



Preparatory meeting for the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean (Pre-COP1)
Virtual, 4 March 2022

DESCRIPTION OF THE EVENT

The preparatory meeting for the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Escazú Agreement (preCOP) will take place virtually on 4 March 2022.

The topics to be addressed at the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be discussed: (i) the rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties, including the modalities for the significant participation by the public (article 15.4a); (ii) the financial provisions that are necessary for the functioning and implementation of the Agreement (article 15.4(b)); and (iii) the rules relating to the structure and functions of the Committee to Support Implementation and Compliance (article 18.1). Each of these sessions will begin with a presentation, followed by open discussions.

The meeting will be webcast live through <https://live.cepal.org/escazu>

PROGRAMME

TIME (Santiago, Chile)	Friday, 4 March
11:00am-12:00pm	<p>Opening and celebration of the fourth anniversary since the adoption of the Escazú Agreement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian Guillermet-Fernández, Vice-Minister for Multilateral Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship of Costa Rica • Natalia Gómez, alternate elected representative of the public • Marcelo Cousillas, Director of Legal Affairs, National Department of Environment, Ministry of the Environment, Uruguay • Marcos Orellana, United Nations Special Rapporteur on toxics and human rights • Nafesha Richardson, Escazú Youth Champion • Joseluis Samaniego, Director, Sustainable Development and Human Settlements Division, ECLAC
12:00-12:15 pm	Consideration and adoption of the provisional agenda
12:15-2:00 pm	<p>Matters to be dealt with at the first COP (1): rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties, including the significant participation of the public (article 15)</p> <p>Presentation (15 min): Draft rules (Chair)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roberto Céspedes, Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations in Geneva
2:00-2.30 pm	Break

2:30-4:00 pm	<p>Matters to be dealt with at the first COP (2): rules on the structure and functioning of the Committee to Support Implementation and Compliance (article 18)</p> <p>Presentation (15 min): Revised draft rules of the Committee (WG coordinators: Panama, Saint Lucia and Uruguay)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kate Wilson, Legal Officer, Department of Sustainable Development, Government of Saint Lucia
4:00-5:00 pm	<p>Matters to be dealt with at the first COP (3): financial provisions necessary for the functioning of the Agreement (articles 14 and 15)</p> <p>Presentation (15 min): WG coordinators (Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina and Mexico)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camila Zepeda, Director General for Global Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico <p>Other matters</p>
5:00-5:15 pm	<p>Closing session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eduardo Salgado, Minister Counsellor and Consul General of Costa Rica in Chile • Tomás Severino, alternate elected representative of the public • Carlos de Miguel, Head, Policies for Sustainable Development Unit, ECLAC