

Young and marginalised: An assessment of barriers and opportunities for young environmentalists accessing justice using the Aarhus Convention

Webinar - Tuesday, 12 October 2021, 13:00-15:00 CEST

Despite the growing awareness of the need for intergenerational equity, being a young environmental defender, especially from marginalised backgrounds, has proven to be challenging. This webinar aims to provide a brief snapshot of the realities of young environmental defenders, seeking to identify barriers and protection gaps in the existing frameworks. The workshop will then focus on the Rapid Response Mechanism and the opportunities it brings in providing immediate support to young activists, contributing to the implementation of Art.3(8) of the Aarhus Convention. Through an interactive discussion, we seek to gather recommendations for an effective and accessible Rapid Response Mechanism that takes the needs of young people into account.

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Programme

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| 13:00 | Welcome & Introduction |
| 13:15 | Barriers faced by youth when seeking to exercise their Aarhus Convention rights |
| | <i>Speakers tbc</i> |
| 13:45 | The Rapid Response Mechanism as an opportunity to help address these barriers? |
| 13:55 | How can the Rapid Response Mechanism be effective and accessible for youth? |
| | <i>Interactive brainstorming workshop in breakout groups</i> |
| 14:40 | Reporting back on key recommendations for the Rapid Response Mechanism and its implementation |
| 14:55 | Wrapping up & outlook of next steps |

