Minamata Convention on Mercury

Preparations for the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties

GEN Chemicals and Waste Briefing
Tuesday, 12 June 2018

Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury
Status Update
Status of Ratification

As of 12 June 2018, 92 Parties have ratified the Minamata Convention.
Iceland is the most recent Party. India and Colombia have ratified at the national level.

- Africa – 24 Parties
- Asia and the Pacific – 19 Parties
- Central and Eastern Europe – 12 Parties
- Latin America and the Caribbean – 18 Parties
- Western Europe and other Groups – 18+1 Parties
Status of Contributions for 2018

COP-1 called for the establishment of three Minamata Convention Trust Funds

1. **Core Funds** – General Trust Fund (MCC)  
   2018: USD 3,328,777

2. **Voluntary Funds** – Special Trust Fund (MCV)  
   2018: USD 3,192,250

3. **Additional Voluntary** – Specific International Programme Trust Fund (MCP)

- MCC
  - USD 3,328,777 budgeted for 2018
  - USD 726,774 received

- MCV
  - USD 3,192,250 budgeted for 2018
  - About USD 570,000 pledged

- MCP
  - About USD 800K to be programmed in 2018

As of 12 June 2018
Secretariat

COP-1 requested the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to perform the secretariat functions initially through a secretariat of the Minamata Convention located in Geneva.

COP-1 in MC-1/15 Programme of Work and Budget approved 10 posts for the Minamata Secretariat (6 Professional Staff and 4 Support Staff) to be funded from core funding. In addition an Administrative Officer and an Budget Assistance Staff will be provided from programme support costs.

Staff from the interim Secretariat are being moved to the permanent Secretariat, and the balance of posts are in the process of recruitment.

The Secretariat is moving to its new premise in the International Environment House in Geneva today
INTERSESSIONAL WORK
TECHNICAL ISSUES

Expert Meeting on the Effectiveness Evaluation
Ottawa, 5-9 March 2018

Experts and Observers considered:
1. Monitoring and the plan to obtain comparable data
2. Framework for effectiveness evaluation, including structure and possible indicators

Further Work:
Report from the expert group is on the Convention website for comment by 20 July 2018.

COP-2 to review the outcomes, and decide on next steps.
**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

**Guidelines on interim storage**
- Input from experts received and considered.
- Revision published on the Convention website for further comment by all stakeholders.
- Revised version to be forwarded to the COP for consideration.

**Waste**
- Three phase approach in intersessional work
- Phase 2 comment phase is completed
- Results of work to be presented to COP-2 for consideration and possible further work.

**Contaminated sites**
- Draft guidance circulated to all nominated experts.
- Revised guidance to be provided to experts for further comment and presented to COP-2, along with recommendations for further work developed by the experts.
Specific International Programme to support capacity-building and technical assistance

First meeting of the Governing Board of the Specific International Programme
Geneva, 15-16 May 2018

Main outcomes:
• The Governing Board adopted its Rules of Procedure.
• Project application assessment criteria and procedures finalized.
• Call for Applications to its First Round open 5 June 2018 to 31 August 2018.

Next steps:
• Second meeting of the Governing Board in Oslo, September 2018 to select the initial projects.
Members of the Governing Board of the Specific International Programme

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

First meeting of the Implementation and Compliance Committee
Geneva, 29-30 May 2018

Main Outcome: Developed its Rules of Procedure of the Implementation and Compliance Committee that are to be approved by the second meeting of the Conference of Parties.
Members of the Implementation and Compliance Committee

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COP-2 Planning

Second meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury

19 to 23 November 2018

Geneva International Conference Centre (CICG)
Regional Preparatory Meetings

Tentative dates (venues tbc)

- Asia and the Pacific: 3 – 5 October 2018
- Africa: 9 – 11 October 2018
- Central and Eastern Europe: 16 – 17 October 2018
- GRULAC: 23 – 26 October 2018
COP-2 Overview

Second meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury

• **Regional Meetings** on Sunday, 18 November from 15:00 to 18:00
• **Opening** on Monday, 19 November at 10:00
• **Closing** on Friday, 23 November by 18:00
• Work in Plenary and in smaller groups as required
• No High Level Segment at COP-2
• Events on the Side and Exhibition Space
Logistical Preparations

COP-2 Invitations to Governments, IGOs and NGOs
Online pre-registration platform

Credentials and Admission of Observers

Organization of travel for funded participants
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