



The public's role in promoting the effective implementation of the Escazú Agreement

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Civil Society Representatives - an important force in shaping the Escazú Agreement

- At the 4th Meeting of the Focal Points of the Signatory Countries of the Declaration on the Application of Principle 10 in Latin America and the Caribbean, held on 4 to 6 November 2014, the signatory countries adopted the Santiago Decision in which they agreed to invite the public to designate two representatives to maintain a continuous dialogue with the Presiding Officers.

Members of the Public Strategizing During a Negotiation

- To honour this commitment set forth in the Santiago Decision, two representatives of the public and four alternates were elected on the basis of the proposals received from the public on the modalities of the election of such representatives.



Representatives of the Public

- The 6 Elected Representatives of the Public comprise of 3 men & 3 women.

Main:

- Andrea Sanhueza (Chile)
- Danielle Andrade-Goffe (Jamaica)

Alternate:

- Karetta Crooks Charles (Saint Lucia)
- Natalia Gómez (Colombia)
- Tomás Severino (Mexico)
- Andrés Napoli (Argentina)



Members of the public at Preparatory Meeting at CIAM in Panama (July 13-14) ahead of the 4th Negotiations for a Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters.

Primary Function of the Elected Representatives

- Serve as liaison and maintain continuous dialogue with the Presiding Officers for the Regional Agreement.
- Educate and communicate with the public.
- Fundraise to support the involvement of the public in this regional process.
- Communicate with the public to inform them about the regional process and to channel the public comments, proposals and observations to the Steering Committee and the Negotiating Committee.

Social Media Campaign - Encouraging ratification



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"For The Access Initiative, a global network of organizations that promotes environmental democracy, it is a tremendous honor to have been a very important actor in the creation, negotiation of the Escazú Agreement and now supporting its entry into force. As an Elected Representative of the Public I have committed to disseminate information and support its implementation at the national and international level."

Andrea Sanhueza
Elected Representative of the Public
(Escazú Agreement)
Founding Member of The Access
Initiative



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"Now more than ever this year has shown us the importance of protecting our environment and our rights to a healthy environment. We need access to water to ensure better hygiene, access to information to protect our health and environment, the ability to participate in decisions about our environment and access justice to hold our governments accountable. The Escazú Agreement brings the opportunity to improve these rights for everyone and to change our future for the better. I hope Jamaica and other Caribbean countries will join other countries in ratifying the Escazú Agreement."

Danielle Andrade-Goffe
Elected Representative of the Public
(Escazú Agreement)





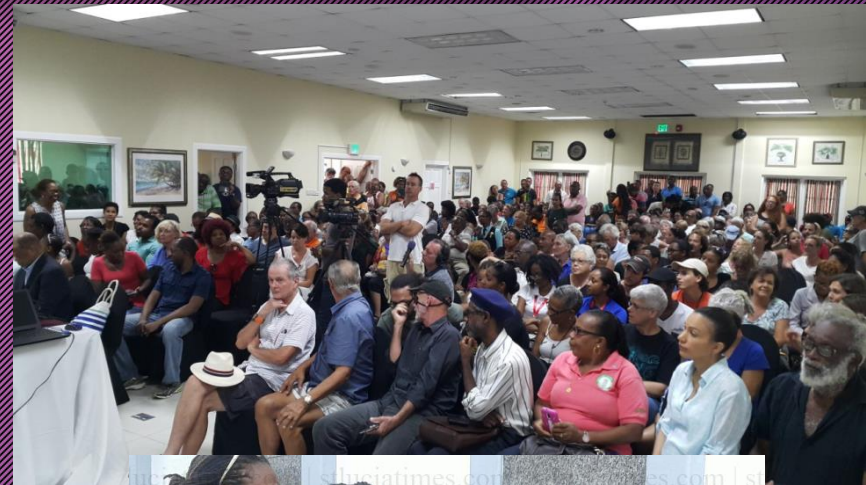
‘Escazú Agreement Workshop to Prepare for Signatories Meeting’

December 3, 2020

What happens when people are not at the center of decision making processes regarding the environment?



Damage to corals resulting from the incomplete La Paradis Development in Praislin, Saint Lucia



SLNT staff, members & public concerned about proposed dolphin park

Why Civil Society Needs the Escazú Agreement?

- Escazú: It's a people centered Agreement especially for the most vulnerable.



Why Civil Society Needs the Escazú Agreement?

- It seeks to raise the standards of decisions made regarding environmental matters;
- Fewer conflicts between the state and citizens;
- Citizens would have clear expectations on their rights to information and public consultation procedures;
- Provide capacity building opportunities in the form of technical assistance and workshops;
- Channel financial and other support from international and bilateral donor organizations.

More Benefits

- UN ECLAC continues to provide a dedicated secretariat;
- Attract overseas development assistance on Escazú related-issues;
- Establish consistent regional standards that will lead to closer integration of countries in the region;
- Create greater political stability within each country.

Ways Caribbean Civil Society can support the ratification process

- Register to the Regional Public Mechanism (RPM) facilitated by UN ECLAC
- Receive timely info on the Agreement
- Correspondence from the Elected Representatives of the Public

<https://www.cepal.org/en/regional-public-mechanism>

Regional Public Mechanism

Available in: English Español



Regional Agreement
on Access to Information, Public
Participation and Justice in
Environmental Matters
in Latin America and the Caribbean



Background

Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development seeks to ensure that every person has access to information, can participate in the decision-making process and has access to justice in environmental matters. On 4 March 2018, at Escazú, Costa Rica, the [Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean](#) ("Escazú Agreement") was adopted. During the preparatory and negotiation phases, in the [Plan of Action of Guadalajara, Mexico](#), the signatory countries of the Declaration on the Application of Principle 10 in Latin America and the Caribbean agreed to establish a Regional Public Mechanism for those interested who could subscribe by completing a short form available on the ECLAC website. The main objectives of this Mechanism are to keep all those interested in the Escazú Agreement informed and facilitate their involvement; to coordinate public participation in international meetings; and to contribute to transparency. The Mechanism may also serve as a complement for participation actions carried out at the national level.

E-mail *

First name *

Last name *

Organization

What area do you work in? *

- Select -

Write a letter to the Government

- The status, the benefits, how they could ratify, what is at stake if they don't, etc.
- If this proves futile after a few attempts, then we encourage fellow CSOs to also sign the letter.

Create Jingles & Videos

2,4,6,8, Principle 10

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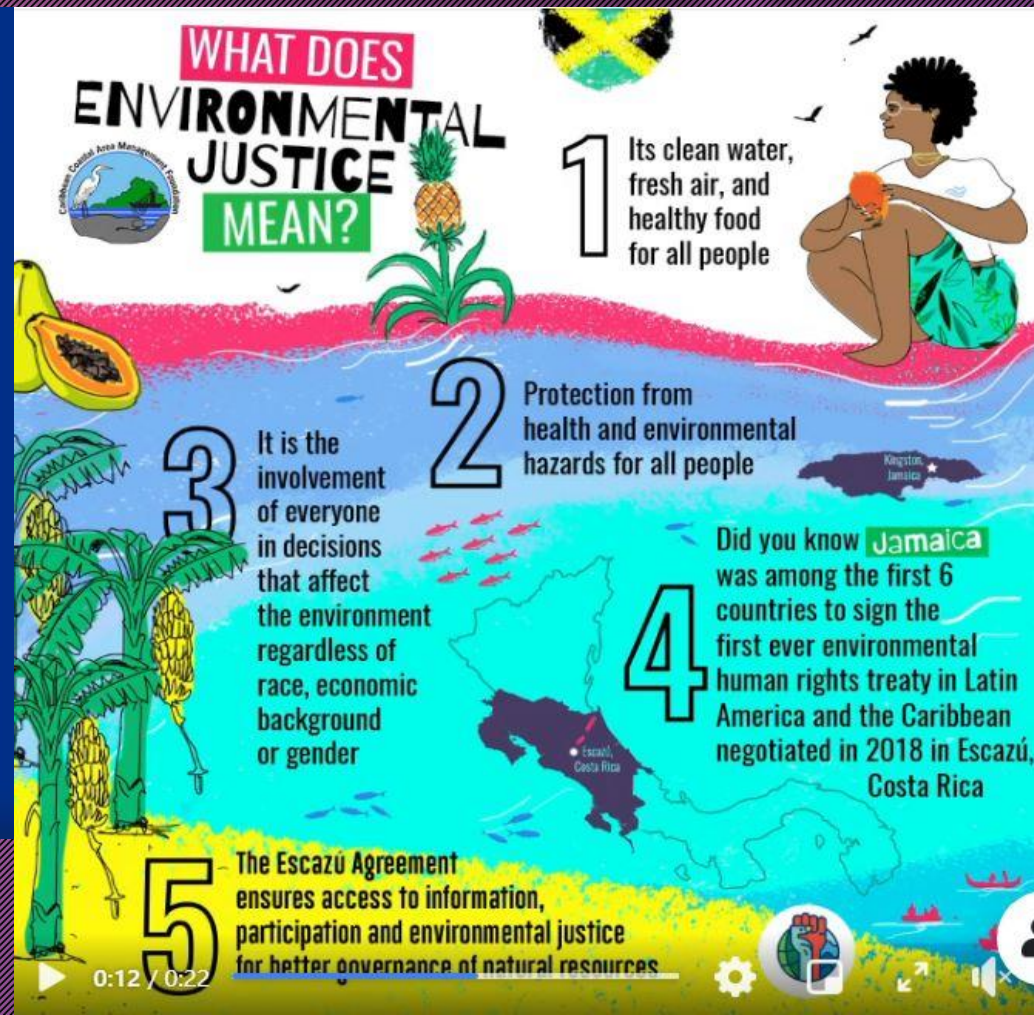
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Share the Information

- Share the Press Releases & Reports with:
 - the relevant Ministries
 - members of your organization and likeminded groups
 - environmental organizations/groups
 - the media



Empowering the Youth to be Escazú Champions

WEBINAR

The importance of the **ESCAZÚ AGREEMENT** for the youth

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LIVE @LAC P10 Regional Public Mechanism
English Version: youtube.com/DARPerú

Thursday July 9th, 2020 | **16:30 h Chile**



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8 DECEMBER 2020

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There will be interpretation in Spanish | Connect: live.cepal.org/escazu

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