



UNEP Mercury and Other Chemical Activities Briefing to the Permanent Missions

**Thursday, 16 December 2010, 10h00–12h00
International Environment House II**

The year 2011 is going to be crucial for the chemicals agenda at the global level.

In February 2009, with a historical decision, the Governing Council of UNEP agreed on the need to develop a global legally binding instrument on mercury. The work to prepare this instrument is being undertaken by an intergovernmental negotiating committee (INC) supported by the Chemicals Branch of the UNEP Division of Technology, Industry and Economics as secretariat. The goal is to complete the negotiations before the twenty-seventh regular session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum in 2013. The second session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to prepare a global legally binding instrument on Mercury (INC2) will be held in Chiba, Japan from 24 to 28 January, 2011.

At GC.SS.XI/GMEF, in 2010, the Governing Council welcomed the establishment of the consultative process on financing options for chemicals and wastes and requested the Executive Director of UNEP to continue leading that process. The third meeting of the process is scheduled to take place in Pretoria, South Africa from 10 to 11 January 2011.

You are cordially invited to attend the debriefing delivered by UNEP high-level representatives on the preparations of INC2 and the third meeting of the consultative process on financing options for chemicals and wastes.

AGENDA

10h00 Coffee & Tea

10h15 **Welcome and introduction**

Gaetano Leone, Deputy Director, Regional office for Europe, UNEP
Per Bakken, Head, Chemicals Branch, UNEP

10h20 **Second session of the intergovernmental negotiating committee on mercury**

Matthew Gubb, Coordinator, SAICM secretariat and mercury negotiations, UNEP

10h50 **Consultative Process on Financing Options for Chemicals and Wastes**

Jacob Duer, Senior Advisor, Division of Environmental Law and Conventions, UNEP

11h20 Question-and-answer session

12h00 End



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We would be grateful if you could indicate your participation in advance by completing this form and returning it by **13 December 2010** to the address below by fax, post or email (gen.secretary@unep.org). Please note that English is the working language of this event.

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The 4th basement level of the underground parking at the International Environment House will be available.