Third Meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development – ECLAC, Santiago, Chile, 24-26 April 2019

Side Event: Escazu Agreement: A tool to empower people and ensure inclusiveness and equality

Wednesday, 24 April, 1,30 pm – 2,30 pm
Venue: Celso Furtado room, ECLAC, Santiago, Chile
Language: English – Spanish (with simultaneous interpretation)

Programme

Background: Focusing on the theme of this year’s HLPF (2019) “empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality”, the event seeks to discuss how the Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean (known as the Escazu Agreement) supports the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and present successful cases of alliances with civil society-governments and other stakeholders that have allowed to promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, facilitating access to justice for all and improving accountability.

• Moderator:
  o Flavia Liberona, Executive Director Fundación Terram

• Panellists (20 minutes)
  o Joseluis Samaniego, Director, Sustainable Development and Human Settlements Division, UN ECLAC
  o Norman Lizano, Head of Multilateral Affairs of the Directorate of Foreign Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship of Costa Rica
  o Katya Puga Cornejo, Viceminister of Planning and Environmental Policy, Secretariat of Environment and Natural Resources of Mexico
  o Daisy Guayasamín, Director for Information, Assessment and Evaluation, General Coordination for Environmental Planning, Ministry of Environment, Ecuador
  o Leo Heileman, Regional Representative and Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, UN Environment
  o Andrea Sanhueza, elected representative of the public for the Escazu Agreement

• Examples of good practices
  o Andrés Napoli, Executive Director, Fundación Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (FARN), Argentina
  o Aida Gamboa, Derecho Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (DAR), Peru

• Final comments: Ezio Costa, Executive Director, FIMA

*A snack will be served for participants before the event (1pm).