Update on the Minamata Convention on Mercury

GEN Chemicals and Waste Briefing Geneva, 16 April 2019

Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury
Objective of the Minamata Convention (Article 1)

« (...) to protect the human health and the environment from anthropogenic emissions and releases of mercury and mercury compounds. »

- Provisions cover the entire life cycle of mercury, including supply, trade, mercury-added products, industrial processes using mercury, ASGM, emissions to air, releases to land and water, interim storage, waste and contaminated sites.
Minamata Timeline so far

Adoption of text and opening for signature: 10-11 October 2013

Entry into Force: 16 August 2017

First Conference of the Parties (Geneva) 24 to 29 September 2017
President: Switzerland

Second Conference of the Parties (Geneva) 19 to 23 September 2018
President: Switzerland

Third Conference of the Parties (Geneva) 25 to 29 November 2019
President: Zambia
Mercury emissions worldwide increasing 20% higher in 2015 than in 2010
Minamata COP-3 Bureau

COP2 elected the Bureau as follows:

**President:** David Kapindula (Zambia)

**Vice-Presidents:**
- Alison Dickson (Canada)
- María del Mar Solano Trejos (Costa Rica)
- Karel Bláha (Czechia)*
- Serge Molly Allo’o Allo’o (Gabon)
- Mariscia Charles (Guyana)
- Adel Jahankhah (Islamic Republic of Iran)
- Mohammed Khashashneh (Jordan)
- Svetlana Bolocan (Republic of Moldova)
- Nina Cromnier (Sweden)
Status Update
Current status of Ratification

As of 16 April 2019, **107 Parties** have ratified the Minamata Convention.

State of Palestine, Ireland, Uganda, and Saudi Arabia deposited their instruments since the last GEN briefing.

**Africa** – 27 Parties

**Asia and the Pacific** – 25 Parties

**Central and Eastern Europe** – 12 Parties

**Latin America and the Caribbean** – 22 Parties

**Western Europe and others Group** – 20+1 Parties
Update on Intersessional Work
TECHNICAL ISSUES

Presentation on 26 February to the GEN gave details on other ongoing technical work including on:

MC-2/3 on **Releases** (Group working electronically)
MC-2/2 on **Mercury Waste** (Expert Group meeting in Osaka 27-29 May)
MC-2/8 on **Contaminated Sites** (Submissions received)
MC-2/9 on **Harmonized System Codes** (Secretariat and the Global Mercury Partnership)

Workshop in Osaka on Synergies and Mercury Waste, 30-31 May)
Intersessional work and Submissions for COP3

At its second meeting, the Conference of the Parties agreed on a number of action items to effectively implement the Minamata Convention and prepare for the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties, to be held in Geneva, Switzerland on 25-29 November 2019. In some areas, submissions are invited by parties and other stakeholders, while in other areas submissions are expected through the members of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties.

Information should be submitted to the Secretariat of the Minamata Convention, MEA-MinamataSecretariat@un.org

Mercury Releases to land and water

Pursuant to Decision MC-2/3 a group of technical experts on guidance in relation to mercury releases was established to prepare a report on the identification of significant anthropogenic point source of releases of mercury to land. A Memorandum of Understanding, to be adopted at COP-3, will establish such a group.
As per communication from the Executive Secretary on 3 December 2018, submissions due to the Secretariat **by 31 May 2019** on the following items:

- MC-2/11 on Capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer
- Article 13, paragraph 11 on the Review of the Financial Mechanism
- Emissions of mercury resulting from the open burning of waste
TECHNICAL ISSUES

Capacity building, technical assistance and technology transfer
MC-2/11 on Capacity building, technical assistance and technology transfer

COP-2 requested the Secretariat to collection information from the existing regional, sub-regional and national arrangements on their capacity building and technical assistance to support parties in implementing their obligations under the Minamata Convention, and to report thereon at COP-3.

Next Steps
1. Comments were invited until 31 May 2019.
2. On the basis of submissions the Secretariat will present a report to COP-3.
TECHNICAL ISSUES

Emission of Mercury from the Open Burning of Waste

COP-2 requested the Secretariat to continue to collect and make available information relevant to emissions of mercury resulting from the open burning of waste.

Next Steps
1. Comments were invited until 31 May 2019.
2. The Secretariat will report on the issue at COP-3.
Article 13, paragraph 11
Review of the Financial Mechanism of the Minamata Convention

COP-2 requested the Secretariat to compile information to be provided by the Global Environment Facility, the Specific International Programme, Parties and other relevant sources as identified in paragraph 11 of Article 13.

Next Steps
1. Contributions were invited by 31 May 2019.
2. The Secretariat will make a compilation of the submissions for consideration by COP-3.
Update on Specific International Programme
Specific International Programme

MC-1/6 Specific International Programme (SIP) to support Capacity-Building and Technical Assistance

Third meeting of the Governing Board Geneva, 14-15 Feb 2019

- The Governing Board agreed on revised application guidelines for the Second Round of applications.
- Round opened on 5 March.
- Funding received so far: USD 2.2 million.

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SECOND ROUND

SPECIFIC INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME – SECOND ROUND OF APPLICATIONS OPEN UNTIL 14 JUNE 2019

Eligible Parties are invited to submit applications to the Second Round of the Specific International Programme that was established to support capacity building and technical assistance.
Launch of Second Round

Specific International Programme – Second Round of Applications open until 14 June 2019

The Second Round of applications to the Specific International Programme will be open between 5 March and 14 June 2019. Eligible Parties are invited to submit their applications for project funding between USD50,000 and USD250,000 by following the Application Guidelines and submitting the following documents:

- Form A – Project Application;
- Form B – Project Budget; and
- Form C – Letter of Transmittal.
1. LAUNCH
Secretariat launches Second Round of applications with revised guidelines as endorsed by the Governing Board

2. APPLICATION DEADLINE
Parties prepare and submit applications by deadline of 14 June

3. SCREENING & APPRAISAL
Secretariat screens and appraises applications based on the Guidelines

4. APPROVAL
Governing Board meets to review and approve applications, matching successful projects to available funds

5. NOTIFICATION
Secretariat communicates outcome of Governing Board meeting to all applicants

6. IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS
Secretariat concludes legal agreements with all approved projects under the Second Round
How to apply?

Guidelines for the Second Round

Chapter 1 – Key Questions about Applications to the Specific International Programme

Chapter 2 – Screening and appraisal of applications

Chapter 3 - Conceptualizing projects under the Specific International Programme

Chapter 4 - How to complete the Project Application Forms
### How to apply?

**Form A: Project Application**

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**FORM A – PROJECT APPLICATION**

Specific International Programme of the Minamata Convention on Mercury

Second Round of Applications - 2019

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*Read the [Application Guidelines](#) carefully before filling in the Application Form. Do not modify the form’s original format. Modified forms will not be accepted.*

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How to apply?

Form B: Project Budget

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How to apply?
Form C: Letter of Transmittal

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FORM C - LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL
Specific International Programme of the Minamata Convention on Mercury
Second Round of Applications - 2019

To be signed by:
- Applicant Government Official
- National Focal Point
- GEF Operational Focal Point
**How are applications appraised?**

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Prioritization

Impact
Sustainability

Innovation

Evidence of need

Country Ownership

Score
High
Medium
Low
SIP Info Session and Clinics @ BRS Cops

Deep-dive into the Specific International Programme (SIP) application process with hands-on support provided by the Secretariat at the BRS COPS through:

**SIP Information Session** on Sunday 28 April at 2 PM in Room 17 at the CICG

Daily **SIP Clinics** between 2PM and 3PM.

Contact madeeha.bajwa@un.org to book your time slot.
Members of the Governing Board of the Specific International Programme

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Update on Effectiveness Evaluation
POLICY ISSUES

Effectiveness Evaluation
Article 22 of the Convention
MC-1/9 on Effectiveness Evaluation
MC-2/10 on Effectiveness Evaluation

COP-2 decided to amend the mandate and membership of the ad-hoc group and the roadmap of deliverables for COP-3 for the ad hoc group to continue its work.

Process so far:
1. Experts were nominated/re-nominated by 15 January 2019.
2. Group was established to work electronically and in person.
3. Comments to the COP-2 report were invited until 15 February 2019.
4. **Meeting of the Ad hoc Technical Expert Group: 8-12 April 2019 (Geneva)**
5. Group to submit a report to COP-3.
## POLICY ISSUES

### Effectiveness Evaluation

*Article 22 of the Convention MC-1/9 on Effectiveness Evaluation MC-2/10 on Effectiveness Evaluation*

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<td>Development of the <em>draft Ad hoc Technical Experts Report</em></td>
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Policy Issue of relevance to BRS COPs
POLICY ISSUES

Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury

MC-2/1 on Secretariat

MC-2/7 on Cooperation between the Secretariat of the Minamata Convention and the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions

COP-2 requested the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to continue to deliver the secretariat functions in Geneva.

COP-2 also requested the Executive Director to submit an operative proposal, prepared with the Executive Secretary of the Minamata Convention, and with the support of the Executive Secretary of the BRS conventions, on a stable framework for sharing services for consideration by the Minamata Conference of the Parties at its third Meeting (November 2019).

Note from the Executive Director:

UNEP/CHW.14/INF/48*
UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.9/INF/40
UNEP/POPS/COP.9/INF/49
Minamata Contributions Update
Status of Contributions for 2018

**General Trust Fund**
- 2018: USD 3,916,524 approved budget
- USD 3,469,138 contributions [USD 356,149 due]

**Special Trust Fund**
- 2018: USD 3,192,250 agreed for 2018
- USD 3,112,989 received

**Specific Trust Fund**
- 2018: USD 1,284,837
- USD 1,308,437 received
- Received to be programmed in First Round (2018)

As of 31 March 2019
Status of Contributions for 2019

**General Trust Fund**
- 2019: USD 3,843,074 approved budget
  - USD 3,288,621 contributions [USD 2,287,124 due]

**Special Trust Fund**
- 2019: USD 4,014,890

**Specific Trust Fund**
- 2019: USD 2,244,577
  - USD 3,288,621 approved for 2019
  - USD 1,001,497 received
  - USD 4,014,890 agreed for 2019
  - USD 721,429 pledged/received
  - USD 2,244,577 Received to be programmed in Second Round (2019)

As of 31 March 2019
Status of Contributions for 2018 and 2019

Contributors to the Special Trust Fund for 2018 and 2019
Austria, the European Union, Finland, France, Japan, Norway, the Philippines, Sweden and Switzerland

Contributors to the Specific Trust Fund for 2018
Austria, Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the United States

Contributors to the Specific Trust Fund for 2019
Denmark, Germany, Norway, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, the United States
National focal points

The Convention requires, under its article 17, paragraph 4, that each Party designates a National Focal Point for the exchange of information under it, including with regard to the consent of importing Parties under Article 3. States or regional economic integration organizations that have not yet done so are invited to proceed with such designation as soon as possible using the form and the sample letter attached here.

The official nominations submitted by Parties to the Secretariat are available on the page Notifications.

The list below also includes National Focal Points designated by non-Parties.

Select a country in the drop down menu

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Albania

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Upcoming
Implementation and Compliance Committee

Second meeting of the ICC 3-4 June 2019, Geneva

The Implementation and Compliance Committee (ICC) is established to promote implementation of and review compliance with all the provisions of the Minamata Convention (article 15). The mechanism shall be facilitative in nature and pay particular attention to the respective national capabilities and circumstances of Parties.

COP2 approved the Rules of Procedure that the ICC had initially prepared at its first meeting (Geneva, May 2018)
# Members of the Implementation and Compliance Committee

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