

## Breakout Session:

## Moving Forward with Public Participation in the CLME

LAC Regional Workshop on Public Participation in

Transboundary Waters Management

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## Background points

- Complexity and scale
  - + 26 countries; 19 territories; 5 official languages
  - Indigenous and national norms, laws, cultures
  - Different levels of development/capacity
  - Achieving consensus w/o allowing disproportionate impact of non-affected countries/stakeholders



## More Background

- ◆ No staff at national level volunteers
- ◆ Institutional representation of stakeholders:
  - Regional Steering Committee
    - \* International NGOs
    - \*Universities and research institutions
    - Inter-governmental organizations
  - National Inter-Sectoral Committees
  - Issue-based governance structures



- ◆ Is the institutional structure sufficient for facilitating public and stakeholder involvement?
  - \* Specific question of levels at which participation should occur for various stakeholders?
- → The project has not yet established it's participation objectives: process? Levels?
- Beginning phases of stakeholder analysis
  - How to make thorough and participatory?
    - Constraints and opportunities?
    - **+** Tools?