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Principle 10

"Environmental issues are best handled with participation of all concerned citizens, at the relevant evel. At the national level, each individual shall have appropriate access to information concerning the environment that is held by public authorities, including information on hazardous materials and activitie communities, and the opportunity to participate in decision making processes. States shall facilitate and encourage public awareness and participation by making information widely available. Effective access to Judicial and administrative proceedings, including leavess and remedy, shall be provided."

Specific text for women's participation

"the vital role of women and the need for their full and equal participation and leadership in all areas of sustainable development" and supports "the removal of barriers" and "repeal of discriminatory laws" to create an enabling environment for women.

Other opportunities

- 88(h) requires UNEP to "Ensure the active participation of all relevant stakeholders drawing on best practices and models from relevant multilateral institutions and exploring new mechanisms to promote transparency and effective engagement of civil society"
- "We agree to work more closely with the major groups and other stakeholders and encourage their active participation, as appropriate, in processes that contribute to decision making, planning and implementation of policies and programmes for sustainable development at all levels "43"

acks accountability mechanisms that ure principle 10 is implemented ensure free, prior & informed consent munities impacted by so called "green investments such as those which loss of access and control over ources as a result of private ts in mining, agro-fuel and forestry. quota for women's representation as at all decision points

