

Access to Climate Change Information Through the Implementation of the Paris Agreement

Authors : Ana Cristina A. P. Carvalho, Solange Teles Da Silva

Abstract : In April, 174 countries signed the Paris Agreement, a multilateral agreement on climate change which deals with greenhouse gas emissions, mitigation, adaptation, finance, access to information, transparency, among other subjects related to the environment. Since then, Parties shall cooperate in taking measures, as appropriate, to enhance climate change education, training, public awareness, public participation and public access to information, recognizing the importance of these steps with respect to enhancing actions under this Agreement. This paper aims to analyze the consequences of this new rule in terms of the implementation of the Agreement, collecting data from Brazilian and Canadian legislations in order to identify if these countries have rules complying with the Treaty, the steps that have been already taken and if they could be used as examples for other countries. The analysis will take into consideration the different kinds of climate change information, means of transparency, reliability of the data and how to spread the information. The methodology comprehends a comparative legal research based on both the Paris Agreement and domestic laws of Brazil and Canada, as well as on doctrine and Court decisions. The findings can contribute to the implementation of the Paris Agreement through compliance with this Treaty at countries' domestic and policy level.

Keywords : climate change information, domestic legislation, Paris Agreement, public policy

Conference Title : ICEH 2016 : International Conference on Environment and Health

Conference Location : Zurich, Switzerland

Conference Dates : July 21-22, 2016