# IAP2 Spectrum of Public Participation

## Inform
To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.

## Consult
To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.

## Involve
To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.

## Collaborate
To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.

## Empower
To place final decision-making in the hands of the public.

### Promise to the public
- We will keep you informed.
- We will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns and aspirations, and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.
- We will work with you to ensure that your concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.
- We will look to you for advice and innovation in formulating solutions and incorporate your advice and recommendations into the decisions to the maximum extent possible.
- We will implement what you decide.

### Example techniques
- Fact sheets
- Web sites
- Open houses
- Public comment
- Focus groups
- Surveys
- Public meetings
- Workshops
- Deliberative polling
- Citizen advisory committees
- Consensus-building
- Participatory decision-making
- Citizen juries
- Ballots
- Delegated decision