

THE RECOGNITION OF RIGHT TO INFORMATION

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- CONSTITUTION & OTHERS
PEOPLE'S NATIONAL
ASSEMBLY DECISIONS**

- GENERAL LEGISLATION**

- ENVIRONMENTAL
LEGISLATION**

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT NO. 23/1997

"EVERY BODY'S RIGHT & ACCESS TO ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION WHICH INCLUDES AMONG OTHERS DOCUMENT OF EIA, ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT, RESULT OF PERIODICAL COMPLIANCE MONITORING, THE MONITORING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY'S CHANGE, SPATIAL PLANNING, AND LICENCES FOR ACTIVITIES WITH SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT"

MAJOR GAPS OR LACK OF PROGRESS IN ENSURING ACCESS TO ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

- LACK OF ADEQUATE INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
- NO INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED BECAUSE NO ACTIVITIES THAT PRODUCE INFORMATION
- BUREAUCRATIC CULTURE OF SECRECY

MAJOR GAPS OR LACK OF PROGRESS IN ENSURING ACCESS TO ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

- LACK OF PROCEDURE & MECHANISM TO ENABLE PEOPLE TO EASILY ACCESS TO ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION
- ABSENCE OF STRONG PUBLIC PRESSURE & DEMAND

EFFORTS & INITIATIVES TO OVERCOME THE MAJOR GAPS

- THE INTRODUCTION OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION BILL
- WORKING WITH MOE TO ADOPT THE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (PI) THREE PILLARS PREPARED BY THE GLOBAL ACCESS INITIATIVE PROJECT
- THE COMMITMENTS OF THE COALITION MEMBERS TO EMPLOY INFORMATION ACCESS OFFICER TO EXEMPLIFY DEMANDS

EFFORTS & INITIATIVES TO OVERCOME THE MAJOR GAPS

- INTEGRATING THREE PILLARS INTO ON GOING LEGISLATION MAKING PROCESS
- INTEGRATING THREE PILLARS INTO VARIOUS POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES
- TO LOBBY KEY DECISION MAKERS TO POSTPONE THE PASSAGE OF STATE SECRET BILL BEFORE THE PASSAGE OF FOI BILL
- NATIONWIDE PUBLIC CONSULTATION TO GAIN PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR FOI BILL

THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION BILL

- COMPREHENSIVE PACKAGE OF RIGHT TO INFORMATION (*RIGHT TO KNOW, RIGHT TO INSPECT, RIGHT OBTAIN, RIGHT T BE INFORMED, AND RIGHT TO DISSEMINATE*)
- THE DEFINITION OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS
- THE PRINCIPLE OF "*MAXIMUM ACCESS-LIMITED EXEMPTION*" (MALE)
- THE PUNISHMENT FOR ANYBODY WHO INTENTIONALLY BLOCKS THE ACCESS