

The Escazú Agreement



Placing equality at the centre of sustainable development and **leaving no one behind**



Environmental Information



Participation in environmental decision-making



Access to justice in environmental matters

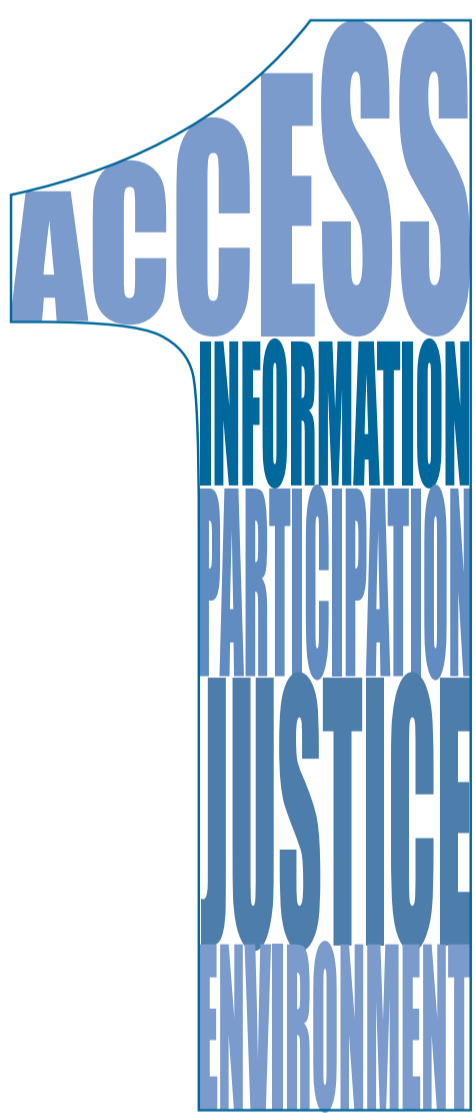


Environmental defenders



Capacity-building and cooperation

To contribute to the protection of the right of every person of present and future generations to live in a healthy environment and to sustainable development, the **first regional environmental treaty of Latin America and the Caribbean** guarantees the full and effective implementation of the rights of access to environmental information, public participation in the environmental decision-making process and access to justice in environmental matters (Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development).



The Escazú Agreement fosters multilateralism for sustainable development and supports public participation in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

- Ensure equal access to justice
- Effective, accountable and transparent institutions
- Ensure inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making
- Ensure public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms
- Non-discriminatory laws and policies for sustainable development

Observatory on Principle 10: Regional developments



countries recognize the right to a healthy environment in their constitutions



countries have enacted freedom of information acts

76%

of the countries include provisions to promote public participation in general environmental laws



countries allow any person or group to bring actions in defence of the environment



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