

Entry into Force of the Minamata Convention Preparations for COP1

Chemicals and Waste Briefing

Thursday, 22 June 2017, 10:00-12:00
International Environment House II (7-9 ch. de Balexert)

Following the deposit of the 50th instrument of ratification on 18 May 2017, the Minamata Convention on Mercury is set to enter into force on 16 August 2017. You are cordially invited to attend a Chemicals and Waste briefing organized within the framework of the Geneva Environment Network at the International Environment House II, on Thursday, 22 June in preparation of the First Meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Minamata Convention (COP1).

Minamata COP1 will take place in Geneva, from Sunday, 24 September to Friday, 29 September. The Minamata High Level Segment, hosted by the President of the Swiss Confederation convenes from Thursday, 28 September to Friday, 29 September to **Make Mercury History**. The Minamata COP1 will be preceded by regional and other preparatory meetings on Saturday, 23 September and the morning of Sunday, 24 September. In addition, alongside Minamata COP1 a number of mercury-related activities and events will form part of Mercury Week that begins formally on Friday, 22 September at the World Health Organisation.

This briefing precedes the Minamata Regional Preparatory meetings convening in July, and will serve as first opportunity to introduce the main substantive and strategic items for COP1 preparations.

The Minamata briefing will be followed by further updates from Chemicals and Waste and the outcomes of recent meetings and negotiations.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

10:00
Coffee & Tea

10:15
Welcome and Introduction

Jacob DUER, Principal Coordinator, Interim Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, Chemicals and Health Branch, UN Environment

Carlos MARTIN-NOVELLA, Deputy Executive Secretary, Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions Secretariat

Minamata Convention on Mercury

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Preparations towards the First meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury (Geneva, 24-29 September 2017)

Claudia TEN HAVE, Senior Programme Coordination Officer, Interim Secretariat of the Minamata Convention

Sheila LOGAN, Programme Officer, Interim Secretariat of the Minamata Convention

Remarks from the host country

Michel TSCHIRREN, Waste & Chemicals Focal Point, Global Affairs Section, Swiss Federal Office for the Environment

Followed by questions and comments

Updates from Chemicals and Waste

11:15

Update on the Special Programme for Chemicals and Waste

Nalini SHARMA, Programme Officer, Chemicals and Health Branch, UN Environment

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Outcomes of the meetings of the Conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions (Geneva, 24 April-5 May 2017)

Kei OHNO WOODALL, Programme Officer, Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions Secretariat

Followed by questions and comments

12:00

Closing

Registration form

You are cordially invited to participate in this event.

We would be grateful if you could indicate your participation in advance by completing this form and returning it by 20 June 2017 to the address below by email (gen.secretary@unep.org) or register online. Please note that English is the working language of this event.

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