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# **CHAPTER 1**

# **INTRODUCTION**

### 1.1 Introduction

According to the Gauthier et.al, (2011), the author defined that public participation known as the continuous which is the two-way communication process that involves promoting full public understanding of the processes and mechanisms through the environmental problems and needs were investigated and solved by the responsible agency. This to ensure that public keep informed about the status and progress, implications of project, plan, and program and policy formulation and also the evaluation activities.

In Malaysia, they have different perception on the public participation. According to the Aiyeola, Abdullah, Shamsudeen et.al, (2014), they said that public participation was the distributing power to those public who did not have political or economic power to influence decisions that affect their way of live (Aiyeola, Abdullah, Shamsudeen & et.al, 2014). This can be supported by the Marzuki (2015), that said that participation is to convey individual and the society's personal interest and concerns with regard to the development plans, given that these planning activities would consequently affect the public (Marzuki, 2015). This can enhanced the planning process of the local government in environmental activity.

Thus, according to the Abdul Rahman (2011), the local government in Malaysia had defined that public participation is the active involvement and full engagement of the public in planning and decision making processes towards environmental conservative and preservation.