

Public Participation in Environmental Decision-making

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In the modern democratic world great attention is paid to public participation in environmental decision-making issues. Governments, international organizations and leading financial institutions make their efforts to implement the policy, develop an appropriate legal framework and create mechanisms which will support the public to have the information at the early stage and participate in environmental decision-making without barriers.

The presented work was prepared on the basis of the analysis and review of major documents, publications and other relevant sources concerning public participation in environmental decision-making. The main part is devoted to the issue of the importance of the public participation for the adequate decision-making. In addition the work discusses the difficulties of this process and the factors which must be considered before hand in order for it to be conducted effectively. It also describes the implementation of the respective international obligations undertaken by Georgia.