

Public Participation

市民参加

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Point #1

Participation is a Public Right

市民の権利としての参加

Agenda 21

- Ch 23: “..fundamental prerequisites for the achievement of SD is broad public participation in decision-making.”
- Ch 38: “..set up a national coordination structure responsible for the follow-up of Agenda 21...benefit from the expertise of NGOs”

JPOI

- 137. “...effective institutional framework for SD at all levels is key to the full implementation of A21.”

UN Charter:

“We the peoples of the United Nations...
to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom..”

JPOI continued

- 165. ...promote the establishment or enhancement of SD councils ... at the national level and local level

Rio Declaration-Principle 10

- States shall facilitate and encourage public awareness and participation by making information widely available.

Earth Charter Principles

- Build democratic societies that are just, participatory, sustainable...

Point #2

Public participation serves the common good 共有財産をつくりだす市民参加

- PP is a critical element for effective democratic governance
- PP better aligns plans, policies and programs as the public is able to provide free and informed “consultancy” service on achieving peoples’ aspirations and better addressing peoples’ needs
- The public’s organized component (civil society organizations) can:
 - assist governments in delivery of social services to the poor
 - enable and empower the poor to become self-reliant
 - provide alternative and significant views in planning, policy formulation and program implementation
 - act as “watchdogs” for improved governance (minimum corruption/inefficiency)
- The public’s production component, the business sector, has a great capacity to influence production and consumption. Its participation is key towards resource use efficiency and sustainable consumption

Point #3

Public Participation Makes Good Business Sense 意義ある市民参加のために

Invest in informed participation

- 1 Renew commitment and intensify the practice of Principle 10 of Rio Declaration (access to information, participation and justice)
 - Codify Principle 10 and the Rio declaration in the rules and procedures of IGOs and agencies and national governments
 - Establish an Asia-Pacific Principle 10 Convention (Access rights)
- 2 Establish an independent Asia-Pacific ESD Information, Knowledge and Education Center (adaptation of an EEA model)
 - Informs and advises governments and the public at large
 - Sanctioned and partly supported by governments
 - Organized out of existing knowledge and information units and networks such as ESCAP, UNEP, UNDP, IGES, CAN, ADB

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Invest in organized participation

1. Ensure public representation in ESD coordinating bodies
2. Develop the mechanisms for vertical and horizontal representation and feedback
3. Establish accountability mechanisms

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Invest in sustained participation

1. Provide access to adequate and sustained financial resources including consideration of dedicated budget and establishment of deliberate financing scheme
2. Maintain CS independence and flexibility
3. Protect “whistle blowers”

Final Point:

Rio+20 is an opportunity to demonstrate good business sense for Sustainable Development

Rio+20: 持続可能な発展の意義を示す機会

Genuine public participation must seriously be considered and mainstreamed in the over-all reform of the ESD governance and institutional framework and exercised in the pursuit of green economy.



Thank You!

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