

**Public Participation and Access to Information:
Legal and Institutional Aspects of Implementation of Article 6 UNFCCC**

UNFCCC Article 6 requires parties to promote and facilitate access to information and public participation in addressing climate change. Implementation of climate change adaptation should utilize an open, transparent and highly participatory process that engages the community. Public participation: is inherently valuable, as a democratic practice; improves the quality of decision-making; increases public ownership of outcomes; provides an opportunity for two-way communication; increases accountability; and, builds partnerships for long-term action on climate change. Development of locally appropriate solutions for small island developing states requires integration with existing frameworks and creative responses to resource constraints.