

**QUESTIONNAIRE TO ASSESS IMPLEMENTATION  
OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES  
ON ELECTRONIC INFORMATION TOOLS (DECISION II/3)**

Please fill in and return this questionnaire to the Aarhus Convention secretariat by  
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1. In your country, which categories of environmental information (according to para 9 (c) of the *Recommendations* annexed to decision II/3) are publicly accessible through the Internet:

a) Reports on the state of the environment are:

i. **Generally available 4**

ii. Please provide internet link

Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs:  
[www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/opengov/pubscheme/keypolicies.htm](http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/opengov/pubscheme/keypolicies.htm)  
[www.defra.gov.uk/science/publications/default.htm#ep](http://www.defra.gov.uk/science/publications/default.htm#ep)

Environment Agency:  
Environment Agency State of the Environment 2005:  
[http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/yourenv/1088978/?version=1&lang=\\_e](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/yourenv/1088978/?version=1&lang=_e)  
Environment Agency 'Facts and Figures':  
[http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/yourenv/eff/?version=1&lang=\\_e](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/yourenv/eff/?version=1&lang=_e)  
Environment Agency 'Environmental Indicators':  
[http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/yourenv/432430/?version=1&lang=\\_e](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/yourenv/432430/?version=1&lang=_e)

Natural England:  
[www.naturalengland.org.uk](http://www.naturalengland.org.uk)

Pesticides Safety Directorate:  
[www.pesticides.gov.uk](http://www.pesticides.gov.uk)  
[www.detergents.gov.uk](http://www.detergents.gov.uk)

iii. Are reports on the state of the environment legally required to be available?

**Partly:**

- **requirement for Environment Agency to report on the state of pollution of the environment**

iv. If not generally available, do you have plans to meet requirements (according to article 5, para 3) for progressive improvement in the availability of this information?

Yes \_\_\_ No **4**\_\_

v. Comments

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b) Texts of legislation, regulations, rules and other legally binding instruments on or relating to the environment are:

i. **Generally available 4**

ii. Please provide internet link:

- <http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/publications/default.htm>
- <http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/inf-d-677jbl>
- <http://www.opsi.gov.uk/legislation/uk.htm>
- [www.butterworths.co.uk](http://www.butterworths.co.uk) (*private sector service provider*)

iii. Are texts of legislation, regulations, rules and other legally binding instruments on or relating to the environment legally required to be available? **No**

iv. If not generally available, do you have plans to meet requirements (according to article 5, para 3) for progressive improvement in the availability of this information?

Yes \_\_\_ No 4

v. Comments Although they are not legally required to be made available, they already are available on the Internet

c) Texts of policies, plans and programmes on or relating to the environment, and environmental agreements are:

i. **Generally available**

ii. Please provide internet link:

- <http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/aboutus/512398/>
- [www.pesticides.gov.uk](http://www.pesticides.gov.uk)
- [www.detergents.gov.uk](http://www.detergents.gov.uk)
- <http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/inf-d-5e4g6a>

iii. Are texts of policies, plans and programmes on or relating to the environment legally required to be available? Yes \_\_\_ No 4

iv. If not generally available, do you have plans to meet requirements (according to article 5, para 3) for progressive improvement in the availability of this information?

Yes 4 No \_\_\_

v. Comments: Environment Agency plans to introduce list of policy and procedures on the website

d) Environmental impact assessment and strategic environmental assessment documentation, where it is held in electronic form, is:

i. **Partly available**

ii. Please provide internet link

- <http://www.defra.gov.uk/farm/environment/land%2Duse/eia/>
- <http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/yourenv/consultations/1395553/>
- <http://www.vmd.gov.uk/ukpars/default.aspx>
- <http://www.pesticides.gov.uk/environment.asp?id=922>
- <http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/inf-d-5ygfpf>

iii. Are environmental impact assessment and strategic environmental assessment documentation legally required to be available? Yes \_\_\_ No 4

iv. If not generally available, do you have plans to progressively improve access to this information? Yes 4 No \_\_\_

v. Comments

- **Held by a number of different public bodies – there will be a barrier in access by the public not knowing who has what.**
- **Natural England do have plans to improve access to their assessments**
- **From 30 October 2005 legislation requires that assessment reports for veterinary medicines be made publicly available, so called UK Public Assessment reports (UKPARS). Assessment reports contain a section on environmental safety. Veterinary products authorised after 30 Oct 2005 have Ukpars, products authorised before this time do not at present have Ukpars.**

e) Reference to where environmental impact assessment and strategic environmental assessment documentation can be accessed is:

**i. Partly available**

ii. Please provide internet link

- <http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/opengov/pubscheme/index.htm>
- [http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/aboutus/1105530/310151/319450/?version=1&lang=\\_e](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/aboutus/1105530/310151/319450/?version=1&lang=_e)
- <http://www.pesticides.gov.uk/publications.asp?id=739>

f) Data on environmentally significant releases and transfers of pollutants, within the scope of the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (PRTR), are:

**i. Generally available**

ii. Please provide internet link

<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/maps/info/pi/>

- iii. Are PRTR data legally required to be available? **Yes**
- iv. If not generally available, do you have plans to progressively improve access to this information? Yes \_\_\_ No 4
- v. Comments

g) Information on mechanisms related to access to justice within the meaning of the Convention is:

**i. Generally available**

ii. Please provide internet link:

- [www.defra.gov.uk/environment/internat/aarhus/index.htm#justice](http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/internat/aarhus/index.htm#justice)
- [www.defra.gov.uk/environment/enforcement/justice.htm](http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/enforcement/justice.htm)
- [www.dca.gov.uk/](http://www.dca.gov.uk/)
- [www.ico.gov.uk/what we cover/environmental information regulation.aspx](http://www.ico.gov.uk/what_we_cover/environmental_information_regulation.aspx)

- iii. Is information on mechanisms related to access to justice legally required to be available? Yes \_\_\_ No 4
- iv. If not generally available, do you have plans to progressively improve access to this information? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- v. Comments

2. In your country, among documentation forming an integral part of any licensing or permitting process subject to the provisions of article 6, and where held in electronic form, which categories of environmental information are publicly accessible through the Internet:

a) Applications for licences or permits are:

i. **Partly available**

ii. Please provide internet link, if applicable

[www.environment-agency.gov.uk/epr](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/epr)  
[www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/INFD-6dfk2u](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/INFD-6dfk2u)  
[www.pesticides.gov.uk](http://www.pesticides.gov.uk)  
[www.detergents.gov.uk](http://www.detergents.gov.uk)  
[www.mceu.gov.uk](http://www.mceu.gov.uk)

iii. Are applications for licenses or permits legally required to be available? **No 4**

iv. If not generally available, do you have plans to progressively improve access to this information? **Yes 4**

v. Comments

- **Development of Environment Agency's electronic Public Registers and linkages to Defra's Register of environmental registers**
- **Natural England provide access to information related to wildlife licensing on request. There are no plans at present to provide access via the internet.**

b) Draft licences or permits and their attached conditions are:

i. not available 4

ii. Please provide internet link, if applicable

iii. Are draft licenses or permits legally required to be available? **No 4**

iv. If not generally available, do you have plans to progressively improve access to this information? **Yes 4**

v. Comments

See <http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/yourenv/consultations/1101797/?version=1&lang=e>

c) Final licences or permits and their attached conditions are:

i. **Partly available 4**

ii. Please provide internet link, if applicable

[www.environment-agency.gov.uk/epr](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/epr)  
[www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/opengov/eir/pdf/register.pdf](http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/opengov/eir/pdf/register.pdf)

iii. Are final licenses or permits legally required to be available? **No 4**

iv. If not generally available, do you have plans to meet requirements for progressive improvements for this information? **Yes 4**

v. Comments

**Development of Environment Agency's electronic Public Registers and linkages to Defra's Register of environmental registers**

d) Comments of third parties on draft permits and conditions are:

**i. Partly available 4**

ii. Please provide internet link, if applicable

[www.environment-agency.gov.uk/epr](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/epr)

iii. Are comments of third parties legally required to be available? **No 4**

iv. If not generally available, do you have plans to meet requirements for progressive improvements for this information? **Yes 4**

v. Comments

**Development of Environment Agency's electronic Public Registers and linkages to Defra's Register of environmental registers**

e) Where it is not available in electronic form, a reference to where documentation forming an integral part of any licensing or permitting process subject to the provisions of article 6 can be accessed is:

**i. Generally available 4**

ii. Please provide internet link, if applicable

[www.environment-agency.gov.uk/epr](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/epr)  
<http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/opengov/pubscheme/index.htm>  
<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/aboutus/1105530/310151/319450/?version=1&lang=e>  
<http://www.pesticides.gov.uk/publications.asp?id=739>

iii. Is such a reference legally required to be available? **Yes 4**

iv. If not generally available, do you have plans to progressively improve access to this information? **Yes 4**

v. Comments

**Plans are essentially to progressively increase the amount of documentation available in an electronic form.**

3. In your country, which categories of environmental information (according to the paragraph 9 (d) of the *Recommendations* annexed to decision II/3) are publicly accessible through the Internet:

a) Environmental monitoring data held by or on behalf of public authorities, including spatial attributes are:

**i. Partly available 4**

ii. Please provide internet link, if applicable

- <http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/maps/?lang=e>
- [www.pesticides.gov.uk](http://www.pesticides.gov.uk); [www.csl.gov.uk](http://www.csl.gov.uk) (pesticide usage); [www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk) (pesticides in water); [hse.gov.uk](http://hse.gov.uk) (human health incidents); [www.cs2000.org.uk](http://www.cs2000.org.uk) (pesticides in soil); [pbms.ceh.ac.uk](http://pbms.ceh.ac.uk) (pesticides in raptors); and [sepa.org.uk](http://sepa.org.uk) (pesticides in Scotland)
- [www.defra.gov.uk/environment/water/quality/index.htm](http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/water/quality/index.htm)

- iii. Is such information legally required to be available? **No**
- iv. If not generally available, do you have plans to progressively improve access to this information? Yes 4 No
- v. Comments

**Environment Agency: Limited information on water quality and bathing waters. No firm plans to extend access to monitoring data at this point.**

- b) Product information that enables consumers to make informed environmental choices is:

i. **Partly available 4**

ii. Please provide internet link, if applicable

- [www.vmd.gov.uk/](http://www.vmd.gov.uk/) (veterinary product information)
- [http://www.pesticides.gov.uk/psd\\_databases.asp](http://www.pesticides.gov.uk/psd_databases.asp)

- iii. Are such data legally required to be available? Yes    **No 4**
- iv. If not generally available, do you have plans to progressively improve access to this information? Yes    **No 4**
- v. Comments
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- c) Good practice information and guidelines on better environmental management are:

i. **Partly available 4**

ii. Please provide internet link, if applicable:

[www.netregs.gov.uk/netregs](http://www.netregs.gov.uk/netregs)  
[www.pesticides.gov.uk](http://www.pesticides.gov.uk)

- iii. Is such information legally required to be available? **No 4**
- iv. If not generally available, do you have plans to progressively improve access to this information? Yes    **No 4**
- v. Comments
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- d) Appropriate metadata or background information so that the methods, processes and standards of data collection are transparent to future data users is:

i. **Partly available**

ii. Please provide internet link, if applicable

- iii. Is such information legally required to be available? Yes    No
- iv. If not generally available, do you have plans to progressively improve access to this information? Yes    No

v. Comments

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e) Meta-information including catalogues of data sources and details of the scope of information held by public authorities and mechanisms for the provision of access to environmental information is:

i. **Partly available** 4

ii. Please provide internet link, if applicable

**Cross Government Geographic information:**

[www.iggi.gov.uk](http://www.iggi.gov.uk)

**Environment Agency Information Asset Register (aimed at private sector re-users of environmental information):**

[www.environment-agency.gov.uk/aboutus/1105530/310151/1317601/1317780/?version=1&lang=\\_e](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/aboutus/1105530/310151/1317601/1317780/?version=1&lang=_e)

**Pesticides**

[www.pesticides.gov.uk](http://www.pesticides.gov.uk)

iii. Is such meta-information legally required to be available? **No**

iv. If not generally available, do you have plans to progressively improve access to this information? **Yes**

vi. Comments

4. In your country, what proportion of members of the public has electronic access:

a) In their place of residence?

More than 80% \_\_\_ 60-79% \_\_\_ **40-59%** 4\_\_\_ 20-39% \_\_\_ Less than 20% \_\_\_

b) In their place of work (employment, school etc.)?

More than 80% \_\_\_ **60-79%** 4\_\_\_ 40-59% \_\_\_ 20-39% \_\_\_ Less than 20% \_\_\_

c) In a publicly accessible facility (internet café, public library, kiosk etc.)?

More than 80% \_\_\_ 60-79% \_\_\_ 40-59% \_\_\_ **20-39%** 4\_\_\_ Less than 20% \_\_\_

5. In your country, has the scope of environmental information that is electronically accessible since 2005:

**Partly increased** 4

6. For the majority of Internet users in your country, what is the most common form of Internet access:

Dial-up (telephony) \_\_\_ Wi-Fi (wireless networking) \_\_\_ **Broadband \_4(75%)\_** Don't know: \_\_\_

*Broadband is a term that encompasses DSL, cable and satellite high-speed Internet connections. DSL stands for "Digital Subscriber Line". Variants include ADSL, HDSL, IDSL, VDSL and SDSL.*

7. Please describe any methods or measures that are used to gauge the level of actual use of environmental information accessed electronically in your country (for example, tracking of web traffic statistics on official environmental information sites):

8. Please identify in the table below the  
a) main users of environmental information in your country, and  
b) methods used to assess their information needs.

**The Environment Agency has undertaken a major project to identify and develop 'personas' to help guide the development Internet services. A persona is an archetypal customer that represents the needs of larger groups of customers . The result of this project has been the development of five Internet personas ('Researcher', 'Regulated Business', 'Environmentally Conscious', 'At Risk' and 'Recreation')**

**The development of these personas has been based on rigorous customer research with 31 Internet customers i.e. they are based on 'real people' rather than internal perceptions of customers; this has helped to ensure that the personas use language and terminology that are meaningful to the customers, rather than being Environment Agency driven. Also, over 50 Environment Agency staff have been involved in interpreting the data and deciding on the finalised personas.**

#### Summary

Who they are	What they say	What they want from the site
Researcher 'Rebecca'	<i>"I need to get data and information to help us develop our policies and to keep abreast of local environmental issues"</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environment Agency research and data</li> <li>• Environment Agency's current policy and position</li> <li>• How to contact the Agency</li> <li>• Information on consultations</li> <li>• Licensing register</li> <li>• Latest Environment Agency issues</li> <li>• Contact information via NCCC</li> </ul>
Regulated Business 'Brian'	<i>"I need to ensure my organisation complies with the rules and regulations, and I need to know what to do and who to contact in the event of an incident"</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rules and regulations affect their business</li> <li>• How to comply with the rules</li> <li>• To be able to submit required returns</li> <li>• Press information on prosecutions</li> <li>• Emergency contact information</li> </ul>



Environmentally Conscious 'Elaine'	<i>"I've heard about global warming and all these other environmental problems – I want to know what we can do about it at home with things like our rubbish, how much water and electricity we use, and how we use our cars"</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information on environmental 'hot topics'</li> <li>• Information on what action she can take</li> </ul>
At Risk 'Ajay'	<i>"I want to know if I'm at risk of flooding and what I can do about it, and also what the general quality of the local environment is like and how safe it is to live where I do"</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local environment risks</li> <li>• Implications of this risk</li> <li>• Information on what action he can take</li> </ul>
Recreation 'Roy'	<i>"I want to make sure that I've got the right license and know where's good to go"</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Licence information</li> <li>• Applying for a licence</li> <li>• Where to go</li> <li>• What facilities are there</li> <li>• What are the current and forecast conditions like</li> </ul>

**Note 1:** These personas do not cover Education (i.e. teachers and school children) – Environment Agency policy is not to directly address the information needs of primary and secondary level education, but rather work in partnership with organisations that have more experience in these areas.

9. If your Ministry or agency has assessed user needs for environmental information, please briefly describe how successful it has been.

**Environment Agency: development of Personas.** To identify and define the top priority audiences for the Environment Agency's web services, and to define each audience's (persona's) primary goals and information needs.

**The Pesticides Safety Directorate** undertakes regular customer satisfaction surveys and also runs specific consultation exercises on the content, format, and accessibility of its website.

10. In your country, how is progress on improving electronic access to environmental information being communicated to the public?

In the UK, public bodies are required to maintain and develop a 'Publication Scheme' under the UK Freedom of Information (Fol) Act. These are formally approved by the 'Information Commissioner', the statutory regulator for Fol in the UK. For environmental bodies, much of their publication scheme will consist of environmental information. Therefore periodic 're-approval' of such publication schemes should set out to the public how a public body has improved the information it makes available.

11. What concrete steps have been undertaken to ensure that information is available electronically? Please include reference to national web portals or other sites of interest.

**The Defra register of environmental registers:**

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/engov/eir/register.htm>

**Environment Agency 'WIYBY':**

[www.environment-agency.gov.uk/maps](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/maps)

**National Digital Archive of Datasets (NDAD)** [www.ndad.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.ndad.nationalarchives.gov.uk)

**National Biodiversity Network Gateway** <http://www.searchnbn.net/>

**Nature on the Map** <http://www.natureonthemap.org.uk/>

**Magic** <http://www.magic.gov.uk/>

**Veterinary Product Information** <http://www.vmd.gov.uk/>

**The Pesticides Safety Directorate set up its website in 2000 and undertook a major revision in 2004. The website is currently under revision to improve accessibility and to ensure that it meets up to date web standards. A separate website for the regulation of detergents was set up in 2006**

12. Is public access to environmental information through the Internet or other electronic means provided as a matter of practice or is there a legally enforceable right to such access? If possible, please include reference to relevant national policies or provisions of national law referring to this right.

**Related rights of access under UK Freedom of Information Act and Environmental Information Regulations.**

**Directive 2001/82/EC as amended by 2004/28 EC. Article 25 provides for publicly available assessment reports (VMD).**

13. Has your country formulated and implemented national "e-government" strategies for the use of electronic tools to facilitate administrative processes and services, to make public administration more transparent and efficient in providing available environmental information and dealing with requests for such information from the public? Please include relevant title(s), name(s), contact information of responsible officer(s) and timeframe for implementation.

**Modernising Government programme.**

14. In which types of environmental decision-making process (in the sense of articles 6, 7 and 8 of the Convention) may public participation take place electronically? What are the main steps in the process? If possible, please give concrete examples.

**The Environment Agency has piloted a consultation system to allow for electronic public participation. The pilots and the consultation tool can be seen at [www.environment-agency.gov.uk/epr](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/epr).**

15. Have comprehensive environment-related programmes, including specific training programmes linking the use of information technology applications to the promotion of good environmental governance, been developed and implemented in your country?

a) Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

b) Is the training programme:

i. Ongoing \_\_\_ Periodic \_\_\_ One-time \_\_\_

ii. Financed through international assistance \_\_\_  
State-financed (National or local government) \_\_\_  
Privately-financed (philanthropy, NGO, private sector) \_\_\_  
Other (please describe) \_\_\_

c) Please provide the date(s) of initiation and target audience of environment-related training programmes:

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16. Please describe any measures taken to promote the involvement of different stakeholders representing both providers and users of information, including civil society and private sector institutions, in the development and use of electronic tools to provide environmental information to the public?

**The Private Sector are actively involved in the supply of environmental information to various markets in the UK. For example they provide some 600,000 environmental searches a year as part of the house buying process.**

17. What are the most important challenges and obstacles in your country to the use of electronic tools to implement the *Recommendations* contained in decision II/3?

*You can use the enclosed list of possible challenges on page 10 as reference.*

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**Key barriers to the use of paper-based public register information were identified in research carried out by the Environment Agency in conjunction with Birmingham University. These barriers were linked to issues of information awareness, access, comprehensiveness and cost. The dissemination of public register information via the Internet was seen as a significant means of overcoming these barriers and increasing public engagement with environmental decision-making. The Environment Agency subsequently tested an online consultation tool to allow members of the public to view documentation relating to the Environment Agency's regulatory licensing role, and submit comments directly via the Internet. This tool was piloted over the course of the ePR project using a series of licence applications across England and Wales, under the direction of a project Steering Group set up to advise the project team.**

18. Does your country have an Aarhus Clearinghouse National Node web portal? If yes, please identify the website address (url): \_\_\_\_\_

19. Does your country have a designated Aarhus Clearinghouse National Node Administrator or contact point responsible for collecting, managing and updating the information contained in the national node?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Responsible for content management:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Technical contact:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

20. Date of launch of national node of the Clearinghouse: (Month/Year) \_\_\_\_\_

21. How often does your national node administration update the National Clearinghouse web portal?

Monthly \_\_\_ Quarterly \_\_\_ Annually \_\_\_ Never \_\_\_

22. Approximately how many resource entries in the Aarhus Clearinghouse for Environmental Democracy (<http://aarhusclearinghouse.unece.org>) reflect national content?

More than 10 \_\_\_ 5 to 10 \_\_\_ Less than 5 \_\_\_ None \_\_\_

23. What method of communicating resource entries to the Aarhus Clearinghouse for Environmental Democracy does your organization or agency prefer to use? Does it submit information:

By email to [aarhus.clearinghouse@unece.org](mailto:aarhus.clearinghouse@unece.org) \_\_\_

By email to staff of the Aarhus secretariat \_\_\_

By email to national experts serving on Task Force \_\_\_

By email to Clearinghouse National Node Administrator \_\_\_

Using Clearinghouse's online form accessible to registered content managers \_\_\_

Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

24. Please describe any measures undertaken to promote the involvement of different stakeholders representing both providers and users of information, including civil society and private sector institutions, in the national node of the Clearinghouse.

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25. Please provide any additional comments below.

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Thank you for completing this questionnaire!

Aarhus Convention Secretariat

Information Tools	Relevant provisions of the Aarhus Convention	Challenges & obstacles to ICT Implementation
<p><b>ELECTRONIC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internet</li> <li>• E-mail</li> <li>• Electronic Community Notice Boards/ Billboards</li> <li>• CD-Rom</li> <li>• Electronic data accessible through bar-code scanning</li> <li>• Electronic data accessible through touch-tone dialling</li> <li>• SMS – Short Messaging System</li> <li>• Public electronic information kiosks</li> <li>• Telephone Hotlines/Fax TV Teletext</li> <li>• Other (to be specified)</li> </ul> <p><b>NON-ELECTRONIC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brochures</li> <li>• Exhibitions</li> <li>• Green community reps</li> <li>• Info-shops (walk in)</li> <li>• Libraries</li> <li>• Newspapers</li> <li>• Open days</li> <li>• Posters</li> <li>• TV, Cinema, Radio</li> <li>• Other (to be specified)</li> </ul>	<p><b>ARTICLE 4, PARA. 1</b></p> <p>Response to requests for environmental information in the form requested</p> <p><b>ARTICLE 5, PARA. 3</b></p> <p>a) Reports on the state of the environment b) Texts of legislation on or relating to the environment c) Policies, plans and programmes on or relating to the environment, and environmental agreements d) Other information, to the extent that the availability of such information in this form would facilitate the application of national law implementing the Convention.</p> <p><b>ARTICLE 6</b></p> <p>Public participation in decisions on specific activities which may have a significant effect on the environment</p> <p><b>ARTICLE 7</b></p> <p>Public participation concerning plans, programmes and policies relating to the environment</p> <p><b>ARTICLE 8</b></p> <p>Public participation during the preparation of executive regulations and/or generally applicable legally binding normative instruments</p>	<p><b>INSTITUTIONAL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited scope or extent of environmental data collected in your country</li> <li>• Limited standardization of data sets</li> <li>• Poor cooperation with other agencies collecting environmental data</li> <li>• Limited interest in utilizing ICT among: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Data providers (you)</li> <li>-Data users (pls. Quantify)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Other priorities (pls. Detail)</li> <li>• Lack of time to explore/implement</li> </ul> <p><b>ECONOMIC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited market availability of equipment</li> <li>• Lack of IT service providers</li> <li>• Lack of technical support</li> <li>• High cost of online access</li> <li>• High cost of equipment</li> <li>• Poor state of telecommunication networks</li> </ul> <p><b>CULTURAL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited expertise/know-how</li> </ul> <p><b>LEGAL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unclear rules, legislation on environment and informational responsibility</li> </ul> <p><b>OTHER</b> (to be specified)</p>