

# PRINCIPLE 10

## of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development



Information



Participation



Justice

Principle 10 seeks to ensure that every person has access to information, can participate in the decision-making process and has access to justice in **environmental matters** with the aim of safeguarding the right to a healthy and sustainable environment for present and future generations.

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Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

» United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20)

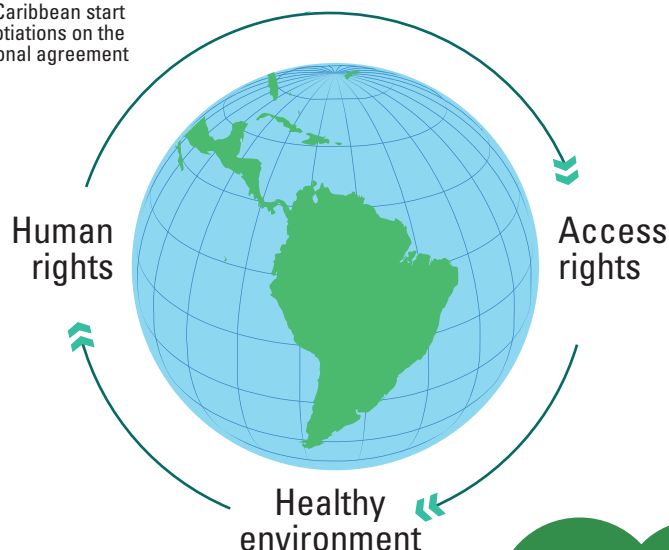
» Declaration on the application of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean and beginning of preparatory phase

Signatory countries of the Declaration on the application of Principle 10 in Latin America and the Caribbean start negotiations on the regional agreement

Negotiation of the regional agreement

### What does the Principle 10 regional agreement strive for?

- » It aims to deepen democracies and social cohesion, build trust in the adopted decisions, eliminate asymmetries and prevent socio-environmental conflicts.
- » It offers a redefinition of the traditional relations between the State, the market and society.
- » It contributes to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development



### Regional developments

20 countries recognize the right of persons to live in a healthy environment in their constitutions

20 countries have enacted access to information laws

20 countries provide for the right of any person or group to bring legal actions to safeguard the environment

25 countries have provisions in their general laws on the environment to promote public participation

18 countries have specialized entities, judicial or otherwise, in environmental matters