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Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

First meeting of the focal points appointed by the Governments of the signatory countries of the Declaration on the Implementation of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, signed by countries in Latin America and the Caribbean at Rio+20

November 6 – 7, 2012

Objective: The purpose of this meeting is to gather together the focal points appointed by the Governments to move forward in implementing the Declaration, share experiences, review the regional assessment and international initiatives, and draw up a joint plan of action for future years.

Meeting dynamic

Day 1: Presentation of the regional assessment, country experiences and international cases

Day 2: Draw up a joint plan for future years

Participants: Focal points appointed by the Governments of the signatory countries of the Declaration. Other participants: international and civil society experts.

Venue: Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) Headquarters, Avda. Dag Hammarskjöld 3477, Vitacura, Santiago, Chile. Room Celso Furtado. Additional room for signatory countries working group. **Meeting will be held in Spanish, there will be English interpretation available for both days of the meeting.**

Tuesday November 6

8.30 - 9.00	<i>Registration</i>
9.00 - 9.30	Welcome remarks and introductory comments Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) Minister of Foreign Affairs, Chile Minister of Environment, Chile The Access Initiative – Latin America and the Caribbean
9.30 - 11.15	Principle 10 of the 1992 Rio Declaration implementation: International initiatives and regional assessment Sustainable Development and Human Settlements Division - ECLAC
11.15 - 11.45	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.45 - 13.00	Principle 10 of the 1992 Rio Declaration implementation: The civil society perspective Representative from The Access Initiative – Latin America and the Caribbean The experience of the Bali Guidelines on the Development of National Legislation on Access to Information, Public Participation and Access to Justice in



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	Environmental Matters Alexander Juras , Chief, Major Groups and Stakeholders Branch, UNEP Division of Regional Cooperation
	Questions & answer
13.00 - 14.30	<i>Lunch</i>
14.30 - 16.00	Principle 10 of the 1992 Rio Declaration implementation: The Aarhus Convention experience The Aarhus Convention today: Organization, advances and challenges - Ella Behlyarova , Secretary Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention), UN Economic Commission for Europe Negotiation and beginning of the Aarhus Convention and participation of different stakeholders - Jeremy Wates , Former secretary of the Aarhus Convention and Secretary General of the European Environmental Bureau (EEB) Implementation of the Aarhus Convention at the national level: The experience of France - Marc Giacomini , French Ambassador to Chile
	Questions & answer
16.00 - 16.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
16.30 - 18.15	Open discussion
18.15	Close of the day

Wednesday, November 7

11.00 - 11.30	Review of the agenda of the day
11.30 - 13.00	Part I - Working Group: Definition of the Declaration, plan of action/road map Establishment of agreements (process to be defined)
13.00 - 14.30	<i>Lunch</i>
14.30 - 16.30	Part II - Working Group: Definition of the Declaration, plan of action/road map Establishment of agreements (process to be defined)
16:30 - 17.00	Closing ceremony Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) Government of Chile