CHOOSING OUR FUTURE
Open and Participatory Sustainable Development Governance

TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2012, 8AM – 6PM
FUNDACÃO GETULIO VARGAS, PRAIA DE BOTAFOGO, 190,
RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL
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.

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:

_English language is 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

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Registration

8:20 – 9:30am
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• Welcome remarks, Carlos Ivan Simonsen Leal, President of Fundação Getulio Vargas
• Manish Bapna, Interim 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)

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.
AGENDA

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

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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, CIEN, and Article 19 Brazil)

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

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ROOM 913
Citizen Participation in Law Development, Implementation, and Enforcement (US EPA and REC)

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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 912
High Commissioner / Ombudsperson for Future Generations (WFC)

ROOM 913
Citizen Participation in Law Development, Implementation, and Enforcement (US EPA and REC)
Choosing Our Future: Open and Participatory Sustainable Development Governance

VOICES

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Alf Jerve, World Bank Inspection Panel
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Alistair Clark, EBRD
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Alexander Juras, UNEP
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Alyssa Johl, CIEL
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H.E. M. Jean-Pierre Thébault, France
Ana Nusdeo, USP, Brazil
Andrea Sanhueza, Corporación Participa, Chile
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Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, Conservation International
Carlos Spirito, Instituto de Derecho Ambiental, Argentina
Carole Excell, WRI-TAI
Catherine Armour, AGEDI, UAE
Claudia de Windt, Organization of American States
Costis Torregas, Georgetown University Center for Technology, USA
Daniel Barragan, Centro Ecuatoriano de Derecho Ambiental, Ecuador
Daniel Magraw, CIEL
Danielle Andrade, Jamaica Environmental Trust
David Stanners, EEA
Dennys Casellato Hossne, AGU, Brazil
Dyah Paramita, Indonesian Center for Environmental Law
Etienne Ballan, former Chair of the Public Participation in International Forums Task Force under the Aarhus Convention
Flávio Ahmed, OAB-RJ, Brazil
Gabriella Razzano, Open Democracy Advice Centre, South Africa
Georghe Salaru, Ministry of Environment, Moldova
Gita Parhiar, Friends of the Earth, England, Northern Ireland, and Wales
H.E. George Olago Owuor, Diplomatic Mission of Kenya to UNON South Africa
Hæge Andenæs, Norwegian Environment Ministry
Héctor Velasco Perroni, Ministerial Secretary for the Environment, Mexico, DF
Ignacio Toro, Environmental Impact Agency, Government of Chile
Inge Lardinois, Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment, the Netherlands
Isabel Calle, Sociedad Peruano de Derecho Ambiental
Isabel Lavadenz-Paccieri, Inter-American Development Bank
Isabella Teixeira, Ministry of the Environment, Brazil
Jan-Gustav Strandanaes, Stakeholder Forum for the Future
Janos Szlinsky, Regional Environment Center
Jeremy Wates, European Environmental Bureau
Jonas Ebbesson, Compliance Committee under the Aarhus Convention
Joseph Foti, WRI-TAI
Kenneth Markovitz, International Network for Enforcement and Compliance
Lalanath de Silva, WRI-TAI
Linda Sheean, Earth Law Center
Magali Dreyfus, UNU-IAS, Brazil
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Manish Bapna, WRI
Manuel Pulgar-Vidal
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Marcos Orellana, CIEL
Maria Collares, Desembargadora RJ
Maria Fernanda Espinosa, Ministry of Natural and Cultural Heritage, Ecuador
Mauro Figueredo, Aprender, Brazil
Max Campos, OAS-DSD
Murilo Nunes de Bustamante, Environmental Public Prosecutor, State of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Neth Dano, ETC Group
Nilo Diniz, Environmental Ministry, Brazil
Norichika Kanie, UNU-IAS
Patrícia Madrigal, Coope SoliDar R.L., Costa Rica
Paula Fuentes, Corporación Participa
Paula Martins, Article 19
Peter Lallas, World Bank Inspection Panel
Peter Veit, WRI
Phil Hogan, Ministry for the Environment, Community & Local Government, Government of Ireland

Choosing Our Future: Open and Participatory Sustainable Development Governance
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
Rubens Born, Vitae Civilis
Sándor Fülöp, Former Parliamentary Commissioner for Future Generations, Hungary
Sinthay Neb, Advocacy and Policy Institute, Cambodia
Sofia Plagakis, OMB Watch, USA
Somrudee Nicro, Thailand Environment Institute
Stephan Contius, BMU, Germany
Sven Alkalaj, UNECE
Tahmina Rahman, Article 19, Bangladesh and South Asia
Tania Pacheco, Red Brasileira de Justicia Ambiental
Thawilwadee Bureekul, King Prajadhipok’s Institute
Tlou Ramaru, Department of Environmental Affairs, South Africa
Tom O. Okurut, National Environmental Management Authority, Uganda
Tony Okao Otoa, Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment, Uganda
Uchita de Zoysa, Centre for Environment and Development, Sri Lanka
Vanessa Empinotti, Universidade de São Paulo/PROCAM, Brazil
Voker Mauehofer, UNU-IAS, Brazil
Walker Smith, US Environmental Protection Agency
Yufang Su, International World Agroforestry Centre, China

SPECIAL FEATURE
MANIFESTO FOR DEMOCRACY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The Foundation for Democracy and Sustainable Development (FDSD, www.fd.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.

FDSD 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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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)
Abu Dhabi Global Environmental Data Initiative (AGEDI)
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 Ebbeson, 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
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

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**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 Maehofer (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)
**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

**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

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**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, Ecuadoran 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 to 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
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 Getulio 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.

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), established in 1972, is the voice for the environment within the United Nations system. UNEP acts as a catalyst, advocate, educator and facilitator to promote the wise use and sustainable development of the global environment. To accomplish this, UNEP works with a wide range of partners, including United Nations entities, international organizations, national governments, non-governmental organizations, the private sector and civil society.

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