queries on interpretation of the Agreement made by an elected representative of the public.
 - It holds open dialogues with members of the public.
- 4 It examines communications.**
 - Filed by Parties and members of the public.
 - Requesting support for compliance or alleging non-compliance of the Agreement.



What does the Committee not do?

- ✗ It is not a supranational judicial body or court.
- ✗ It does not have reparation procedures.
- ✗ It does not impose sanctions.

Reports to the COP on its activities and observations

What measures can it take?

- Formulate observations and provide recommendations, advice and support.
- Request an action plan.
- Request reports on progress.
- Recommend the adoption of necessary measures to safeguard human rights defenders.

How does the public participate?



The public has the right to provide information and participate in the meetings of the Committee.

Who has access to the Committee?



The COP, Parties and members of the public, as appropriate.



More information:

Secretariat – Escazú Agreement
Sustainable Development and Human Settlements Division.
<http://www.cepal.org/en/escazuagreement>
<http://observatoriop10.cepal.org/en>



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