

Dear colleagues,

In view of the upcoming 27th meeting of the Working Group of the Parties (Geneva, 26-28 June 2023), we would like to bring to your attention a survey organised pursuant to para. 11 (d) of decision VII/4 on promoting the application of the principles of the Convention in international forums (ENG FRE RUS) adopted by the Meeting of the Parties at its seventh session (Geneva, 18–21 October 2021).

The survey is intended to explore good practices and modalities contributing to ensuring balanced and equitable participation of members of the public as defined in the Almaty Guidelines as well as relevant challenges.

An analysis of the survey results will be presented at the thematic session on promoting the principles of the Convention in international forums (PPIF) to be held on Tuesday, 27 June 2023 (noon–1 p.m. and 3–5.30 p.m.) and will be made available on the meeting's web page at:
<https://unece.org/info/Environmental-Policy/Public-Participation/events/375491>.

You are kindly invited to complete the attached Questionnaire and send it to aarhus.survey@un.org by 20 May 2023. Please make sure that the Questionnaire is filled in by only one respondent from a Party / Other Member State//International Forum/Organization.

Please note that examples provided through the survey might be added to the Aarhus Clearinghouse Good Practice online database.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you need any additional information in this regard.

We strongly encourage you to participate in this important activity as its outcomes will greatly facilitate deliberations by Parties and stakeholders at the upcoming session.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

With best regards,

Aarhus Convention secretariat