



Fourth Joint Aarhus Convention / Convention on Biological Diversity Round Table on Public Awareness, Access to Information and Public Participation regarding Living Modified Organisms/Genetically Modified Organisms

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AARHUS CONVENTION

Public awareness and education

Preambular

- Recognizing also that the **public needs to be aware** of the procedures for participation in environmental decision-making, have free access to them and **know how to use** them,
- Desiring to **promote environmental education** to further the understanding of the environment and sustainable development and to **encourage widespread public awareness** of, and participation in, decisions affecting the environment and sustainable development,
- Noting, in this context, the **importance of making use of the media and of electronic or other, future forms of communication**,

Art 3(3))

- Each Party **shall promote environmental education and environmental awareness** among the public, especially on how to obtain access to information, to participate in decision-making and to obtain access to justice in environmental matters.

The way forward

Based on the latest National Implementation Reports, submitted to the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties (2021)

- Continue awareness-raising and educational activities among the public, staff of the relevant authorities and the judiciary on issues concerning the implementation of the Aarhus Convention



Aarhus Convention and its Protocol on PRTRs

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