SIDE EVENT:
FACILITATION AND FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONAL AGREEMENT

Tuesday, August 1 | 13:30 - 14:30
Room TBD | Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship of Argentina

Article 17.4 of the text compiled by the Presiding Officers established a Facilitation and Follow-up Committee as a subsidiary body of the Conference of the Parties to promote application and support the Parties with implementation of the Agreement. This type of mechanism, generally known as a compliance mechanism, has been included in multilateral environmental agreements as one of the tools available to the Parties to strengthen implementation and compliance.

This side event will discuss:

- The role fulfilled by compliance committees in the implementation of international agreements;
- The differences between non-adversarial, non-judicial and consultative compliance committees and other mechanisms for implementation or settlement of disputes;
- The importance of participatory and transparent modalities and procedures in the functioning of the compliance committee.

Panelists:

Patricia Madrigal
Moderator, Vice Minister
Ministry of Environment and Energy, Costa Rica

John Knox
UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and the Environment

Jerzy Jendrośka
Member of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee and Arbitrator at the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague

Marcos A Orellana
Director, Environment and Human Rights Division
Human Rights Watch

The side event will take place on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 from 13:30 to 14:30 at Room TBD of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship of Argentina. The side event is organized with support from the Ministero dell’Ambiente e della Tutela del Territorio e del Mare of Italy. Sandwiches and refreshments will be served.