

Table 2.2 Public participation rights in constitutional and legal frameworks

Indicators	Weak	Intermediate	Strong
Constitutional guarantees to public participation	Constitution does not explicitly guarantee right to public participation in decision-making: Chile, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Mexico, South Africa, United States	No value offered: only two indicator choices were 'strong' and 'weak'	Constitution guarantees the right to public participation in decision-making: Thailand, Uganda
Comprehensiveness of notice and comment in different types of decision-making processes	Types of policy- and project-level decisions requiring public notice and comment are not specified: Indonesia, Thailand	Types of project-level decisions requiring public notice and comment are specified, but types of policy-level decisions are not: Chile, Hungary, India, Uganda	Types of both policy- and project-level decisions requiring public notice and comment are specified: Mexico, South Africa, United States
Public notice and comment requirements for environmental impact assessments	No requirement for public notice and comment for Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs): Thailand	EIAs require public notice and comment at final stage: Hungary, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Uganda	EIAs require public notice and comment at various stages: Chile, South Africa, United States

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