Public participation in the UNFCCC processes on the road to Paris
Negotiations of the Paris Outcome

Role of the secretariat

Besides Paris

Preparation of domestic contributions (INDCs)

France as a host country
National contributions

- Intended Nationally Determined Contributions to be prepared by all parties (due 1\textsuperscript{st} October)
  - Ensure participatory process during the drafting of the INDCs
  - Provide in the INDCs short description of the participatory processes (ME, MA)
  - Emphasise that implementation will rely on a participatory approach (CH)
Negotiations of the Paris outcome

- Access to the negotiating sessions

- References to public participation in the negotiating text
  - Absence of commitment to strengthen participation in the intergovernmental level
  - References to opportunities to further promote PP and A2I at domestic level

- Shift of language “stakeholders” to “non-state actors”
Role of the host country

- Preparatory process prior to the COP
  - Importance of access to informal consultations (next meeting expected in July)
  - Access to documents discussed during informals

- During the Paris Conference
  - Access to the negotiating area for all observers with badges
  - Modalities to ensure effective opportunities to engage with ministers and during High Level Segment
Role of the Secretariat

- Funding necessary for the observer liaison office to facilitate and support observers engagement
- Arbitrary measures adopted against observers
  - Absence of due process
  - Proportionality of the measures taken
  - Collective nature of the sanctions

Nominate an Aarhus focal point during the climate conferences (PPIF Task Force, 2011)
Article 6 of the UNFCCC

- Education, training, public awareness, access to information, public participation, international cooperation
  - Implementation through the 2013-2020 Doha Work Programme
  - Intermediate review in June/November 2016:
    - opportunity to strengthen implementation of Article 6
    - better integration through areas of work of the Convention

- Submissions expected by 19 Feb. 2016:
  - Expectations for the second phase of the DWP
  - Information related to domestic implementation
Green Climate Fund

- Access to information
  - Lack of transparency of the accreditation process
  - Information disclosure policy expected in 2016
  - Access to the documents of the board

- Mandates in the governing instrument:
  - Mechanisms to promote stakeholder input and participation
  - Participatory monitoring for programmes and projects

Århus Convention Parties with board members should reach out to the secretariat before the July board meeting in relation to access to documents

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