



“UNEP's engagement in furthering the application of Principle 10 globally, examples from Asia, Africa and Latin America”

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1. The Bali Guidelines

- ❖ **Adopted by UNEP's Governing Council in 2010**
- ❖ **A tool to assist countries in filling gaps in national and sub-national legislation in order to facilitate broad access to information, public participation and access to justice in environmental matters**



Promoting the Bali Guidelines

- ❖ **Environmental Democracy Index –**
www.environmentaldemocracyindex.org
 - ❖ Benchmarking and measuring progress of law and practice towards Bali Guidelines
 - ❖ Provides free online platform for learning, dialogue and comparison
- ❖ **UNITAR National Profiles – Environmental Governance Programme**
(<https://goo.gl/PMNf6j>)
 - ❖ Request-driven national assessment and tailored capacity-building
- ❖ **UNEP Regional Workshops (<https://goo.gl/B5ej0R>)**
 - ❖ Multi-stakeholder dialogue on Rio Principle 10 and the Guidelines
- ❖ **UNDP/UNEP/ECLAC/UNITAR/WRI Project: Strengthening Capacities for Rights-based, Transparent and Accountable Environmental Governance**
- ❖ **Implementation Guide to the Bali Guidelines**
 - ❖ Real case examples of legislation and practice worldwide
 - ❖ Analysis, options and strategies

2. Bali Guideline Implementation Guide



Launched in November 2015, Spanish Version in May 2016

3. Applying Principle 10 at UNEP

Rio+20: “The Future We Want”:

The upgraded UNEP to “*ensure the active participation of all relevant stakeholders drawing on best practices and models from relevant multilateral institutions and exploring new mechanisms to promote transparency and the effective engagement of civil society.*”



3. Applying Principle 10 at UNEP

UNEP GC Decision 27/2, February 2013:

- ❖ Paragraph 5 (e): multi-stakeholder dialogue during UNEA
- ❖ Paragraph 7: Active participation of stakeholders, drawing in best practices and models from relevant multilateral organizations, in UNEA and subsidiary bodies:
 - » Paragraph 7 (a): Developing by 2014 a process for stakeholder **accreditation** and **participation** that builds on the existing rules of procedures and takes into account inclusive modalities of the Commission of Sustainable Development and other relevant United Nations bodies;
 - » Paragraph 7(b): Establishing by 2014 **mechanisms** and **rules** for stakeholder **expert input** and **advice**;
 - » Paragraph 7(c): Enhancing by 2014 **working methods** and **processes** for informed discussions and contributions by all relevant stakeholders towards the intergovernmental **decision-making** process
- ❖ Paragraph 10: Open ended CPR with stakeholder participation
- ❖ Paragraph 17: Access to Information Policy



4. UNEP and Principle 10 in Latin America

- ❖ Declaration on the application of P 10 in Latin America and the Caribbean was signed in June 2012 in Rio de Janeiro
- ❖ Development of Regional Legal Instrument with the assistance of UNECLAC
 - ❖ Negotiations are on the way, most likely to be finish in 2017
 - ❖ 22 Signatory Countries Latin American and the Caribbean
- ❖ UNEP Support:
 - Partnership with ECLAC
 - Bali Guideline Implementation Guide
 - Legal Advice
 - Regional Workshops
 - Outreach, e.g. through the United Nations Environment Assembly
 - UNDP/UNEP/ECLAC/UNITAR/WRI Project: Strengthening Capacities for Rights-based, Transparent and Accountable Environmental Governance

5. UNEP and Principle 10 in Africa

- ❖ Interest to further Principle 10 but not formal process as in LAC
- ❖ Recognition of the importance of Principle 10, e.g. AMCEN
- ❖ Principle 10 legislation existing at national level but often implementation deficit
- ❖ Lack of application of democratic principles prevents P 10 application
- ❖ Weak institutions, lack of resources
- ❖ UNEP Support:
 - Bali Guideline Implementation Guide, Spanish and Arabic version underway
 - Legal Advice in development of Legislation, on request
 - 1st Africa Colloquium on Environmental Rule of Law - Towards Strengthened Environmental Governance, Justice and Law” ,14 - 16 October 2015:
 - Call upon UNEP to develop a roadmap for the development of a regional or sub-regional Principle 10 instrument for Africa
 - UNDP/UNEP/ECLAC/UNITAR/WRI Project



6. UNEP and Principle 10 in Asia Pacific ?

- ❖ **UNEP's actual engagement in further developing Principle 10 is limited to:**

- ❖ Engaging Civil Society from the region in UNEP's work at regional and global level, e.g. in UNEA
- ❖ Partnership with the Asia Pacific Regional CSO Engagement Mechanisms

- ❖ **UNEP Plans:**

- ❖ Regional Asia Pacific Workshops to Enhance Principle 10 and the application of the Bali Guidelines (2017)
- ❖ Translation Bali Guideline Implementation Guide (Chinese)
- ❖ Legal and other Advice on Request



7. Opportunities

- ❖ A legal regional or sub-regional Principle 10 instrument in Asia Pacific?
- ❖ Partnerships for Capacity Development and Training
- ❖ Translations of Bali Guideline Implementation Guide
- ❖ The 3rd session of the United Nations Environment Assembly



Resources

- ❖ **Bali Guide in Spanish:** <http://goo.gl/TrnNQS>
- ❖ **Bali Guide in English:** <http://goo.gl/8m29mR>
- ❖ **Paper: Implementing Principle 10 and the Bali Guidelines in Africa:** <https://goo.gl/yZ0dTB>
- ❖ **UNEP Stakeholder Engagement Policy:** <https://goo.gl/tVudfD>
 - ❖ www.unep.org/civil-society
 - ❖ <http://web.unep.org/regions/roap>

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Thank You very much!

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