



UNEP Mercury Negotiations Briefing to Permanent Missions in Geneva

Friday, 15 June 2012, 10:00-12:00
International Environment House II

In 2009, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Governing Council agreed on the need to develop a global legally binding instrument on mercury and to complete negotiations prior to the 27th session of UNEP Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum, in 2013. The work to prepare this instrument is undertaken by an Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee supported by the Chemicals Branch, Division of Technology, Industry and Economics of UNEP. The fourth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC4) will be held in Punta del Este, Uruguay, from 27 June to 2 July 2012.

You are cordially invited to attend a briefing on the preparations of INC4. The briefing will be held at the International Environment House on Friday 15 June.

Agenda

- 10:00 Coffee & Tea
- 10:15 **Welcome and brief overview of the mercury negotiations until today**
Tim Kasten, Chief, Chemicals Branch, UNEP
- 10:20 **Preparations for the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC4) to prepare a global legally binding instrument on mercury**

INC4 - opportunities and next steps
Fernando Lugris, INC Chair, Uruguay

INC4 - logistics
Jacob Duer, Coordinator, Mercury Negotiations Team, Chemicals Branch, UNEP
Sheila Logan, Programme Officer, Mercury Negotiations Team, Chemicals Branch, UNEP

- 11:00 Question-and-answer session
- 11:30 **Artisanal and small-scale gold mining**
Brenda Koekkoek, Mercury Team, Chemicals Branch, UNEP

The challenges (10 minute film)
Available UNEP Resource Tools, including the technical guidance document
Questions / Dialogue

10:00 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 June 2012** to the address below by email (gen.secretary@unep.org). Please note that English is the working language of this event.

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