

6.2.3 Towards the promotion of legislation

In studying the situation of the Republic of Congo, the idea which comes first is to implement policies regarding the field of access to environmental information. However, the implementation of environmental policies does not concern only the Republic of Congo, but also other countries throughout the world. In Africa, for example, each country should have to implement its own policy on the right to access environmental information. If the task seems difficult for African countries, it is possible for them to become united around one group decision, such as the Aarhus Convention, European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007.

In sum, worldwide, countries proclaim themselves to be environmentally democratic countries, but the paradox is that environmental democracy is often accompanied by a high rate of inequity, corruption, and violation of rights, which have been recorded consistently. While the absence of respect for fundamental rights has remained notable, people, ironically, use the term “environmental democracy” to prove they are close to the environment. According to reports, the world is moving positively regarding environmental issues and the right of access to environmental information is said to be guaranteed. However, the reality is often quite different and would seem to indicate the need to establish environmental policies urgently. The promotion of environmental protection by ensuring the right of access to environmental information is not present in many developing countries, especially in Africa, and in particular in The Republic of Congo. If the Republic of Congo were to seriously face the challenge by granting the right of access to environmental information, the impact of environmental degradation could be reduced considerably.

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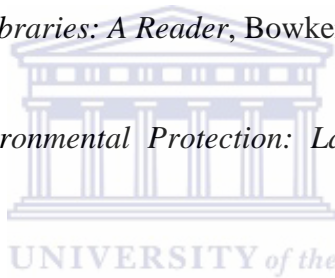
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