

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean



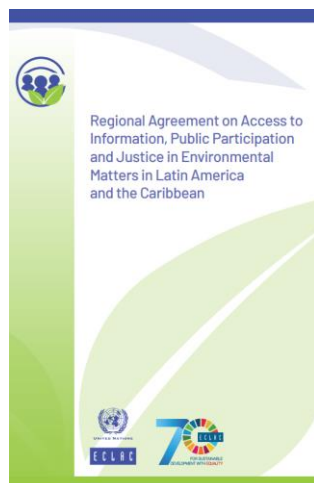
Report on the activities carried out by the secretariat of the
Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public
Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters
in Latin America and the Caribbean

Sustainable Development and Human Settlements Division

9 December 2020



The Escazú Agreement



Adopted in Escazú (Costa Rica) on **4 March 2018**

Signature period between **27.09.2018 - 26.09.2020**

- Only treaty stemming from the UN Rio+20 Conference
- First regional environmental treaty of Latin America and the Caribbean
- First treaty in the world with specific binding provisions on environmental human rights defenders

Open to the **33** LAC countries

24 have signed it

10 + (2) ratifications

11 ratifications required
to enter into force



Adoption ceremony at Escazú (Costa Rica), 4 March 2018

Developments since the first meeting of signatories (Oct. 2019)

- ▶ **Signature:** Belize, Colombia and Dominica
- ▶ **Ratification:** Antigua and Barbuda, Ecuador, Nicaragua, Panama and Saint Lucia
- ▶ **Legislative approval:** Argentina and Mexico



Meetings of the Escazú Agreement (Oct 2019- Dec 2020)

2 meetings of signatory countries



Anniversary event



4 meetings of the Presiding Officers 2 information meetings with the public (27-28 May 2020) 5 virtual working group meetings

COP Rules of
procedures

15 April 2020

25 June 2020

Committee to
Support
Implementation and
Compliance

29 April 2020

23 June 2020

Financial
arrangements and
Voluntary Fund

25 August 2020



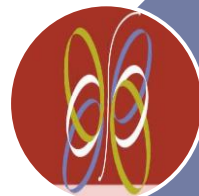
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Regional and global activities (since Oct. 2019)



**Preparatory meeting of the
Forum of Ministers of
Environment of Latin America
and the Caribbean**

Barbados, November 2019



**Thirty-eighth session of
ECLAC**

October 2020



**Conference of the Parties of the
United Nations Framework
Convention on Climate Change
(8 events)**

December 2019



**XIX Meeting of the
Transparency and Access
to Information Network**

October 2020



**7^o Council of Ministers on
Environmental Sustainability –
Organisation of Eastern Caribbean
States**

June 2020



**Forum of environmental
defenders in
South America**

November 2020



**V Forum on Business and
Human Rights**

September 2020



**11^o InforMEASteering
Committee meeting**

Virtual, November 2020

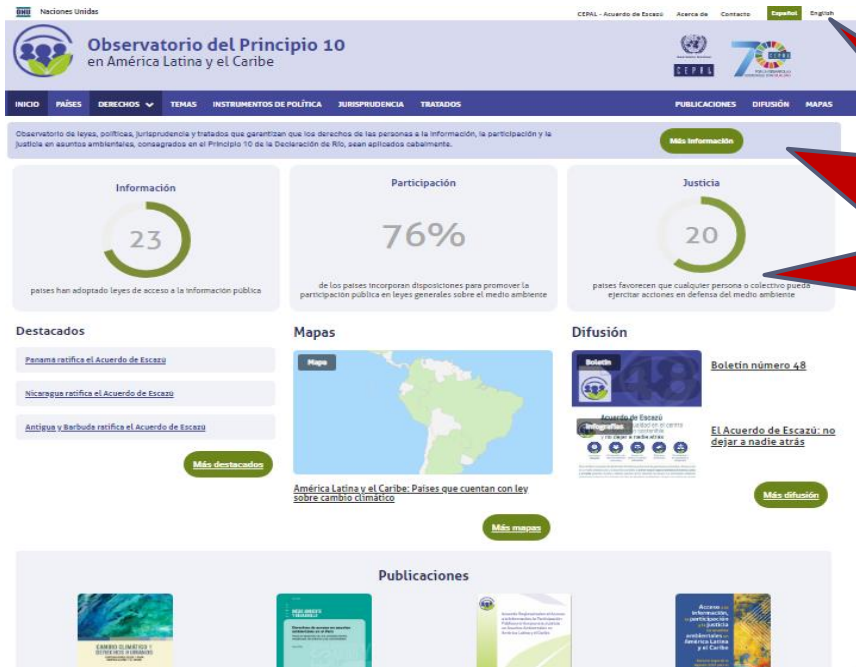
Capacity-building: central to support implementation



Participation in 28 webinars since March 2020



Observatory on Principle 10 in Latin America and the Caribbean



New design
Emphasis on data, maps
and visual resources

- **18** treaties
- **215** policy instruments
- **43** rulings
- **39** publications
- **17** resources



New cell phone App
(iPhone and Android)

Other highlights



**Enhanced Programme of
Action on the Escazú
Agreement in the Eastern
Caribbean**

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**Statement by 38 UN Human
Rights Council experts hailing
the Escazú Agreement**



**UN Secretary-General Policy
Brief: COVID-19 in Latin
America and the Caribbean**



**Online introductory course on
SDG 16, the Aarhus
Convention and the
Escazú Agreement**



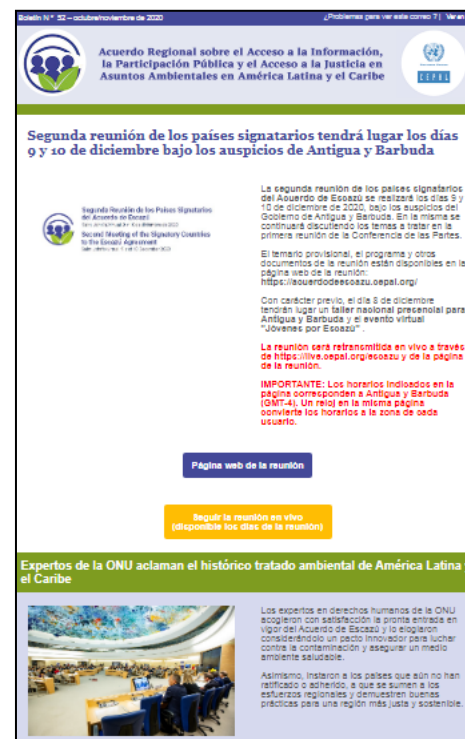
**New Environmental and Social
Policy Framework / Inter-
American Development Bank**

Publications and dissemination

Publications



Newsletter – 52 issues
(ES – EN) (6 new issues)

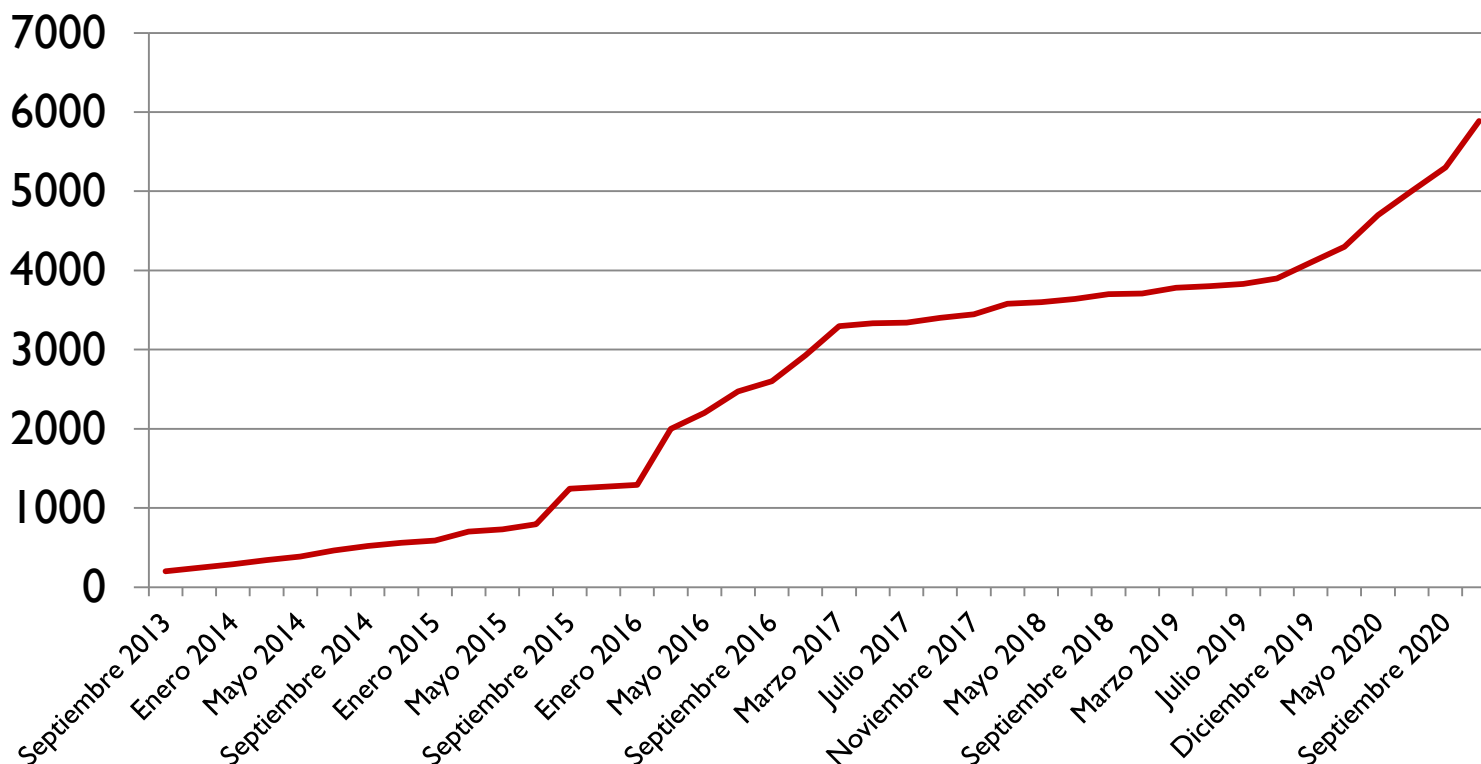


Infographics



Regional Public Mechanism

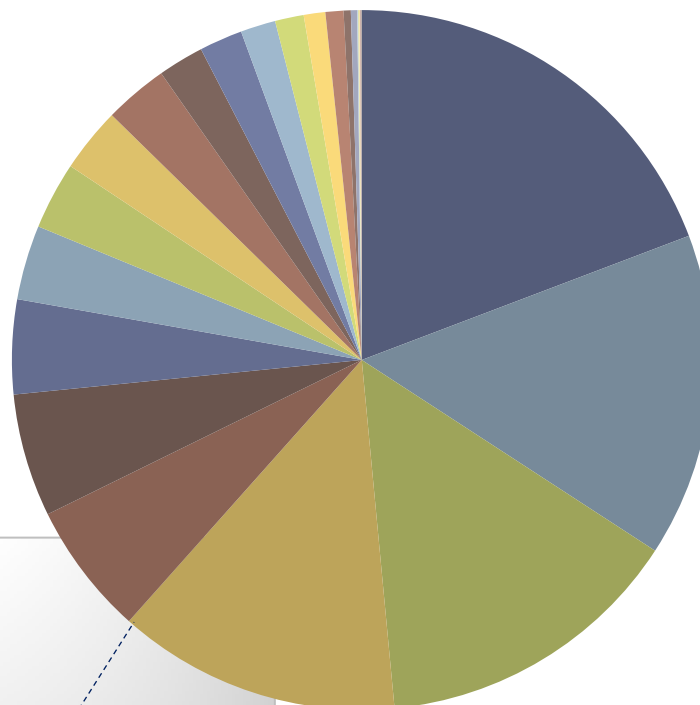
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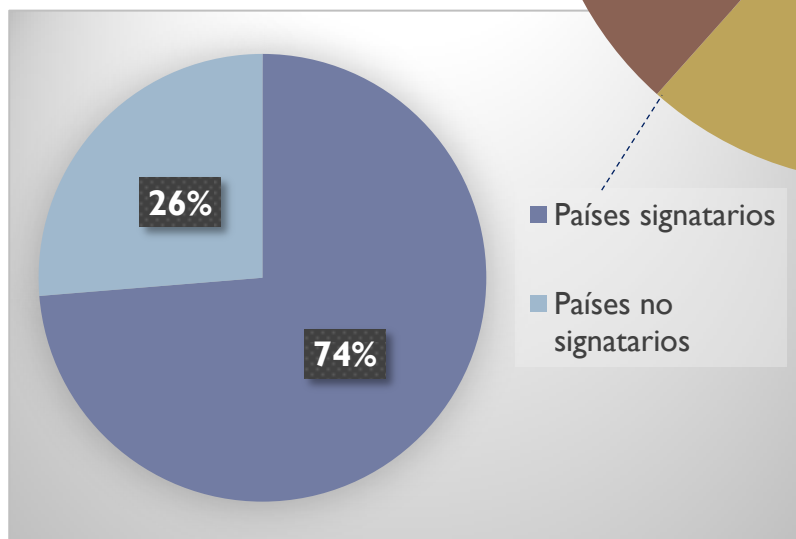
Regional Public Mechanism:

5887 (05.12.2020)

Regional Public Mechanism



- Argentina
- México
- Colombia
- Perú
- Ecuador
- Brasil
- Bolivia
- Costa Rica
- Guatemala
- Rep. Dominicana
- Uruguay
- Panamá
- Antigua y Barbuda
- Paraguay
- Nicaragua
- Paraguay
- Jamaica
- Granada
- Santa Lucía
- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- Saint Kitts y Nevis
- Haití
- Dominica
- Belize





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