**Economic Commission for Europe**

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Access to Information, Public Participation

in Decision-making and Access to Justice

in Environmental Matters

**Working Group of the Parties**

**Twentieth meeting**

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Item 5 of the provisional agenda:

**Promotion of the principles of the Convention in international forums**

**Survey for non-governmental organizations, intergovernmental organizations, AArhus centers, regional environmental centers and other stakeholders
in preparation for the thematic session on the promotion of the principles of the Convention in international forums**

**Background**

In preparation for the upcoming twentieth meeting of the Working Group of the Parties, this short questionnaire is intended to collect innovative tools that enhance access to information and/or public participation in international forums, with a particular focus on processes, policies and projects of international financial institutions as well as the climate change-related decision-making. The results of the survey will be presented by the Chair at the meeting and made available on the Convention’s website in due course. NGOs are invited to complete the questionnaire online at (<https://www.research.net/r/WGP-20_PPIF_Stakeholders>) by **27 May 2016**.

Please use as a background material the following document:

Promoting the application of the principles of the Aarhus Convention in international forums (Almaty Guidelines), ECE/MP.PP/2005/2/Add.5, (decision II/4), annex available in English, French and Russian from: <http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/documents/2005/pp/ece/ece.mp.pp.2005.2.add.5.e.pdf> (English)

<http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/documents/2005/pp/ece/ece.mp.pp.2005.2.add.5.f.pdf> (French)

<http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/documents/2005/pp/ece/ece.mp.pp.2005.2.add.5.r.pdf> (Russian)

**NAME OF ORGANIZATION**

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1. **Has your organization used or is your organization aware of any innovative tools that have been used in international forums (in IFIs, UNFCCC processes or others) to enhance access to information and/or public participation?**

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| **[ ] Yes, we have used innovative tools** | **[ ] Yes, we are aware of innovative tools** | **[ ] No** |

**If Yes, please specify:**

**[ ]** Innovative tool we have used

**[ ]** Innovative tool we are aware of

*Please provide more information on the innovative tool regarding:*

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| **(i)** | **Setting / Target group(s) / Number of persons involved:**       |
| **(ii)** | **Starting year and duration:**      |
| **(iii)** | **Partner organizations involved** *(if any):*      |
| **(iv)** | **Stakeholders involved.** *Describe their involvement in this tool or mechanism and the kind of relationship you have with them.*      |
| **(v)** | **Main objective of the initiative/ tool/ mechanism.** *Please provide brief description:*      |
| **(vi)** | **Methodology/ approach used.** *Please provide brief description:*      |
| **(vii)** | **Please clarify if these initiatives are:** *Please check the answer boxes you find the most appropriate* [ ]  Electronic tools.*Please provide additional information or an online links, if available* [ ]  Web-based applications (online forums, social networks)*Please provide additional information or an online links, if available* [ ]  Mobile-phone apps (including twitter or other apps)*Please provide additional information or an online links, if available* [ ]  Other*Please provide additional information or an online links, if available*  |
| **(viii)** | **Results and evaluation.** *Please provide brief assessment:*      |
| **(ix)** | **Strengths, good practices and lessons learned.** *Please provide brief assessment:*      |
| **(x)** | **Problems/ challenges encountered.** *Please provide brief assessment:*      |
| **(xi)** | **Overall, do you consider the tool/mechanism to be a case study of good practice, and why/ why not?**      |

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