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Video/Animation Enthusiasts from Latin America & the Caribbean
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On March 20, 2017 the winners of the video/animation competition dubbed “Our Environment, Our Voices” will be announced. The competition which was launched in October 2016 seeks to raise awareness of the Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) Declaration on Principle 10. Principle 10 seeks to ensure that people receive timely and ample environmental information (Access to Information); have an opportunity to actively participate in the decision-making process (Public Participation) and a fair chance to legal redress if they have been wronged (Access to Justice). The announcement, to be made in Brasilia, Brazil will be done on the first day of the 6th Meeting of the Negotiating Committee for a Regional Agreement on Principle 10.

The contestants are Flavia Fochesato of Argentina; Clish Gittens of Barbados; Ulises Vera of Mexico; Ted Sandiford of Saint Lucia and Daryll Griffith of Trinidad and Tobago. So far the five entries which can be seen on the official competition page have received positive feedback from the public: https://www.facebook.com/ourenvironmentourvoices/.

So what will these lucky contestants win? 1st place will receive a voucher valued at US$800 and 2nd place will receive a voucher valued at US$400 both from an acclaimed online electronic store. Both winners’ video/animation will be featured at the 6th Meeting of the Negotiating Committee in Brasilia. The prizes for this competition are awarded with the kind support of the Ministry of Environment Land and Sea of Italy within the project “Building bridges between regions - Interregional cooperation on the implementation of Principle 10 of Rio Declaration and Article 6 of UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in the Caribbean region” being implemented by the Regional Environmental Center (REC).

According to Tsvetelina Filipova, Senior Expert at REC, “Civil society should join forces in spreading the word of the rights Principle 10 of Rio Declaration enshrines. Nowadays there are varieties of tools you...
can employ to share an important message and reach out to many. These videos are a powerful attempt in this direction! Watch, enjoy, share!”