



UNEP Mercury Negotiations Briefing to Permanent Missions in Geneva

Tuesday, 4 December 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 fifth session and final of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC5) will be held in Geneva, from 13 to 18 January 2013.

Following the conclusion of this last negotiations session, the text will be open for signature at the Conference of Plenipotentiaries, which will be held in October 2013 in Japan.

You are cordially invited to attend a briefing on the preparations of INC5. The briefing will be held at the International Environment House on Tuesday 4 December.

Agenda

10:00 Coffee & Tea

10:15 **Welcome and Overview of the mercury negotiations until today**
Tim Kasten, Chief, Chemicals Branch, UNEP

10:20 **Preparations for the fifth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC5) to prepare a global legally binding instrument on mercury**

INC5 - opportunities and next steps
Fernando Lugris, INC Chair, Uruguay

INC5 - logistics

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

11:00 **Remarks on the fifth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee by Host Country**
Gabriela Eigenmann, Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland

11:20 Question-and-answer session

12:00 End



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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 **1 December 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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