



# Outcome Document: Choosing Our Future

*June 19th, 2012 | Rio de Janeiro*

**In 1992** the members of the United Nations joined together to enshrine Principle 10 (P10) in the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development. At Rio+20, world leaders gathered to reiterate this principle and strengthened language around access to information, public participation, and access to justice at all levels.

On the eve of the Rio+20 Conference, on June 19th, 2012, the World Resources Institute (WRI), the Access Initiative (TAI), Fundação Getulio Vargas Rio Program on Law and Environment, and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) organized “Choosing our Future: Open and Participatory Sustainable Development Governance.”\* The aim of the event was to take stock of the tremendous progress made in many areas of implementation of Principle 10, and, most importantly to establishing the next generation of reforms and priorities for Principle 10. The full program of the event is attached at the end of this report.

The event’s workshops gave citizens, members of governments, and international institutions the space to set a 21st Century agenda. A series of opening sessions celebrated the environmental governance accomplishments and future commitments of governments and intergovernmental organizations. A number of international, national, and subnational representatives of governments and a non-governmental organization described their success in each of these areas, including:

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\* Supporting partners included Article 19, United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UNECLAC), and United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR). Other partners included World Future Council, The World Bank Inspection Panel, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), Thailand Environment Institute (TEI), Stakeholder Forum for a Sustainable Future, Regional Environmental Center (REC), Organization of American States Department of Sustainable Development (OAS-DSD), International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement (INECE), International Association for the Advancement of Innovative Approaches to Global Challenges (IAAI) Rio+20 Global Youth Music Contest, Friends of the Earth England, Wales and Northern Ireland, Foundation for Democracy and Sustainable Development (FDSD), European Environmental Bureau (EEB), European Environmental Agency (EEA), Corporación Participa, Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL), and the Abu Dhabi Global Environmental Data Initiative (AGEDI)

- Mr. Georghe Salaru, Minister of Environment, Republic of Moldova who spoke of Moldova's successful accession to the Aarhus Convention (UNECE Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation, and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters).
- Mr. Pierre Arcand, Minister of Environment, Sustainable Development, and Parks, Quebec, who spoke of public participation and environmental conservation within the context of the "Plan Nord" in Northern Quebec.
- Mr. Murilo Nunes de Bustamante, Environmental Public Prosecutor, State of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil spoke of the role of the public prosecutor in law enforcement and legal empowerment of communities at the subnational level.
- Mr. Lalanath de Silva on behalf of Mr. Ritwick Dutta, Legal Initiative for Forests and Environment, spoke on the newly established National Green Tribunal in India.
- Mr. Sven Alkalaj, UNECE Executive Secretary, who spoke of the Aarhus experience and UNECE's role in promoting better environmental governance.
- On behalf of UNEP and UNITAR, Achim Halpaap, UNITAR, announced a UNEP/UNITAR initiative to support capacity development at the regional and national levels to develop legal frameworks and related capacities to implement Principle 10 and the UNEP Bali Guidelines.
- Mr. Thomas Legoupil, Representative of France spoke of his country's support for improved public participation in international sustainable development governance, through promotion of the Almaty Guidelines for Access to Information, Public Participation, and Access to Justice in environmental matters.
- Mr. Jonas Ebbesson, Chair of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee, who discussed the importance of citizen-initiated compliance mechanisms in improving implementation of environmental agreements.



*Lalanath deSilva, The Access Initiative Director*

## Highlights of public commitments in the morning session include:

- **Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Convention on Principle 10:** After Chile and the Economic Commission for Latin America (UNECLAC) launched the process, 10 countries have signed onto a declaration calling for negotiations on a regional convention on access to information, public participation, and access to justice. Countries publicly supporting this declaration include Chile, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, and Uruguay.
- **Ireland:** The Irish Government expressed its intent to ratify the Aarhus Convention. (On June 21st, it became the final European Union member state to ratify the convention.)
- **Indonesia:** TAI partners made a number of recommendations to their government as a part of the 3 Demands campaign. While the commitment was formally registered into the process for the Open Government Partnership, one of Indonesia's commitments around access to information was articulated in the 3Ds campaign. Additionally, in the weeks preceding Rio+20, the Chief Justice of the Indonesian Supreme Court, following the release of the 3Ds by TAI partners led by ICEL, has issued several measures to improve access to justice, including decrees establishing and implementing environmental judges certification.
- **South Africa:** Similar to Indonesia, South African TAI partners issued a number of demands and had one of them integrated into the Open Government Partnership—specifically, the launch of a feasibility study for an Open Environmental Data plan.
- **UNEP:** In a presentation to the “Choosing Our Future” audience, UNEP's Achim Steiner, represented by Peter Gilruth, Director of UNEP's Division for Early Warning and Assessment, committed to advance Principle 10 through:
  - o Creating and executing programs to implement the 2010 Bali Guidelines on Principle 10;
  - o Improving Principle 10 implementation within UNEP's internal processes;
  - o Provide continuous support to the application of Principle 10 internationally, including through international and/or regional treaties and within the Eye on Earth Community.

The second half of the day was structured on working sessions. Each session aimed to produce guidance for post-Rio initiatives, capturing the major aspects and challenges of civil society participation in the institutional framework for sustainable development, the “next generation” of reform on Principle 10, and highlighting the challenges of developing countries not yet onto “the next generation” and strategies for addressing them. The remainder of the document highlights the main recommendations and next steps from each of the afternoon workshops in alphabetical order.

# The 21st Century Agenda on Principle 10

## Access to Information in Africa

Institute of Law and Environmental Governance (ILEG), World Resources Institute (WRI), and Open Democracy Advice Centre (ODAC)

Many environmental and natural resource (ENR) and other sectoral laws include transparency provisions. In Africa, many countries do not have a comprehensive access to information act, and ENR laws provide opportunities for civil society to access information critical to monitoring performance and proving accountability. This session identified data sets for open data and proactive disclosure schemes, sharing knowledge on using transparency provisions in ENR laws.

The following questions guided discussion:

1. Which types of information on data sets and natural resources and the environment should be proactively released by government to ensure transparency and good governance?
2. Do the current categories of information provided naturally translate into the datasets?
3. Do Open Government Data programs and proactive release of environmental information have the possibility of making an impact?
4. What are the factors to be considered to ensure these programs lead to positive development outcomes?
5. Which types of projects and activities could be developed to promote the active release of natural resource and environmental information in Africa?

A number of recommendations resulted from discussion, including those highlighted below:

- All countries in Africa should prioritise the proactive disclosure of information on environment and natural resources.
- All countries in Africa should take active steps to implement and facilitate proactive disclosure, such as the passage of laws and the provision of open data portals.
- Open government principles are a commitment for all branches and levels of government, including the Executive, the Legislature, and the Judiciary.

To view a list of all recommendations made during this workshop, please see: <http://bit.ly/LOYkB8> or The Access Initiative blog at [www.accessinitiative.org](http://www.accessinitiative.org)

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# Capacity for Effective Public Participation

United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

In the preparations for the Rio+20 Conference, governments and stakeholders pointed to the need to improve capacities for national environmental governance. This session discussed challenges and opportunities to strengthen national capacities for Principle 10 implementation from the perspectives of governments, civil society, and other stakeholders. It also provided an opportunity to discuss the implementation of the “UNEP Guidelines for the Development of National Legislation on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters” (Bali Guidelines). The discussion addressed capacity issues for effective Principle 10 implementation within civil society and government, respectively.

## Developing Capacities within Civil Society

Concerning capacity development within civil society the discussion identified different challenges for capacity development of NGOs and individual citizens.

### **Concerning NGOs, the following issues were identified:**

- While funding from external donors is an important source of funding it often is not stable.
- There is a need for developing a sustainable funding/resource base that decreases dependency from external donors.
- Governments should systematically think through how to assist NGOs including financial support to ensure a level playing field.

### **Concerning capacities of individual citizens, the discussion highlighted:**

- In some cases, individuals can easily contribute to decision-making, for example, in local land use decisions. It is much more difficult to participate in technical processes such as air quality decision-making. It is not possible to turn every citizen into an air quality specialist.
- Strengthening generic capacities of individuals on environment and democracy issues should therefore be introduced into curricula at all levels.

## Developing Capacities within Government

- Governments may benefit significantly from effective civil society participation, but government officials often hesitate to seek public engagement. Win-win situations are possible.
- The key issue is to raise awareness in government about the potential benefits of public participation, through careful dialogues and capacity development support programme.
- It is important to enhance the capacity of government officials to design and manage participation processes (e.g. managing public hearings or consensus processes).
- It is important to develop legal frameworks and formal structures for public participation processes, including judicial review of decisions.
- Planned capacity development project on the UNEP Bali guidelines should strengthen legal capacity and provide hands-on training (e.g. on public participation techniques).

# Citizen Participation in Law Development, Implementation, and Enforcement

Regional Environment Center (REC) and International Network for Enforcement and Compliance (INECE)

Five major questions guided the round table: contributions from the perspective of international networks, regional organisations, countries and NGOs were offered by participants.

- Which are the main challenges in citizen participation in law development, implementation and enforcement?
- How can new tools and technologies support citizen participation in law development, implementation and enforcement?
- What are examples for suitable institutional arrangements for effective implementation, and robust compliance with environmental law?
- How can different stakeholders contribute to coordination and cooperation on capacity building strategy and delivery?
- What is your concrete proposal for improving public participation in citizen participation in law development, implementation and enforcement?

The findings showed a need to:

- Create a global environmental defense fund on enforcement and compliance
- Promote a compliance committee in all Multilateral Environmental Agreements
- Create and strengthen partnerships and networks of common interest in public participation promoting best practices and enhancing capacity building and educational programs for different target groups
- Establish an ombudsperson to support public participation and amending governance systems



# Improving Public Participation for Vulnerable Communities

Corporación Participa and United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)

Presenters gave examples of measures taken in Chile and the United States including Plan Environmental Justice 2014 (US), to promote meaningful participation of vulnerable communities in decisions affecting the environment. Participants had opportunities to identify further steps in improving Principle 10 implementation for marginalized communities.

The main findings were that:

- Information should be available and understandable for everyone.
- In order to improve the scope of the consultation processes involve parliamentarians and local governments because they can support and monitor the process.
- To have real access to justice, the state must provide technical assistance for communities involved in a lawsuit.

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# International Networks for Transparency

European Environmental Agency (EEA) and Abu Dhabi Global Environmental Data Initiative (AGEDI)

This workshop captured the strengths and weaknesses of ongoing efforts to improve transparency and sharing of environmental information across countries, regions, and organizations and of related regional and international coordination initiatives, such as the Open Government Partnership, the Eye on Earth Conference (Social Networks), shared environmental information systems (SEIS). The findings of the workshop were:

- There is a vast and evolving landscape of networks and activities supporting the improved transparency of, and sharing and access to environmental and SD related information (including for example the Eye on Earth Network, AGEDI and the European Shared Environmental Information System):
  - We need to improve our understanding of the “ecology” of this landscape to help discern how they are linked to promote increased cooperation and interoperability.
- The appreciation and understanding of the potential and use of these networks and activities is not well understood outside the immediate community of practitioners and providers:
  - Demonstrate more clearly how these contribute to Principle 10 in order to recruit improved public and political awareness and support.
- The producer and user communities are dynamic and diverse, but their interactions are neither optimal or optimised:
  - Develop a set of focused interactions (e.g. such as through the Eye on Earth Special Initiatives) to help facilitate improved cooperation and interactions as well as to build capacity across these communities (including the further development of the required tools and applications). The aim would be to help better match the demand and supply and improve the uptake and use of available information for more effective and inclusive decision making.



# Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Convention on Principle 10

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and The Access Initiative (TAI)

This session discussed next steps and possible content for a regional convention on access rights in Latin America and the Caribbean, including lessons from the UNECE regions.

- It is key to produce new data and information about social, economic and environmental issues that allows citizens to be informed and advocate for changes as well as to governments and inter-governmental agencies to measure and keep track of the evolution of these social, economic and environmental issues.
- It is key for a regional convention to have the necessary funding that can come from improving the compliance of taxpaying. Today there is lack of funding for implementing a sustainable development agenda.
- This regional process for a convention needs to be addressed by the governments and civil society with an equal basis for participation.
- It is key to measure the cost of not incorporating social and environmental externalities in the public policy decision-making process. Today we don't have these measures so we don't realize how costly these externalities are. Through a regional convention that guarantees access to information and participation these social and environmental externalities will decrease.

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# Launch of the Access Initiative Asia Regional Report

Thailand Environment Institute (TEI) and The Access Initiative (TAI)

In addition to launching the TAI Asia Regional Report, this panel featured ongoing activities and challenges from across Southeast Asia. Speakers highlighted potential areas for reform within the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) which might lead to international approaches to strengthen national governance.

- Push for stronger political commitment on P10 within the regional framework by taking advantage of existing mechanisms, e.g. ASEAN, including ASEAN environmental bodies and the ASEAN People's Forum.
- Contextualize the Access Principles at local/community levels to ensure that advocacy activities are responsive to community needs, and to make the principles relevant to various sectoral issues to gain a wider base of support for their implementation.
- Focus on nuanced capacity building on Access Rights for government (i.e. policy makers and decision makers) to gain a concrete understanding of P10, and for citizens (i.e. CSOs and communities) to enable them to engage in P10 advocacy.
- Forge cross-regional exchanges.



*Dr. Sándor Fülöp, Parliamentary Commissioner for future generations in Hungary and Dr. Somrudee Nicro, TEI Senior Director*

# Lessons from the Access Initiative

## 3 Demands Campaign

### The Access Initiative (TAI) and OMB Watch

Partners from TAI who participated in the 3 Demands campaign highlighted the issues they wanted their government to solve post Rio+20 and their experience in the campaign. Discussion was guided by the following questions:

- What advocacy strategies were most successfully used in the 3 Demands campaign? Are there any lessons that might be useful in your country?
- What type of advocacy actions at the international, regional or national level could be effective post Rio +20 to achieve effective outcomes for the TAI three demands campaign?
- What role should the TAI Secretariat and Core Team leaders play to make these actions be effective?

The findings were:

- When citizens petition, governments need to be proactive in their engagement and reach out to all communities. Governments must not just listen but participate in an on-going dialogue for both national and international processes.
- Technology must be used more effectively to reduce the costs and burdens of citizen participation.
- Governments ignored citizen requests across all countries in TAI's 3 Demand campaign.

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# Ombudsperson or High Commissioner for Future Generations

## World Future Council

This session considered the role, functions and benefits of an Ombudsperson for Future Generations. Participants learnt directly of the national experiences of this institution and how it can work in practice. Reflections on the Rio negotiations and the status of the proposal for an Ombudsperson or High Commissioner for Future Generations suggested that further efforts were needed to bring intergenerational justice into policy making. Concerns were raised over the rule of law without effective enforcement and the contribution of public institutions without the will of the public.

The following conclusions and actions were identified:

- Initiate and facilitate dialogues between present and future generations (youth), reaching out across different ages, institutions and experiences.
- Utilise the legal, judicial and administrative institutions as a means to generate media attention and draw public interest on issues regarding the rights of future generations.
- Generate public interest and mobilize broader understanding of the issue so that they are seen as a greater ally and supporter to speak out for the rights of future generations.



# Political and Legal Implementation of Principle 10 in Brazil: National and International Perspectives

Program on Law and Environment, FGV Rio Law, Article 19, and the Access Initiative with support of: United Nations University-Institute of Advanced studies (UNU-IAS), Escola da Advocacia-Geral da União, Colégio de Advogados – Departamento de La Plata, Ministério Público do Rio de Janeiro, Ordem dos Advogados do Brasil - Seccional Rio de Janeiro , Aprender, Governança Ambiental, ProcamUSP, IDEC

This multi-part session identified legal arguments that were used or are being used by judges, public prosecutors, lawyers when applying Principle 10 in national and international tribunals. The program highlighted the Brazilian experience. Civil society called for the following changes at the national and international levels:

## Access to information

### National

- Legal provisions are needed to ensure that prior and informed consent is extended to different communities, and not just indigenous peoples.
- Companies must be required to inform the public how much they spend on sustainability and based on which criteria.
- Information provided by the public and private sector should happen through national information systems divided by sectors.
- Continuous monitoring of access to information effectiveness by the public sector must be encouraged with civil society's involvement.

### International

- A Convention on Accountability and Reporting of public and private companies with respect to their sustainability investments should be adopted.
- Legal provision of the human right to access to information must be extended internationally.

## Public participation

### National

- Governments need to specify who, when and how participation should take place - through councils, commissions, public hearings with deliberative purpose.
- The government needs to recognize the need for different time periods for public participation in public hearings, according to the complexity of the case.
- Broad and qualified public participation previous to, after, and during decision-making of investment projects should be adopted. The civil society must come from communities that are directly and indirectly affected by the project, as well as academia and institutions that are connected to the type of investment project.

### International

- Establishing criteria for the liability of civil society participation, in order to ensure the legitimacy of those who want to participate on national and international levels of governance.

## Access to justice

### National

- Guarantee of equal conditions between parties (better conditions for the public lawyers, for NGOs, for human rights and environmental associations).
- Tools which are able to deal with the complexity and peculiarity of each case (in some cases mandatory expertise analysis for instance).
- Balance between the competence to defend diffuse/collective rights among public lawyers, such as Public Prosecutors, and private actors such as associations, NGOs and citizens. Joint participation of public prosecutors and citizens or associations representing citizens, collectives or diffuse rights before the decision to bring a claim under a tribunal.

### International

- Normative instruments providing for the universal competence of tribunals in cases of violation of human rights and environmental Law irrespective of the place where the damage occurs. Replicate the Alien Torts Claim Act (law that allows foreign citizens to bring a claim in US courts for human rights abuses committed by US private actors) in other countries, as a means to hold multinational corporations accountable for their activities abroad.
- Creation of governmental and non-governmental funds for the representatives of victims in human rights and environmental cases to be able to bring a claim before foreign tribunals.



# The Promise of a Global Convention on Principle 10

European Environmental Bureau (EEB)

As the Aarhus Convention has demonstrated, international legal frameworks can play a key role in strengthening recognition of environmental rights at international, regional, national and local levels and across all sectors. This workshop explored the potential of a global treaty promoting rights of access to information, public participation and access to justice.

Recommendations from this workshop include:

- UNEP should undertake capacity-building to implement the Bali guidelines while beginning discussions for a global Principle 10 Convention.
- There should be linking of the global P10 discussions with discussions in the UN Human Rights Council and in particular the appointment of a special rapporteur for human rights and the environment.
- Links with the Open Government Partnership should be explored to see how it could advance discussions around a global Principle 10 Convention.

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# Promoting Public Participation in International Environmental Governance

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

The workshop provided an opportunity to share experiences in Principle 10 in international forums. The discussion addressed lessons from applying the Almaty Guidelines on promoting the principles of the Aarhus Convention in international forums, the Aarhus Convention compliance mechanism, and access mechanisms (include citizen-initiated complaint mechanisms) in other sustainable development-relevant forums and institutions.

Recommendations from this workshop include:

- Use Aarhus Parties' obligations under the Aarhus Convention and its Almaty Guidelines as leverage for improving standards of public participation (PP) in international forums, as this is working well.
- Take the opportunity of IFSD and UNEP Principle 10 related text in the Rio +20 text for establishing broad guidelines on PP that would horizontally lift up all the standards of PP.
- Actively assist countries in implementing PP guidelines after they are adopted at the international level.
- Include in the coming standards the need for adapting PP to circumstances, through the obligation of holding face to face meetings, using only local language, issuing short reports of technical documents.
- Help national delegations to listen and take into account the outcomes of citizens consultations organised before international negotiations.
- Generalise the possibility for the public to trigger compliance mechanism in all forums, without restriction.
- Build awareness in civil society of compliance mechanisms and Independent Accountability mechanisms, so that they can be triggered before it is too late.



# Strengthening Public Participation: Key Messages from the Americas

Organization of American States - Department of Sustainable Development (OAS-DSD)

This workshop had a number of high-level speakers who were able to share experiences, best practices and ideas related to institutional structures, as well as policies and procedures that facilitate public participation in sustainable development initiatives; and to discuss recommendations amongst the participants on the implementation of basic governance principles that have emerged from the OAS-DSD Rio+20 Dialogue Series.

Recommendations from this workshop include:

- Strengthen institutions and provide them with the capacity to translate international legal instruments into national laws, and develop the capacity of individuals at all levels from judges and environmental prosecutors to civil society, to implement them.
- Truly ensure access to information and full enforcement of access to information provisions in national legal frameworks in particular with regards to environmental issues and environmental impact assessments of extractive projects.
- Bridge the gap between institutions and civil society by defining individuals' rights and roles in sustainable development decision-making, with a particular emphasis on gender issues, harmonizing measures which further the implementation of Principle 10 and the Inter-American Strategy for Public Participation in Decision-Making for Sustainable Development (ISP) principles.
- In addition to issues of political will and commitment, address market failures and ensure public policy is based on good economics. A leap to sustainability will require the internalization of high environmental externalities, transparency, and full engagement of the relevant and affected stakeholders.
- The use of international financial institution (IFI) accountability mechanisms provides an effective channel for public participation in the sustainable development decision-making processes, which affects sustainability and individuals' economic, social and political well-being.



*Carlos Ivan Simonsen Leal, FGV President and the Choir Santo Amaro de Oeiras*



# CHOOSING OUR FUTURE

*Open and Participatory Sustainable  
Development Governance*

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TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2012, 8AM – 6PM

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# WELCOME



On behalf of the World Resources Institute, the Access Initiative and the many collaborating partners, I welcome you to “Choosing Our Future: Open and Participatory Sustainable Development Governance.” Good governance is at the center of sustainable development. We welcome the experts and representatives from government and civil society to this one-day workshop to define key aspects of post Rio+20 sustainable development governance priorities and galvanize support for them.

Rio+20 affords us an opportunity to assess the progress we have made on sustainable development governance, identify gaps that remain and make commitments to close those gaps in the near future. We will celebrate success stories and welcome new governance commitments from national and city governments and civil society. We will examine themes such as transparency, citizen engagement, accountability, inter-generational equity, compliance and enforcement. And perhaps most importantly, we will identify the most powerful and effective legal, institutional and practice reforms needed to advance the good governance agenda.

It is our hope that all the partners and participants in this event will forge strong alliances around the specific governance reform actions identified today and put forward joint commitments that can be reflected in the compendium of commitments. As we return home from Rio+20, we hope this workshop will create a solid and enduring foundation for renewed efforts to improve sustainable development governance.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Manish Bapna" followed by a horizontal line.

**Manish Bapna**  
*Acting President*  
*World Resources Institute, USA*

# TODAY'S EVENT

We are pleased to welcome you to “Choosing our Future: Open and Participatory Sustainable Development Governance.” In 1992 the members of the United Nations joined together to enshrine Principle 10 in the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development:

*Environmental issues are best handled with participation of all concerned citizens, at the relevant level. At the national level, each individual shall have appropriate access to information concerning the environment that is held by public authorities, including information on hazardous materials and activities in their communities, and the opportunity to participate in decision-making processes. States shall facilitate and encourage public awareness and participation by making information widely available. Effective access to judicial and administrative proceedings, including redress and remedy, shall be provided.*

Today, we can take stock of the tremendous progress that we have made in many areas of implementation, but also in the long road ahead of us, moving Principle 10 closer and closer to reality. Today's program is about setting those priorities and establishing the next generation of reforms for Principle 10.

Today's workshops will give citizens, their government representatives, and the institutions that work for them the space to set a 21st century agenda. Our opening sessions celebrate the environmental governance accomplishments and future commitments of governments and intergovernmental organizations. The second half of the day will center around working sessions. Each session will aim to produce guidance for post-Rio initiatives including:

1. Capturing the major aspects and challenges of civil society participation in the institutional framework for sustainable development;
2. Capturing the “next generation” of reform on Principle 10;
3. Highlighting the challenges of developing countries not yet onto “the next generation” and strategies for addressing them.

Speak up! Make your voice heard in each of the workshops. We look forward to the collective and individual wisdom of participants here in Rio. The organizers will be assembling a report of the workshop which we hope will crystallize the Principle 10 Agenda here in Rio.

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# AGENDA

# OVERVIEW

## 8:00 – 8:20am

Registration

## 8:20 – 9:30am

Opening

- Performance of the Winners of the Rio+20 Global Youth Music Contest
- Welcome remarks, Carlos Ivan Simonsen Leal, President of Fundação Getulio Vargas
- Manish Bapna, Acting President WRI, Reflecting on “Choosing Our Future”
- Video and Remarks by Lalanath de Silva

## 9:30 – 10:50am

Success stories on improvements in subnational, national, and international environmental governance

## 10:50 – 11:35am

Declaration of Commitments

## 11:35 – 11:55am

A Message from UNEP: Amina Mohamed, UNEP Deputy Executive Director and Assistant-Secretary-General of the United Nations

## 12:00 – 12:30pm

Light Lunch

## 12:30 – 4:45pm

Breakout Sessions

## 5:00 – 5:05pm

Special Call from The Access Initiative

## 5:05 – 6:00pm

Closing: Tying together the Principle 10 Themes (UNEP + WRI)

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## MEDIA EVENT AND OUTREACH (WRI)

At 12:00 pm sharp, media is invited to a briefing by members of the plenary presenting commitments. For this and other press-related information, please contact Michael Oko at [moko@wri.org](mailto:moko@wri.org).

# AGENDA

# BREAKOUT SESSIONS

## 12:30 – 1:45pm

### ROOM 411

The Promise of a Global Convention on Principle 10 (EEB)

### ROOM 910

Principle 10 Conventions (UNECE & Corporación Participa)

### ROOM 911

Outcomes: OAS-DSD RIO + 20 Dialogue Series (OAS-DSD)

### ROOM 912

Capacity Development to Strengthen Participatory Governance (UNITAR & UNEP)

### ROOM 913

Access to Information and Open Data Portals in Africa (WRI, Open Democracy Advice Center, and GreenWatch)

### PLENARY ROOM

Political and Legal Implementation of Principle 10: National and International Perspectives (FGV Direito Rio Program on Law and Environment, CIEL, and Article 19 Brazil)

## 2:00 – 3:15pm

### ROOM 411

Innovations in Participation for Vulnerable and Marginalized Communities (USEPA and PARTICIPA)

### ROOM 910

International Networks for Transparency (EEA)

### ROOM 911

Promoting Public Participation in International Environmental Governance (UNECE and WRI)

### ROOM 912

Launch of the TAI Asia Regional Report (Thailand Environment Institute)

### ROOM 913

## 3:30 – 4:45pm

### ROOM 411

The Governance We Want, the Leadership We Need (Stakeholder Forum for a Sustainable Future)

### ROOM 910

The Three Demands Campaign (TAI and OMB Watch)

### ROOM 911

### ROOM 912

High Commissioner / Ombudsperson for Future Generations (WFC)

### ROOM 913

Citizen Participation in Law Development, Implementation, and Enforcement (US EPA and REC)

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**Kenneth Markovitz**, International Network for Enforcement and Compliance  
**Lalanath de Silva**, WRI-TAI  
**Linda Sheean**, Earth Law Center  
**Magali Dreyfus**, UNU-IAS, Brazil  
**Maja Goepel**, World Future Council  
**Manish Bapna**, WRI  
**Manuel Pulgar-Vidal Otálora**, Ministry of the Environment, Peru  
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**Murilo Nunes de Bustamante**, Environmental Public Prosecutor, State of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
**Neth Dano**, ETC Group  
**Nilo Diniz**, Environmental Ministry, Brazil  
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**Pierre Arcand**, Minister of Environment, Sustainable Development, and Parks, Quebec  
**Rachel Biderman**, WRI  
**Richard Huber**, OAS-DSD Rio+20 Global Youth Music Contest Winners  
**Ritwick Dutta**, Legal Initiative for Forests and Environment  
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## SPECIAL FEATURE

# MANIFESTO FOR DEMOCRACY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The Foundation for Democracy and Sustainable Development (FSD, [www.fdsd.org](http://www.fdsd.org)) will be running a consultation stand at Choosing our Future, and would like you to help develop the first people's manifesto for democracy and sustainable development.

The manifesto will point to the changes that are needed to ensure that democracy around the world is equipped to deliver a healthy environment and fairness for all now and in the future.

FSD is consulting widely to gather ideas so that the manifesto can launch in early 2013.

Visit the stand to share your ideas, sign up to stay in touch, or volunteer to be a champion for the manifesto.

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# DETAILED AGENDA

Following opening sessions, celebrating the environmental governance accomplishments and future commitments of governments and intergovernmental organizations, the day will center around working sessions. Each session will aim to produce guidance for post-Rio initiatives. Each session Chair will report on their respective sessions. A final session will compile the outputs of each session into a final Reference Document or Chairman's Report capturing major recommendations and considerations for post-Rio actions.

## 8:20 – 11:55AM

### Opening

- Performance of the winners of the Rio+20 Global Youth Music Contest
- Welcome remarks, Carlos Ivan Simonsen Leal, President of Fundação Getulio Vargas
- Manish Bapna, Acting President WRI, Reflecting on “Choosing Our Future”
- Video and Remarks by Lalanath de Silva

### Success Stories

Governments and civil society organizations will highlight major initiatives, setting the stage for the next decade of accomplishments to address gaps in law and institutions, administrative practice and possible future commitments and partnerships to continue progress.

**CHAIR:** Alf Jerve, World Bank Inspection Panel

- Mr. Georghe Salaru, Minister of Environment, Republic of Moldova
- Mr. Pierre Arcand, Minister of Environment, Sustainable Development, and Parks, Quebec
- Mr. Sven Alkalaj, UNECE Executive Secretary
- Mr. Jonas Ebbesson, Chair of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee
- Mr. Ritwick Dutta, Legal Initiative for Forests and Environment
- Ms. Inge Lardinois, Head of International Affairs Unit, Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment, the Netherlands

- Ambassador M. Jean-Pierre Thébault, Representative of France
- Mr. Murilo Nunes de Bustamante, Environmental Public Prosecutor, State of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

### Declaration of Commitments

Countries and IGOs will announce new initiatives, partnerships, and policies to implement Principle 10.

**CHAIR:** Ms. Cathrine Armour, Abu Dhabi Global Environmental Data Initiative (AGEDI), UAE

- Representative of the United States (TBC)
- Representative of the Government of Ireland (TBC)
- Mr. Héctor Velasco Perroni, Justice Director, Ministerial Secretary for the Environment, Mexico, DF
- Mrs. Isabella Teixeira, Minister of the Environment, Brazil (TBC)
- Representative of the Government of South Africa (TBC)
- Mr. Jose Luis Balmaceda, Ambassador of Chile
- Ms. Alicia Barcena, UNECLAC, Executive Secretary

### Message from UNEP

Amina Mohamed, UNEP Deputy Executive Director and Assistant-Secretary-General of the United Nations

**12:30 – 1:45PM**

## **The Promise of a Global Convention on Principle 10**

*European Environmental Bureau*

*Room 411*

As the Aarhus Convention has demonstrated, international legal frameworks can play a key role in strengthening recognition of environmental rights at international, regional, national and local levels and across all sectors. The workshop will explore the potential of a global treaty promoting rights of access to information, public participation and access to justice.

- Mr. Jeremy Wates, Secretary General, European Environmental Bureau
- Ms. Hæge Andenæs, Director General, Norwegian Environment Ministry
- Mr. Lalanath de Silva, Director, the Access Initiative

## **Capacity Development to Strengthen Participatory Environmental Governance**

*UNITAR and UNEP*

*Room 912*

In the preparations for the Rio+20 Conference, Governments and stakeholders have pointed to the need to improve national environmental governance and to advance implementation of Principle 10. This session will discuss challenges and opportunities for strengthening national capacities for Principle 10 implementation from the perspectives of Governments, civil society, and other stakeholders. It will also provide an opportunity to discuss the implementation of the “UNEP Guidelines for the Development of National Legislation on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters” (Bali Guidelines).

**MODERATOR:** Achim Halpaap, Associate Director, Training Department and Head, Environment Unit, UNITAR

- Tom O. Okurut, Executive Director, Uganda National Environmental Authority (NEMA)
- Ritwick Dutta, Environmental Lawyer and Coordinator, The Access Initiative TAI-India and Legal Initiative for Forest and Environment (LIFE)
- Representative from the private sector (TBC)
- Alexander Juras, Chief, Major Groups and Stakeholders Branch, UNEP

**12:30 – 1:45PM**

## **Outcomes: OAS-DSD RIO+20 Dialogue Series**

*Organization of American States Department  
for Sustainable Development  
Room 911*

Participants will share experiences, best practices and ideas related to institutional structures, policies, and procedures that facilitate public participation in sustainable development initiatives. Additionally, participants will discuss recommendations on the implementation of basic governance principles that have emerged from the OAS-DSD RIO + 20 Dialogue Series.

**CHAIR:** Claudia de Windt, Department of Sustainable Development, OAS

- Keynote: Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, Vice President for Conservation Policy, Conservation International
- Max Campos, Chief, Integrated Water Resources Management, Section OAS-DSD
- Richard Huber, Chief, Biodiversity OAS-DSD
- Isabel Calle, Director, Environmental Policy and Management Program, Peruvian Society on Environmental Law
- Isabel Lavadenz-Paccieri, Project Ombudsperson, Independent Consultation and Investigation Mechanism, Inter-American Development Bank

## **Principle 10 Regional Conventions**

*Corporación Participa and UNECE  
Room 910*

This session will discuss next steps and possible content for a regional convention on access rights in Latin America and the Caribbean, including lessons from the UNECE regions.

**CO-CHAIRS:** Ms. Inge Lardinois, Head of International Affairs Unit, Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment, the Netherlands (confirmed) and Andrea Sanhueza, TAI Chile

- Mr. Bedřich Moldan, Cz Rep (Vice-chair of the Bureau for the Preparatory Process of the Rio+20, representing the Eastern European States Group)
- Mr. Carlos De Miguel, Official of Environment Matters, Sustainable Development and Human Settlements Division, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, ECLAC
- Ambassador Jose Luis Balmaceda, Chile
- Nilo Diniz, Director for Environmental Education, Environmental Ministry, Brazil
- Representative of the Government of Jamaica (TBC)
- Mr. Manuel Pulgar-Vidal Otálora, Minister of the Environment, Government of Peru (TBC)

**12:30 – 4:45PM**

## **Political and Legal Implementation of Principle 10: National and International Perspectives**

*Program on Law and Environment,  
Fundação Getulio Vargas  
Plenary Room*

This multi-part session aims to identify legal arguments that were used or are being used by judges, public prosecutors, lawyers when applying Principle 10 in national and international tribunals. The program will highlight the Brazilian experience.

- Rubens Born (VITAE CIVILIS)
- Norichika Kanie (UNU-IAS)

### IMPLEMENTATION OF ACCESS TO INFORMATION

**MODERATOR:** Mauro Figueiredo, Aprender

- Paula Martins (Article 19)
- Carlos Spirito (Instituto de Derecho Ambiental, Argentina)
- Flávio Ahmed (OAB-RJ, Brazil)
- Patrícia Madrigal (Coope SoliDar R.L., Costa Rica)
- Voker Mauehofer (UNU-IAS) Enforcement of participation issues on Aarhus Convention

### IMPLEMENTATION OF ACCESS TO JUSTICE

**MODERATOR:** Alessandra Galli (UNICURITIBA)

- Marcos Orellana and Alyssa Johl (CIEL)
- Maria Collares (Desembargadora RJ, Brazil)
- Ana Nusdeo (USP, Brasil)
- Magali Dreyfus- UNU-IAS

### IMPLEMENTATION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

**MODERATOR:** Carina Costa de Oliveira (PDMA –FGV Direito Rio)

- Rachel Biderman (WRI)
- Vanessa Empinotti, Universidade de São Paulo/PROCAM
- Murilo Bustamante, (MP-RJ)
- Dennys Casellato Hossne (AGU)
- Daniel Magraw (CIEL)

### CONCLUSION – FINAL REMARKS AND THE WAY FORWARD

- Paula Martins (Article 19)
- Carina Costa de Oliveira (PDMA-FGV)
- Rachel Biderman (WRI)

**12:30 – 3:15PM**

## **Access to Information and Open Data Portals in Africa**

*World Resources Institute, Open Democracy Advice Centre, and Greenwatch  
Room 913*

Many environmental, natural resource (ENR) and other sectoral laws include transparency provisions. In Africa, many countries do not have a comprehensive transparency act, and ENR laws are opportunities for civil society to access information critical to monitoring performance and proving accountability. This session will identify data sets for open data and proactive disclosure schemes, sharing knowledge on using transparency provisions in ENR laws.

**CHAIR:** Carole Excell, World Resources Institute, USA

- Benson Ochieng, Institute for Law and Environmental Governance, Kenya
- H.E. Mr. George Olago Owuor, Amb., Diplomatic Mission of Kenya to UNON South Africa
- Gabriella Razzano, Open Democracy Advice Centre, South Africa
- Mr. Tlou Ramaru, Senior Policy Advisor, Dept of Environmental Affairs, S. Africa
- Peter Veit, World Resources Institute, USA

**2:00 – 3:15PM**

## **Innovations in Participation for Marginalized Communities**

*Corporación Participa and USEPA  
Room 411*

Participants will outline examples of measures taken in Chile and the United States including Plan Environmental Justice 2014 (US), to promote meaningful participation of vulnerable communities in decisions affecting the environment. Participants will have opportunities to identify further steps in improving Principle 10 implementation for marginalized communities

**CHAIR:** Andrea Sanhueza, PARTICIPA, Chile

- Mr. Ignacio Toro, Director of Environmental Impact Agency, Government of Chile
- Mr. Daniel Barragan, Director of Projects, Centro de Derecho Ambiental CEDA, Ecuador
- Bicky Corman, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, US Environmental Protection Agency (TBC)
- Mrs. Tania Pacheco, Red Brasileira de Justicia Ambiental
- Mrs. Tahmina Rahman, Bangladesh and South Asia Regional Director, Article 19

**2:00 – 3:15PM**

## **Launch of The Access Initiative Asia Regional Report**

*Thailand Environment Institute Foundation  
and The Access Initiative (TAI)  
Room 912*

In addition to launching the TAI Asia Regional Report, this panel will feature ongoing activities and challenges from across Southeast Asia. A number of speakers will highlight potential reforms within the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) which might lead to international approaches to strengthen national governance.

**CHAIR:** Dr. Somrudee Nicro, Thailand Environment Institute Foundation, Thailand

- Ms. Yufang Su, International World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF) China, Yunnan, China
- Ms. Dyah Paramita, Indonesian Center for Environmental Law, Indonesia
- Mr. Sinthay Neb, Advocacy and Policy Institute, Cambodia
- Dr. Thawilwadee Bureekul, King Prajadhipok's Institute, Thailand

## **International Networks for Transparency**

*European Environment Agency  
Room 913*

This workshop will capture the strengths and weaknesses of ongoing efforts to improve transparency and sharing of environmental information across countries, regions, and organizations and of related regional and international coordination initiatives, such as the Open Government Partnership, the Eye on Earth Summit (Social Networks), shared environmental information systems (SEIS).

**CHAIR:** David Stanners, European Environmental Agency

- Cathrine Armour, AGEDI
- Adel Abdelkader, UNEP ROWA
- Kenty Richardson, REC
- David Stanners, EEA

**2:00 – 4:45PM**

## **Promoting Public Participation in International Environmental Governance**

*United Nations Economic Commission for Europe  
Room 911*

This workshop provides an opportunity to share experiences in Principle 10 in international forums. The discussion addresses lessons from applying the Almaty Guidelines on promoting the principles of the Aarhus Convention in international forums, the Aarhus Convention compliance mechanism, and access mechanisms (include citizen-initiated complaint mechanisms) in other sustainable development-relevant forums and institutions.

**CHAIR:** Mr. Etienne Ballan, former Chair of the Public Participation in International Forums Task Force under the Aarhus Convention

- Ms. Gita Parihar, Head of Legal, Friends of the Earth, England, Northern Ireland, and Wales
- Mr. Peter Lallas, World Bank Inspection Panel
- Mr. Jonas Ebbesson, Chair of the Compliance Committee under the Aarhus Convention
- Mr. Jeremy Wates, Secretary General of the European Environmental Bureau
- Mr. Alistair Clark, Managing Director, Environment and Sustainability Department, EBRD
- Mr. Alexander Juras, Chief, Major Groups and Stakeholders Branch, Division of Regional Cooperation, UNEP

**3:30 – 4:45PM**

## **The Governance We Want, the Leadership We Need**

*Stakeholder Forum for the Future  
Room 411*

This workshop will capture next steps in reforming the institutional framework for sustainable development, including opening up public participation in national and global processes and within International Environmental Governance institutions. Topics may include: peoples' sustainability treaties, the rights of nature, regional governments, and information technology and science for governance.

**CHAIR:** Jan-Gustav Strandanaes, Stakeholder Forum for the Future

- Uchita de Zoysa, Centre for Environment and Development (TBC)
- Linda Sheean, Earth Law Center (TBC)
- A representative of Regional Authorities (TBC)
- Cathrine Armour, AGEDI (TBC)

**3:30 – 4:45PM**

## **Working Session: High Commissioner / Ombudsperson for Future Generations**

*World Future Council  
Room 912*

What will the Rio outcome for Ombudsperson for Future Generations look like? Will it meet demand for intergenerational justice in policy-making? What is the national experience of this institution? The workshop will develop common understanding on the role, functions, and benefits of an Ombudsperson for Future Generations and will identify steps beyond Rio establishing these institutions.

**CHAIR:** Neth Dano, ETC Group

- Dr. Maja Goepel, Director, Future Justice, World Future Council
- Stephan Contius, Head of Division, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, BMU
- Dr Sándor Fülöp, Former Parliamentary Commissioner for Future Generations, Hungary
- Maria Fernanda Espinosa, Minister of Natural and Cultural Heritage from the Republic of Ecuador

## **What We Want from Rio+20: The Three Demands Campaign**

*The Access Initiative partners and OMB Watch  
Room 910*

Get your finger on the pulse of the issues that matter most to civil society at the national level. Partners from TAI and beyond will highlight the issues they want their government to solve in the 3 Demands campaign. What can Rio+20 deliver for your country? Topics to be discussed include environmental databases and improving participation in impact assessment.

**CHAIR:** Ritwick Dutta, Legal Initiative for Forests and Environment

- Lalanath de Silva, World Resources Institute
- Sofia Plagakis, Policy Analyst, Environmental Right to Know, OMB Watch, USA
- Tony Okao Otoa, Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment, Uganda
- Danielle Andrade, Legal Director, Jamaica Environmental Trust
- Gabriella Razzano, Open Democracy Advice Centre, South Africa

**3:30 – 4:45PM**

## **Citizen Participation in Law Development, Implementation, and Enforcement**

*International Network for Enforcement and Compliance (INECE) and Regional Environment Center (REC)*  
Room 913

Monitoring, information access, public participation, institutional arrangements for effective implementation, and robust compliance and enforcement systems are all critical components of effective national governance systems. While many countries have identified strengthening environmental governance capacity as a major need, capacity building efforts are isolated, not well coordinated and sporadic. Participants will learn how to strengthen their environmental law and governance institutions for sustainable development by sharing experiences and learning from other countries, NGOs, international institutions, and the private sector.

- Janos Szlinsky, REC
- Kenneth Markovitz, INECE
- Representative, International Association for Impact Assessment

**5:00 – 6:00PM**

## **Conclusion**

CALL TO ACTION BY TAI

Daniel Barragan, Ecuadorian Center for Environmental Law (CEDA)

TYING TOGETHER THE PRINCIPLE 10 THEMES

During this final session, chairs will present the main outcomes of workshop sessions: key messages, demands, and commitments focusing on the post-Rio era. Themes of the meeting will be tied together and participants will have the opportunity to get the larger picture. This session will begin articulation of a document to guide decision makers, international institutions, and civil society in their efforts to improve the implementation of Principle 10 in the post-Rio era.

**6:00PM**

## **Reception**

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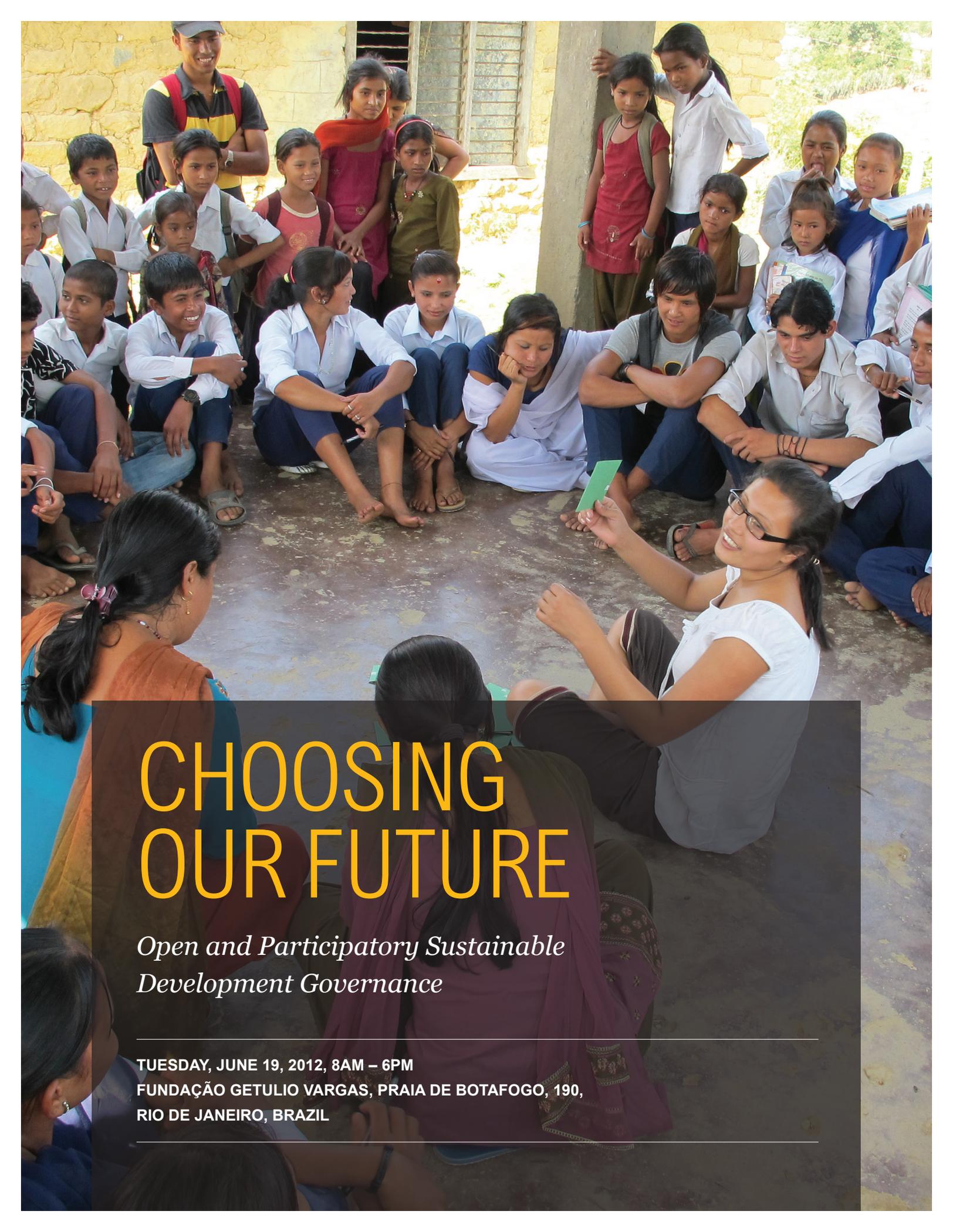
**The Access Initiative (TAI)** is the world's largest network of civil society organizations dedicated to ensuring that local communities have the rights and abilities to gain access to information and to participate in decisions that affect their lives and their environment. On issues from freedom of information laws to participation in environmental impact assessment, from ensuring that isolated communities have the ability to affect policy decisions to opening courts to serve the public in cases of environmental harm, the organizations that belong to TAI work to tie local struggles to policy reform, helping build environmental democracy.

**The Program on Law and Environment (PDMA)** is a research group at the Law School of Fundação Getúlio Vargas in Rio de Janeiro. Its institutional mission is to produce innovative knowledge to enhance and strengthen national and international environmental issues related to law. From this perspective, it intends to seek practical and creative solutions to public and private environmental policies in order to contribute to the implementation of the concept of sustainable development. FGV-PDMA is the lead Access Initiative partner for Brazil.

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# CHOOSING OUR FUTURE

*Open and Participatory Sustainable  
Development Governance*

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TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2012, 8AM – 6PM

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# WELCOME



On behalf of the World Resources Institute, the Access Initiative and the many collaborating partners, I welcome you to “Choosing Our Future: Open and Participatory Sustainable Development Governance.” Good governance is at the center of sustainable development. We welcome the experts and representatives from government and civil society to this one-day workshop to define key aspects of post Rio+20 sustainable development governance priorities and galvanize support for them.

Rio+20 affords us an opportunity to assess the progress we have made on sustainable development governance, identify gaps that remain and make commitments to close those gaps in the near future. We will celebrate success stories and welcome new governance commitments from national and city governments and civil society. We will examine themes such as transparency, citizen engagement, accountability, inter-generational equity, compliance and enforcement. And perhaps most importantly, we will identify the most powerful and effective legal, institutional and practice reforms needed to advance the good governance agenda.

It is our hope that all the partners and participants in this event will forge strong alliances around the specific governance reform actions identified today and put forward joint commitments that can be reflected in the compendium of commitments. As we return home from Rio+20, we hope this workshop will create a solid and enduring foundation for renewed efforts to improve sustainable development governance.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Manish Bapna" followed by a horizontal line.

**Manish Bapna**  
*Acting President*  
*World Resources Institute, USA*

# TODAY'S EVENT

We are pleased to welcome you to “Choosing our Future: Open and Participatory Sustainable Development Governance.” In 1992 the members of the United Nations joined together to enshrine Principle 10 in the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development:

*Environmental issues are best handled with participation of all concerned citizens, at the relevant level. At the national level, each individual shall have appropriate access to information concerning the environment that is held by public authorities, including information on hazardous materials and activities in their communities, and the opportunity to participate in decision-making processes. States shall facilitate and encourage public awareness and participation by making information widely available. Effective access to judicial and administrative proceedings, including redress and remedy, shall be provided.*

Today, we can take stock of the tremendous progress that we have made in many areas of implementation, but also in the long road ahead of us, moving Principle 10 closer and closer to reality. Today's program is about setting those priorities and establishing the next generation of reforms for Principle 10.

Today's workshops will give citizens, their government representatives, and the institutions that work for them the space to set a 21st century agenda. Our opening sessions celebrate the environmental governance accomplishments and future commitments of governments and intergovernmental organizations. The second half of the day will center around working sessions. Each session will aim to produce guidance for post-Rio initiatives including:

1. Capturing the major aspects and challenges of civil society participation in the institutional framework for sustainable development;
2. Capturing the “next generation” of reform on Principle 10;
3. Highlighting the challenges of developing countries not yet onto “the next generation” and strategies for addressing them.

Speak up! Make your voice heard in each of the workshops. We look forward to the collective and individual wisdom of participants here in Rio. The organizers will be assembling a report of the workshop which we hope will crystallize the Principle 10 Agenda here in Rio.

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# AGENDA

# OVERVIEW

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## 8:20 – 9:30am

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- Welcome remarks, Carlos Ivan Simonsen Leal, President of Fundação Getulio Vargas
- Manish Bapna, Acting President WRI, Reflecting on “Choosing Our Future”
- Video and Remarks by Lalanath de Silva

## 9:30 – 10:50am

Success stories on improvements in subnational, national, and international environmental governance

## 10:50 – 11:35am

Declaration of Commitments

## 11:35 – 11:55am

A Message from UNEP: Amina Mohamed, UNEP Deputy Executive Director and Assistant-Secretary-General of the United Nations

## 12:00 – 12:30pm

Light Lunch

## 12:30 – 4:45pm

Breakout Sessions

## 5:00 – 5:05pm

Special Call from The Access Initiative

## 5:05 – 6:00pm

Closing: Tying together the Principle 10 Themes (UNEP + WRI)

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## MEDIA EVENT AND OUTREACH (WRI)

At 12:00 pm sharp, media is invited to a briefing by members of the plenary presenting commitments. For this and other press-related information, please contact Michael Oko at [moko@wri.org](mailto:moko@wri.org).

# AGENDA

# BREAKOUT SESSIONS

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The Promise of a Global Convention on Principle 10 (EEB)

### ROOM 910

Principle 10 Conventions (UNECE & Corporación Participa)

### ROOM 911

Outcomes: OAS-DSD RIO + 20 Dialogue Series (OAS-DSD)

### ROOM 912

Capacity Development to Strengthen Participatory Governance (UNITAR & UNEP)

### ROOM 913

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### ROOM 910

International Networks for Transparency (EEA)

### ROOM 911

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## SPECIAL FEATURE

# MANIFESTO FOR DEMOCRACY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The Foundation for Democracy and Sustainable Development (FSD, [www.fdsd.org](http://www.fdsd.org)) will be running a consultation stand at Choosing our Future, and would like you to help develop the first people's manifesto for democracy and sustainable development.

The manifesto will point to the changes that are needed to ensure that democracy around the world is equipped to deliver a healthy environment and fairness for all now and in the future.

FSD is consulting widely to gather ideas so that the manifesto can launch in early 2013.

Visit the stand to share your ideas, sign up to stay in touch, or volunteer to be a champion for the manifesto.

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# DETAILED AGENDA

Following opening sessions, celebrating the environmental governance accomplishments and future commitments of governments and intergovernmental organizations, the day will center around working sessions. Each session will aim to produce guidance for post-Rio initiatives. Each session Chair will report on their respective sessions. A final session will compile the outputs of each session into a final Reference Document or Chairman's Report capturing major recommendations and considerations for post-Rio actions.

## 8:20 – 11:55AM

### Opening

- Performance of the winners of the Rio+20 Global Youth Music Contest
- Welcome remarks, Carlos Ivan Simonsen Leal, President of Fundação Getulio Vargas
- Manish Bapna, Acting President WRI, Reflecting on “Choosing Our Future”
- Video and Remarks by Lalanath de Silva

### Success Stories

Governments and civil society organizations will highlight major initiatives, setting the stage for the next decade of accomplishments to address gaps in law and institutions, administrative practice and possible future commitments and partnerships to continue progress.

**CHAIR:** Alf Jerve, World Bank Inspection Panel

- Mr. Georghe Salaru, Minister of Environment, Republic of Moldova
- Mr. Pierre Arcand, Minister of Environment, Sustainable Development, and Parks, Quebec
- Mr. Sven Alkalaj, UNECE Executive Secretary
- Mr. Jonas Ebbesson, Chair of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee
- Mr. Ritwick Dutta, Legal Initiative for Forests and Environment
- Ms. Inge Lardinois, Head of International Affairs Unit, Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment, the Netherlands

- Ambassador M. Jean-Pierre Thébault, Representative of France
- Mr. Murilo Nunes de Bustamante, Environmental Public Prosecutor, State of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

### Declaration of Commitments

Countries and IGOs will announce new initiatives, partnerships, and policies to implement Principle 10.

**CHAIR:** Ms. Cathrine Armour, Abu Dhabi Global Environmental Data Initiative (AGEDI), UAE

- Representative of the United States (TBC)
- Representative of the Government of Ireland (TBC)
- Mr. Héctor Velasco Perroni, Justice Director, Ministerial Secretary for the Environment, Mexico, DF
- Mrs. Isabella Teixeira, Minister of the Environment, Brazil (TBC)
- Representative of the Government of South Africa (TBC)
- Mr. Jose Luis Balmaceda, Ambassador of Chile
- Ms. Alicia Barcena, UNECLAC, Executive Secretary

### Message from UNEP

Amina Mohamed, UNEP Deputy Executive Director and Assistant-Secretary-General of the United Nations

**12:30 – 1:45PM**

## **The Promise of a Global Convention on Principle 10**

*European Environmental Bureau*

*Room 411*

As the Aarhus Convention has demonstrated, international legal frameworks can play a key role in strengthening recognition of environmental rights at international, regional, national and local levels and across all sectors. The workshop will explore the potential of a global treaty promoting rights of access to information, public participation and access to justice.

- Mr. Jeremy Wates, Secretary General, European Environmental Bureau
- Ms. Hæge Andenæs, Director General, Norwegian Environment Ministry
- Mr. Lalanath de Silva, Director, the Access Initiative

## **Capacity Development to Strengthen Participatory Environmental Governance**

*UNITAR and UNEP*

*Room 912*

In the preparations for the Rio+20 Conference, Governments and stakeholders have pointed to the need to improve national environmental governance and to advance implementation of Principle 10. This session will discuss challenges and opportunities for strengthening national capacities for Principle 10 implementation from the perspectives of Governments, civil society, and other stakeholders. It will also provide an opportunity to discuss the implementation of the “UNEP Guidelines for the Development of National Legislation on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters” (Bali Guidelines).

**MODERATOR:** Achim Halpaap, Associate Director, Training Department and Head, Environment Unit, UNITAR

- Tom O. Okurut, Executive Director, Uganda National Environmental Authority (NEMA)
- Ritwick Dutta, Environmental Lawyer and Coordinator, The Access Initiative TAI-India and Legal Initiative for Forest and Environment (LIFE)
- Representative from the private sector (TBC)
- Alexander Juras, Chief, Major Groups and Stakeholders Branch, UNEP

**12:30 – 1:45PM**

## **Outcomes: OAS-DSD RIO+20 Dialogue Series**

*Organization of American States Department  
for Sustainable Development  
Room 911*

Participants will share experiences, best practices and ideas related to institutional structures, policies, and procedures that facilitate public participation in sustainable development initiatives. Additionally, participants will discuss recommendations on the implementation of basic governance principles that have emerged from the OAS-DSD RIO + 20 Dialogue Series.

**CHAIR:** Claudia de Windt, Department of Sustainable Development, OAS

- Keynote: Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, Vice President for Conservation Policy, Conservation International
- Max Campos, Chief, Integrated Water Resources Management, Section OAS-DSD
- Richard Huber, Chief, Biodiversity OAS-DSD
- Isabel Calle, Director, Environmental Policy and Management Program, Peruvian Society on Environmental Law
- Isabel Lavadenz-Paccieri, Project Ombudsperson, Independent Consultation and Investigation Mechanism, Inter-American Development Bank

## **Principle 10 Regional Conventions**

*Corporación Participa and UNECE  
Room 910*

This session will discuss next steps and possible content for a regional convention on access rights in Latin America and the Caribbean, including lessons from the UNECE regions.

**CO-CHAIRS:** Ms. Inge Lardinois, Head of International Affairs Unit, Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment, the Netherlands (confirmed) and Andrea Sanhueza, TAI Chile

- Mr. Bedřich Moldan, Cz Rep (Vice-chair of the Bureau for the Preparatory Process of the Rio+20, representing the Eastern European States Group)
- Mr. Carlos De Miguel, Official of Environment Matters, Sustainable Development and Human Settlements Division, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, ECLAC
- Ambassador Jose Luis Balmaceda, Chile
- Nilo Diniz, Director for Environmental Education, Environmental Ministry, Brazil
- Representative of the Government of Jamaica (TBC)
- Mr. Manuel Pulgar-Vidal Otálora, Minister of the Environment, Government of Peru (TBC)

**12:30 – 4:45PM**

## **Political and Legal Implementation of Principle 10: National and International Perspectives**

*Program on Law and Environment,  
Fundação Getulio Vargas  
Plenary Room*

This multi-part session aims to identify legal arguments that were used or are being used by judges, public prosecutors, lawyers when applying Principle 10 in national and international tribunals. The program will highlight the Brazilian experience.

- Rubens Born (VITAE CIVILIS)
- Norichika Kanie (UNU-IAS)

### IMPLEMENTATION OF ACCESS TO INFORMATION

**MODERATOR:** Mauro Figueiredo, Aprender

- Paula Martins (Article 19)
- Carlos Spirito (Instituto de Derecho Ambiental, Argentina)
- Flávio Ahmed (OAB-RJ, Brazil)
- Patrícia Madrigal (Coope SoliDar R.L., Costa Rica)
- Voker Mauehofer (UNU-IAS) Enforcement of participation issues on Aarhus Convention

### IMPLEMENTATION OF ACCESS TO JUSTICE

**MODERATOR:** Alessandra Galli (UNICURITIBA)

- Marcos Orellana and Alyssa Johl (CIEL)
- Maria Collares (Desembargadora RJ, Brazil)
- Ana Nusdeo (USP, Brasil)
- Magali Dreyfus- UNU-IAS

### IMPLEMENTATION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

**MODERATOR:** Carina Costa de Oliveira (PDMA –FGV Direito Rio)

- Rachel Biderman (WRI)
- Vanessa Empinotti, Universidade de São Paulo/PROCAM
- Murilo Bustamante, (MP-RJ)
- Dennys Casellato Hossne (AGU)
- Daniel Magraw (CIEL)

### CONCLUSION – FINAL REMARKS AND THE WAY FORWARD

- Paula Martins (Article 19)
- Carina Costa de Oliveira (PDMA-FGV)
- Rachel Biderman (WRI)

**12:30 – 3:15PM**

## **Access to Information and Open Data Portals in Africa**

*World Resources Institute, Open Democracy Advice Centre, and Greenwatch  
Room 913*

Many environmental, natural resource (ENR) and other sectoral laws include transparency provisions. In Africa, many countries do not have a comprehensive transparency act, and ENR laws are opportunities for civil society to access information critical to monitoring performance and proving accountability. This session will identify data sets for open data and proactive disclosure schemes, sharing knowledge on using transparency provisions in ENR laws.

**CHAIR:** Carole Excell, World Resources Institute, USA

- Benson Ochieng, Institute for Law and Environmental Governance, Kenya
- H.E. Mr. George Olago Owuor, Amb., Diplomatic Mission of Kenya to UNON South Africa
- Gabriella Razzano, Open Democracy Advice Centre, South Africa
- Mr. Tlou Ramaru, Senior Policy Advisor, Dept of Environmental Affairs, S. Africa
- Peter Veit, World Resources Institute, USA

**2:00 – 3:15PM**

## **Innovations in Participation for Marginalized Communities**

*Corporación Participa and USEPA  
Room 411*

Participants will outline examples of measures taken in Chile and the United States including Plan Environmental Justice 2014 (US), to promote meaningful participation of vulnerable communities in decisions affecting the environment. Participants will have opportunities to identify further steps in improving Principle 10 implementation for marginalized communities

**CHAIR:** Andrea Sanhueza, PARTICIPA, Chile

- Mr. Ignacio Toro, Director of Environmental Impact Agency, Government of Chile
- Mr. Daniel Barragan, Director of Projects, Centro de Derecho Ambiental CEDA, Ecuador
- Bicky Corman, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, US Environmental Protection Agency (TBC)
- Mrs. Tania Pacheco, Red Brasileira de Justicia Ambiental
- Mrs. Tahmina Rahman, Bangladesh and South Asia Regional Director, Article 19

**2:00 – 3:15PM**

## **Launch of The Access Initiative Asia Regional Report**

*Thailand Environment Institute Foundation  
and The Access Initiative (TAI)  
Room 912*

In addition to launching the TAI Asia Regional Report, this panel will feature ongoing activities and challenges from across Southeast Asia. A number of speakers will highlight potential reforms within the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) which might lead to international approaches to strengthen national governance.

**CHAIR:** Dr. Somrudee Nicro, Thailand Environment Institute Foundation, Thailand

- Ms. Yufang Su, International World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF) China, Yunnan, China
- Ms. Dyah Paramita, Indonesian Center for Environmental Law, Indonesia
- Mr. Sinthay Neb, Advocacy and Policy Institute, Cambodia
- Dr. Thawilwadee Bureekul, King Prajadhipok's Institute, Thailand

## **International Networks for Transparency**

*European Environment Agency  
Room 913*

This workshop will capture the strengths and weaknesses of ongoing efforts to improve transparency and sharing of environmental information across countries, regions, and organizations and of related regional and international coordination initiatives, such as the Open Government Partnership, the Eye on Earth Summit (Social Networks), shared environmental information systems (SEIS).

**CHAIR:** David Stanners, European Environmental Agency

- Cathrine Armour, AGEDI
- Adel Abdelkader, UNEP ROWA
- Kenty Richardson, REC
- David Stanners, EEA

**2:00 – 4:45PM**

## **Promoting Public Participation in International Environmental Governance**

*United Nations Economic Commission for Europe  
Room 911*

This workshop provides an opportunity to share experiences in Principle 10 in international forums. The discussion addresses lessons from applying the Almaty Guidelines on promoting the principles of the Aarhus Convention in international forums, the Aarhus Convention compliance mechanism, and access mechanisms (include citizen-initiated complaint mechanisms) in other sustainable development-relevant forums and institutions.

**CHAIR:** Mr. Etienne Ballan, former Chair of the Public Participation in International Forums Task Force under the Aarhus Convention

- Ms. Gita Parihar, Head of Legal, Friends of the Earth, England, Northern Ireland, and Wales
- Mr. Peter Lallas, World Bank Inspection Panel
- Mr. Jonas Ebbesson, Chair of the Compliance Committee under the Aarhus Convention
- Mr. Jeremy Wates, Secretary General of the European Environmental Bureau
- Mr. Alistair Clark, Managing Director, Environment and Sustainability Department, EBRD
- Mr. Alexander Juras, Chief, Major Groups and Stakeholders Branch, Division of Regional Cooperation, UNEP

**3:30 – 4:45PM**

## **The Governance We Want, the Leadership We Need**

*Stakeholder Forum for the Future  
Room 411*

This workshop will capture next steps in reforming the institutional framework for sustainable development, including opening up public participation in national and global processes and within International Environmental Governance institutions. Topics may include: peoples' sustainability treaties, the rights of nature, regional governments, and information technology and science for governance.

**CHAIR:** Jan-Gustav Strandanaes, Stakeholder Forum for the Future

- Uchita de Zoysa, Centre for Environment and Development (TBC)
- Linda Sheean, Earth Law Center (TBC)
- A representative of Regional Authorities (TBC)
- Cathrine Armour, AGEDI (TBC)

**3:30 – 4:45PM**

## **Working Session: High Commissioner / Ombudsperson for Future Generations**

*World Future Council  
Room 912*

What will the Rio outcome for Ombudsperson for Future Generations look like? Will it meet demand for intergenerational justice in policy-making? What is the national experience of this institution? The workshop will develop common understanding on the role, functions, and benefits of an Ombudsperson for Future Generations and will identify steps beyond Rio establishing these institutions.

**CHAIR:** Neth Dano, ETC Group

- Dr. Maja Goepel, Director, Future Justice, World Future Council
- Stephan Contius, Head of Division, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, BMU
- Dr Sándor Fülöp, Former Parliamentary Commissioner for Future Generations, Hungary
- Maria Fernanda Espinosa, Minister of Natural and Cultural Heritage from the Republic of Ecuador

## **What We Want from Rio+20: The Three Demands Campaign**

*The Access Initiative partners and OMB Watch  
Room 910*

Get your finger on the pulse of the issues that matter most to civil society at the national level. Partners from TAI and beyond will highlight the issues they want their government to solve in the 3 Demands campaign. What can Rio+20 deliver for your country? Topics to be discussed include environmental databases and improving participation in impact assessment.

**CHAIR:** Ritwick Dutta, Legal Initiative for Forests and Environment

- Lalanath de Silva, World Resources Institute
- Sofia Plagakis, Policy Analyst, Environmental Right to Know, OMB Watch, USA
- Tony Okao Otoa, Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment, Uganda
- Danielle Andrade, Legal Director, Jamaica Environmental Trust
- Gabriella Razzano, Open Democracy Advice Centre, South Africa

**3:30 – 4:45PM**

## **Citizen Participation in Law Development, Implementation, and Enforcement**

*International Network for Enforcement and Compliance (INECE) and Regional Environment Center (REC)*  
Room 913

Monitoring, information access, public participation, institutional arrangements for effective implementation, and robust compliance and enforcement systems are all critical components of effective national governance systems. While many countries have identified strengthening environmental governance capacity as a major need, capacity building efforts are isolated, not well coordinated and sporadic. Participants will learn how to strengthen their environmental law and governance institutions for sustainable development by sharing experiences and learning from other countries, NGOs, international institutions, and the private sector.

- Janos Szlinsky, REC
- Kenneth Markovitz, INECE
- Representative, International Association for Impact Assessment

**5:00 – 6:00PM**

## **Conclusion**

CALL TO ACTION BY TAI

Daniel Barragan, Ecuadorian Center for Environmental Law (CEDA)

TYING TOGETHER THE PRINCIPLE 10 THEMES

During this final session, chairs will present the main outcomes of workshop sessions: key messages, demands, and commitments focusing on the post-Rio era. Themes of the meeting will be tied together and participants will have the opportunity to get the larger picture. This session will begin articulation of a document to guide decision makers, international institutions, and civil society in their efforts to improve the implementation of Principle 10 in the post-Rio era.

**6:00PM**

## **Reception**

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**The Access Initiative (TAI)** is the world's largest network of civil society organizations dedicated to ensuring that local communities have the rights and abilities to gain access to information and to participate in decisions that affect their lives and their environment. On issues from freedom of information laws to participation in environmental impact assessment, from ensuring that isolated communities have the ability to affect policy decisions to opening courts to serve the public in cases of environmental harm, the organizations that belong to TAI work to tie local struggles to policy reform, helping build environmental democracy.

**The Program on Law and Environment (PDMA)** is a research group at the Law School of Fundação Getúlio Vargas in Rio de Janeiro. Its institutional mission is to produce innovative knowledge to enhance and strengthen national and international environmental issues related to law. From this perspective, it intends to seek practical and creative solutions to public and private environmental policies in order to contribute to the implementation of the concept of sustainable development. FGV-PDMA is the lead Access Initiative partner for Brazil.

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