

## WRI PP10 SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS

### I. GENERAL PP10 PARTNER INFORMATION

#### 1. Contact information

Name of PP10 Partner(s): \_\_\_\_\_ World Resources Institute (WRI) \_\_\_\_\_

Individual responsible for submitting the form: \_\_\_\_ Lalanath de Silva \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. Approval of PP10 Commitment

WRI Senior Management and Board of Directors (**these commitments are for the period 2008-2010**)

#### 3. Engagement of multiple entities

All departments in WRI but no outside agencies

#### 4. Independent Assessments

An internal assessment by a volunteer staff group

### II. COMMITMENTS TO IMPROVE OWN PERFORMANCE IN PROVIDING ACCESS TO INFORMATION, PARTICIPATION, AND JUSTICE

Each PP10 Partner must report at least one (1) specific commitment in this category. The commitments should be measurable, timebound and additional.

#### 1. Commitment Description

**Commitment #1: WRI will make publicly available information about WRI's internal governance and Board of Directors (Board). WRI commits to posting the following information to WRI's website, [www.wri.org](http://www.wri.org):**

- Descriptions of the mandate, committees and decision-making powers of WRI's Board;
- Frequency and schedule of meetings of the Board;
- Agendas of Board meetings posted on Intranet prior to the meeting; posted on [www.wri.org](http://www.wri.org) after the meeting.
- Key decisions of Board.

**Commitment #2: WRI commits to translating key, relevant WRI materials into Chinese by October 2010.**

- External relations will work with WRI project managers to identify at least 4 publications for translation into Chinese.
- WRI will provide Chinese translation of key, relevant pages of WRI.org.

**Commitment #3: WRI will better promote its commitment to good governance.**

- In 2008, WRI will add a page to the WRI.org site displaying WRI's PP10 commitments.
- Starting in 2008, all Top 10 outcomes (including those from WRI's institutional Excellence goal) will be posted at WRI.org.
- Starting in 2009, the annual objective review process will promote synergies across institutional goals, including the Governance Goal.

**Commitment #4: WRI will make publicly available information about WRI's financial status.**

- WRI will publish an Annual Report each year, within five months of the close of the fiscal year. This report will be posted at WRI.org.
- Each year, WRI will post a copy of the signed audit report to demonstrate that the numbers reported in the financial statements have been audited and are official. This information will be posted at [www.wri.org](http://www.wri.org).

**Commitment #5: WRI will make its list of current donors publicly available**

- WRI will publish a current list of significant donors. This list will indicate levels of funding and describe supported activities.
- This list will be updated once quarterly and be posted at [www.wri.org](http://www.wri.org).

<b>Commitment Type: (Using the Annex)</b>	<b>Measurability</b>	<b>Timeframe -</b>	<b>Additionality -</b>
<b>#1</b> Increase efforts to disseminate information – placing environmental information on the internet	The following information is posted to WRI's website: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Descriptions of the mandate, committees and decision-making powers of WRI's Board;</li> <li>- Frequency and schedule of meetings of the Board;</li> <li>- Agendas of Board meetings posted three (3) weeks prior to the meeting;</li> <li>- Key decisions of Board meetings.</li> <li>- List of WRI donors</li> </ul>	Start date: September 2009 End date: December 2010	This commitment is additional because the website does not currently explain the decision-making powers of the Board, nor does it provide information about the agenda, timing or decisions taken at the Board meetings. The commitment to make WRI donor lists public is also new.
<b>#2</b> Improve capacity to collect information and monitor environmental quality – improving quality of environmental information collected	Identification of opportunities for translating WRI publications into Chinese. Publication of such documents and translated availability of web WRI and TAI web pages in Chinese.	Start date: September 2009 End date: December 2010	WRI and TAI currently translates only a limited number of its web pages and publications. This commitment to explore options for increased translation into Chinese is therefore additional..
<b>#3</b> Improve capacity to collect information and monitor environmental	The commitment to align WRI's goals with its governance goal is consistent with a measurable process to ensure that all of	Start date: September 2009 End date: March 2010	The internal review process at WRI will ensure that all its work is consistent with principlw 10. This is a continuing commitment from previous

quality – ensuring public participation in collection of environmental information	WRI’s work accords with Principle 10.		times and is the mainstreaming of previous commitments into WRI work.
#4 Improve capacity to collect information and monitor environmental quality – improving regularity of collection	Yearly publication of the Annual Report within four months of the end of the fiscal year; copy of the signed audit report is made available on WRI’s Annual Report webpage	Start date: March 2008 End date: December 2010	In the past few years, WRI has not published a full hard copy annual report. Accordingly, this commitment is additional. WRI’s audit report is currently available only upon request. Posting a link to the audit from the annual report webpage is therefore additional.

**III. COMMITMENTS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF PERFORMANCE BY OTHER PP10 PARTNERS**

Each PP10 Partner must report at least one (1) specific commitment in this category. The commitments should be measurable, timebound and additional.

**1. Commitment Description**

**Commitment #6: WRI will continue to support its partners through several expansion and capacity building efforts. WRI will prepare new countries (including coalitions of national governments and NGOs) to join PP10 through:**

- Developing new tools to evaluate access rights. By 2010, WRI will develop at least 2 new tools for use by the access community.
- Developing a community of practice around access rights. In 2008, WRI will launch an online network designed to promote dialogue and action among access practioners.
- Developing a training program to evaluating access rights at the national level. In 2008, WRI develop a robust training of trainers program for The Access Initiative network.
- Supporting new national assessments evaluating access. By 2010, WRI will support at least 4 new civil society coalitions to undertake national TAI assessments in their countries.
- Providing support to partners for activities on the ground. Over the next two years, WRI commits to raising at least \$800,000 in support to civil society organizations for activities that promote Principle 10.

<b><u>Commitment Type:</u></b>	<b><u>Measurability</u></b>	<b><u>Timeframe -</u></b>	<b><u>Additionality</u></b>
#5a Strengthen capacity of the public to use information and participate – training teachers and developing teaching materials	The development of two new tools to evaluate access rights, a community of practice, training programs and support new national TAI assessments are all measurable.	Start date: July 2008 End date: December 2010	Not additional.
#5b Strengthen capacity of the public to use information and participate – increasing availability	Provision of capacity-building services (such as building a community of practice, developing a	Start date: July 2008 End date: December 2010	Not additional.

of resources for the public	training module); and raising funds for TAI partners.		
<b>#5c</b> Strengthen ability to address critical gaps in access to information, participation and justice – tracking progress against an initial benchmark.	Implementation of a assessment process and advocacy for improving access rights through new tools and communities of practice.	Start date: January 2008 End date: December 2010	There are currently no tools for advocacy or a community of practice on access rights. This commitment is therefore additional.

#### IV. COMMITMENTS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE COLLECTIVE WORK OF PP10

Each PP10 Partner must report at least one (1) specific commitment in this category. The commitments should be measurable, timebound and additional.

##### 1. Commitment Description

**Commitment #7:** WRI commits to provide assistance to the new PP10 Secretariat during its first year in operation.

**Commitment #8:** WRI commits to serving on the PP10 Steering Committee for a period of two years.

**Commitment #9:** By 2010 WRI will recruit 4 new partners to join PP10. At least one will be a new government.

**Commitment #10:** WRI commits to engaging the US Government to become an Observer in PP10.

<u>Commitment Number</u>	<u>Measurability</u>	<u>Timeframe</u> -	<u>Additionality</u>
<b>#6</b>	The provision of assistance to the new secretariat	Start date: July 2008 End date: September 2010	Not additional.
<b>#7</b>	The provision of guidance to the new secretariat, the assistance in transferring of secretariat duties and tools	Start date: July 2008 End date: September 2010	Not additional.
<b>#8</b>	The development of infrastructure for the long-term institutionalization of PP10	Start date: January 2008 End date: December 2010	Not additional.
<b>#9</b>	The existence of new PP10 partners	Start date: September 2008 End date: December 2010	Not additional.
<b>#10</b>	The distribution of PP10 informational material	Start date: July 2008 End date: July 2010	Not additional.
<b>#11</b>	Attending PP10 Steering Com meeting, if elected and meetings of the partners	Start date: January 2008 End date: December, 2010	Not additional.

#12	The support of PP10-international relations	Start date: September 2008 End date: December 2010	Not additional.
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## Annex I – PP10 Commitment Types

The information from this Annex will be used to facilitate learning (e.g., by establishing smaller groups to work on common issues) and to facilitate matchmaking (e.g., by identifying common interests between a developing country partner and a donor).

The PP10 Secretariat will compile the different responses from the partners and propose collective PP10 targets; from this, a PP10 report will be produced reflecting progress towards the common targets. For example, within three years, five countries will have strengthened their legal frameworks supporting access to information through constitutional reform.

Please mark an “X” next to each type of PP10 commitment reported. This information enables the PP10 Secretariat to group all specific commitments reported according to commitment type.

### Access to Information

Strengthen general **legal framework supporting access to information**. Our commitments will result in strengthening of Principle 10 implementation through:

- Constitutional reform
- New or improved laws/provisions
- Other (*please explain*) \_\_\_\_\_

Strengthen specific **legal requirements to collect and disseminate information**. Our commitments will result in strengthening of Principle 10 implementation through:

- Clarifying/expanding mandates to disclose specific types of information.
- Limiting or clarifying confidentiality policy
- Other (*please explain*) \_\_\_\_\_

**#2, #3, #4** - Improve **capacity to collect information and monitor** environmental quality by creating or strengthening information systems. Our commitments will result in strengthening of Principle 10 implementation through:

- #2** - Improving quality of environmental information collected
- #4** - Improving regularity of collection
- #3** - Ensuring public participation in collection of environmental information
- Creating databases
- Other (*please explain*) \_\_\_\_\_

**#1** - Increase **efforts to disseminate information**. Our commitments will result in strengthening of Principle 10 implementation through:

- #1** - Placing environmental information on the internet (ie compliance reports)
- Producing materials for the press
- Reducing or eliminating costs of getting public information
- Reducing time to respond to requests

ف Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

### Access to Public Participation

ف Strengthen the **general legal framework supporting participation in decision-making** affecting the environment. Our commitments will result in strengthening of Principle 10 implementation through:

- ف Constitution
- ف General laws
- ف Expanding types of decisions subject to public notice and comment
- ف Clarifying or expanding mandates
- ف Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

ف Strengthen **access to information** about environmental decision-making processes. Our commitments will result in strengthening of Principle 10 implementation through:

- ف Increasing lead time for notification
- ف Improving the quality of information about decisions
- ف Providing documents supporting decision
- ف Providing information about decisions to marginalized socioeconomic and cultural groups or affected parties
- ف Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

ف Expand and strengthen **opportunities to participate**. Our commitments will result in strengthening of Principle 10 implementation through:

- ف Initiating consultation early in the decision-making process
- ف Creating opportunities to participate at different stages of decision-making
- ف Giving more time to the public to provide comments
- ف Creating opportunities to participate in a greater variety of decisions (e.g. policies, strategies, laws, projects, other)
- ف Providing opportunities for participation by **marginalized socio-economic and cultural groups** or affected parties
- ف Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

ف Improve outcome of **participation**. Our commitments will result in strengthening of Principle 10 implementation through:

- ف Ensuring that comments are considered and relevant ones incorporated in final decision
- ف Monitoring activities that increase the possibility that public comments will be fully considered
- ف Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

### Access to Justice

ف Improve **access to justice**. Our commitments will result in strengthening of Principle 10 implementation through:

- ف Diversifying the mechanisms through which conflicts can be solved
- ف Expanding access to court or administrative records
- ف Improving the timeliness of court or administrative proceedings
- ف Improving the affordability of seeking justice
- ف Ensuring transparency of judges' dockets (i.e. make all records of claims accessible to the public)

- ف Expanding scope of standing
- ف Establishing or expanding penalties for non-compliance with provisions relating to access to information, public participation or access to justice in environmental decision-making
- ف Other (*please explain*) \_\_\_\_\_

### Capacity Building

ف Strengthen **capacity of our staff** to provide information or engage the public in decision-making. Our commitments will result in strengthening of Principle 10 implementation through:

- ف Increasing staff knowledge of laws and regulations on access to information and participation
- ف Expanding training for staff on how to effectively disclose information or engage the public
- ف Expanding training of judges, mediators and other relevant staff on how to enforce laws and deal with claims
- ف Other (*please explain*) \_\_\_\_\_

ف Develop **organizational information available to the public**. Our commitments will result in strengthening of Principle 10 implementation through:

- ف Providing information of mandate and point of contact for public information and participation
- ف Providing guidelines for public on:
  - how to access information
  - how to participate
  - how to bring complaints in administrative and judicial proceedings
- ف Expanding translation of environmental information (ie by making documents available in the major language in the country)
- ف Other (*please explain*) \_\_\_\_\_

**X - #5a, #5b** - Strengthen the **capacity of the public to use information and participate**. Our commitments will result in strengthening of Principle 10 implementation through:

- #5b** - Increasing availability of resources for the public and its organizations to participate, strengthen awareness, or work on access to information, participation and justice issues
- ف Removing barriers for public to organize
- ف Raising public awareness of opportunities to participate
- #5a** - Training teachers and developing teaching materials
- Other (*please explain*) \_\_\_\_\_

**X - #5c** - Strengthen ability to **address critical gaps in access to information, participation and justice**. Our commitments will result in strengthening of Principle 10 implementation through:

- ف Conducting independent assessments
- #5c** - Tracking progress against an initial benchmark
- ف Convening dialogues for priority-setting on actions to improve policy and implementation based on assessment results.