4th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury

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Panel discussion to mark the third anniversary of the Minamata Convention on Mercury
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Special Online Briefing On The Fourth Meeting Of The Conference Of The Parties To The Minamata Convention On Mercury

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MINAMATA CONVENTION: 3 YEARS

“to protect the human health and the environment from anthropogenic emissions and releases of mercury and mercury compounds”

Pending Issues from last COP: Review of annexes A and B; Dental amalgam; Customs codes; Releases of mercury; Mercury waste thresholds; Effectiveness evaluation

EFFECTIVENESS EVALUATION

REPORTING
> 79% submission rate on biennial short reports

INDICATORS
indicators that can be implemented by all parties
Views regarding monitoring guidance and proposed EE

“Commitment, coordination and communication become key elements in the pandemic life”
The Government of Indonesia will host the Fourth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention at the Nusa Dua Convention Centre, **Bali**, from **1 to 5 November 2021**
THANK YOU
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Special briefing on the Fourth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury

Monika MacDevette, Chief, Chemicals and Health Branch, UNEP
3 November 2020
Multilateralism and global leadership

Robust knowledge and science as well as strong science policy interfaces

Synergies among the chemicals and waste community and beyond, building on existing expertise and partnerships, to help build back better, and “make mercury history”

Working through UN Reform and with partners
  • Implementation Plan “Towards a Pollution-Free Planet” with its coordination and convening power on environmental and pollution matters;
  • Multilateral and regional environmental agreements on chemicals and waste provide a framework for international environmental governance and time-bound actions;
  • Accelerate policy shifts towards the sound management of chemicals and waste.
Knowledge and science on mercury

- Global mercury supply, trade and demand report 2017
- Global Mercury Waste Assessment 2017
- Mercury Inventory Toolkit
- Global Mercury Monitoring Project
- Monitoring of open burning of waste and open dumping sites
Voluntary multi-stakeholder network initiated in 2005

Over 200 partners from Governments, IGOs, NGOs, industry, academia, dedicated to reducing mercury pollution and protecting human health and the environment

**Current priority focus:**

- Support timely and effective implementation of the Convention
- Provide knowledge and science on mercury
- Deliver outreach and awareness raising towards global action
UNEP Global Mercury Partnership

- Cooperation with Minamata Secretariat on COP4 intersessional work, in particular on customs codes and ASGM NAP guidance in relation to tailings
  - 30 countries supported in the development of their ASGM NAP
- Development of tools and information materials, e.g. various tools and guidance on ASGM, Catalogue of Technologies and Services on Mercury Waste Management, Inventory of Chlor-Alkali facilities
- Work on cross-cutting topics: mercury from oil and gas and from non-ferrous metals mining and smelting
- Outreach and experience sharing through ongoing series of webinars and contribution to “Minamata Online”
Support to countries

- GEF Chemical and Waste focal area as the financial mechanism for the Minamata and Stockholm Conventions SAICM
  - ASGM: $45.2M (GEF 6) and $43.8M (GEF 7)
  - Total co-finance from refining and other sectors ~$338M
  - Article 3 (mining and trade) in Mexico and LAC regions, Article 4 (health sector) with WHO globally, Article 5 (chlor-alkalis) in Mexico represent a further ~ $35M of GEF investment implemented by UNEP

- 67 countries supported in their Minamata Initial Assessments

- Lead agency of planetGOLD, with technical input from UNEP and knowledge management platform hosted by the Global Mercury Partnership

- Support to selected Asian countries in the implementation of chemicals and waste Multilateral Environmental Agreements, including the Minamata Convention

- Number of projects in development: on mercury-added products, coal-fired power plants, chlor-alkali, mercury mining and trade
Thank you

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Briefing on Minamata Convention COP-4
365 days to go

Special briefing on the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention

Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia
1 to 5 November 2021
365 days until we meet for Minamata COP-4

**Intersessional Work**
- Art. 4&5 Products and Processes
- Art. 9 Releases
- Art. 11 Mercury Wastes
- Art. 22 Effectiveness Evaluation

**Pre-COP work**
- BRS and ICCM5
- Minamata Regional meetings

**COP-4**
- 31 October 2020
- Minamata Regional and other preparatory Meetings

**Ongoing Work to support Parties and Stakeholders**
- Minamata Online
- Implementation and Compliance Committee
- Specific International Programme
- Capacity-building and Technical Assistance Programme on Art.3 Trade, Art. 8 Emissions, and the 2020 Products deadline
- Preparations for Full Biennial National Reports (Art. 21) due 31 December 2021
Current status of Ratification

As of 3 November, **124 Parties** have ratified the Minamata Convention.
Albania, Oman, the Philippines, Tanzania deposited their instruments most recently.

**Africa** – 33 Parties  
**Asia and the Pacific** – 30 Parties  
**Central and Eastern Europe** – 15 Parties  
**Latin America and the Caribbean** – 24 Parties  
**Western Europe and others Group** – 22 Parties
Minamata COP-4 Bureau

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Important dates towards Minamata COP-4
Important dates on the COP-4 timeline in 2021

May
Invitations to COP-4 will be sent out

June
On-line pre-registration system opens

15 June
Deadline for offers to host COP-5 to reach the Secretariat

3 August
Deadline of deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession to be a Party at COP-4

September
COP-4 meeting documents will be posted online
Minamata Regional Preparatory Meetings
Deadline for application for side events and exhibitions

1-5 November
COP-4
Preparatory meetings specific to COP-4
Overview of preparatory meetings specific to COP-4

The Minamata and BRS secretariats will hold information sessions in their respective regional preparatory meetings for their respective COPs in 2021.

| May-June 2021 | BRS COPs regional preparatory meetings are scheduled to take place during the months of back-to-back with the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM) regional meetings, given the proximity of ICCM-5 (5 to 9 July 2021, in Bonn) and the BRS COPs (19 to 30 July 2021, in Geneva). |
| September 2021 | Minamata COP-4 regional preparatory meetings |
| 31 October 2021 | Minamata COP-4 regional and other preparatory meetings |
| 1-5 November 2021 | Minamata COP-4 Nusa Dua, Bali |
Minamata COP-4 regional preparatory meetings

- **Asia Pacific**, first week of September 2021
- **Africa**, second week of September 2021
- **Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia**, third week of September 2021
- **Latin America and the Caribbean**, last week of September 2021
Intersessional Work until COP-4
Intersessional work for COP-4

Article 9: Releases
- MC-3/4 Releases of mercury

Article 11: Mercury waste
- MC-3/5 Mercury waste thresholds

Article 4 and 5: Products and processes
- MC-3/1 Review of Annexes A and B.
- MC-3/2 Dental Amalgam
- MC-3/3 Customs codes

- Ad hoc expert group on the review of Annexes A and B is collecting information through group calls, and working to develop a draft report by January 2021 for comments. Final report by April 2021.
- Secretariat will develop documents on dental amalgam and customs codes based on information submitted.

- Group of technical experts met four times to develop a list of relevant point sources, guidance for developing release inventory, and a road map for BAT/BEP guidance.

- Group of technical experts met four times to develop thresholds for waste contaminated with mercury and mining waste.
- Secretariat works with the Global Mercury Partnership to develop guidance for the management of ASGM tailings.

Article 22: Effectiveness evaluation
- MC-3/10 Arrangements for the first effectiveness evaluation

- Parties are invited to submit initial comments on evaluation indicators by 30 November 2020. COP document will be developed through exchange sessions and further submission of Parties’ views.
- Annotated outline for the monitoring guidance was finalized. Secretariat will develop draft guidance supported by experts identified by Parties by January 2021
- Secretariat will work on Article 21 Synthesis Report and Trade, Supply and Demand Report
Updates on technical expert groups

Article 4 and 5: Products and processes
- MC-3/1 Review of Annexes A and B.
- MC-3/2 Dental Amalgam
- MC-3/3 Customs codes

Ad hoc group on the review of Annexes A and B met online five times so far. 6th meeting to be held in late November. Convening thematic teleconferences on specific types of products and processes every Wednesday – Five held so far and five more planned.

Article 9: Releases
- MC-3/4 Releases of mercury

Group of technical experts on mercury releases met online four times so far. 5th meeting to be held on 6 November.

Article 11: Mercury waste
- MC-3/5 Mercury waste thresholds

Group on technical experts on mercury waste met online three times so far. 4th meeting to be held on 20 October.
Art. 21 Effectiveness Evaluation
COP-3 Outcome

MC-3/10: Arrangements for the first effectiveness evaluation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury

The Conference of the Parties,

Welcoming the report on the proposed framework for the effectiveness evaluation and monitoring arrangements under the Minamata Convention,\(^8\) and the complementing information developed by the ad hoc technical expert group on the basis of the mandates set out in decisions MC1/9 and MC-2/10,\(^9\)

Recognizing the efforts to advance the work on the effectiveness evaluation at the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties,

1. \textit{Invites} parties to submit views on the indicators set out in annex I to the present decision and requests the secretariat to compile those views in advance of the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

2. \textit{Requests} the secretariat to advance the work by securing services for drafting:
   
   (a) Guidance on monitoring to maintain harmonized, comparable information on mercury levels in the environment, taking into consideration the draft structure set out in the note on background information on mercury monitoring,\(^10\)

   (b) Reports set out in the framework in annex II to the present decision with the exception of the emissions and releases report, the monitoring report, and the modelling report.
Inter-sessional Work on Effectiveness Evaluation

MC-3/10, para 1: Work on the proposed indicators for evaluating the effectiveness of the Convention

MC-3/10, para 2(a): Work on developing monitoring guidance

MC-3/10, para 2(b): Work on other reports for effectiveness evaluation

Please visit website for details, including past event recordings and documents.
The session introduces the three-step process of intersessional work to be done in this regard. Particularly it gives additional information to support the consideration and preparation of the initial views. The submission of initial views is due 30 November 2020.

More information about the intersessional work on arrangements for the first effectiveness evaluation of the Minamata Convention is found here.

**Proposed indicators**

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**Thursday, 17 September 2020**

10h00-11h00 CEST  
16h00-17h00 CEST

Please register for the WebEx session using the links above.

More information about Minamata Online here

Check the Minamata Online calendar
Plan of Work on the proposed Indicators

**MC-3/10, para 1**

Invites Parties to submit **views** on the indicators set out in annex I to the present decision and requests the secretariat to compile those views in advance of the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

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<td>Following the session on 17 September 2020, Parties are to consider their initial views and responses on the proposed indicators and submit them to the Secretariat. Stakeholders may submit their views too.</td>
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<td>The Secretariat will facilitate an exchange session on the received views and initial responses. This exchange will enable clarifications on the views and responses submitted, additional questions that may have arisen, and other relevant information sharing and exchange on the proposed indicators.</td>
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The Secretariat will collate the submissions and make them available on a dedicated digital workspace by mid-December 2020. And prepare a document on reviewing the available data and methods for quantified assessment, and supplementary information as required.

This opportunity to exchange is to assist Parties in their formal preparation of their views.

The Secretariat completes the document of views for COP-4. COP-4 documents expected out Sep 2021.
### Roadmap on Monitoring guidance

**MC-3/10, para 2(a)**

*Requests* the secretariat to advance the work by securing services for drafting guidance on monitoring to maintain harmonized, comparable information on mercury levels in the environment...

#### Developing annotated outline
- Draft annotated outline was presented at an online information session on 10 June.
- Final version was posted on the website in October, taking into account the comments received.

#### Developing contents
- Secretariat hired consultants to develop the contents.
- Parties and stakeholders identified experts and scientists contributing to the drafting.
- Webinars of identified experts were held on 15 September and 27 October. Thematic webinars have been planned.
- Draft guidance will be posted on the website in January 2021.

#### Consultation
- Comments on the draft by March 2021.
- Final consultation meeting, preferably face-to-face, in May-June 2021.
- Finalized in July 2021 and posted as COP-4 document.

#### Outline of the Monitoring Guidance
1. Acknowledgements
2. List of abbreviations and glossary of terms
3. Introduction and objectives
4. Use of comparable monitoring data for the effectiveness evaluation
5. Air monitoring
6. Biota monitoring
7. Human biomonitoring
8. Cross-media data management, modeling and analysis
9. References
   - Annex 1: Review of existing monitoring, modeling and data management activities
   - Annex 2: Gap analysis
Ongoing work to support Parties and Stakeholders
To support our Parties and Stakeholders at this time, we launched MINAMATA ONLINE, join us on a weekly basis!
Members of the Implementation and Compliance Committee of the Minamata Convention

Set to convene in first quarter of 2021

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Consideration of first biennial national reports that were due December 2019
Members of the Governing Board of the Specific International Programme

Set to convene 24-25 November 2020, and mid-2021

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Consideration of 15 projects under implementation and the launch of the Third Round of applications for support.
Many thanks to our Parties!
National Reporting under Minamata (Art. 21)

First biennial report of the Minamata Convention on Mercury 2019

Pursuant to article 21 of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, each party to the Convention shall report to the Conference of the Parties on the measures it has taken to implement the provisions of the Convention, on the effectiveness of such measures and on possible challenges in meeting the objectives of the Convention.

In decision MC-10/6 on the timing and format of reporting by the Parties, the Conference of the Parties at its first meeting (2017) agreed on the full format of reporting and decided that each Party shall report every four years using the full format and report every two years on four questions marked by an asterisk in the full format.

The Conference of the Parties further decided on the following timing with regards to the short and full reporting:

- Deadline for first biennial short report: 31 December 2019
- Deadline for first full report: 31 December 2021
National Focal Points under Minamata (Art. 17)

National Focal Points

The Convention requires, under its Article 17, paragraph 4, that each Party designate a National Focal Point (NFP) for the exchange of information under it. Including with regard to the consent of importing Parties under Article 3. States or regional economic integration organizations that have not yet done so are invited to proceed with such designation as soon as possible using the form and the sample letter attached here. The official nominations submitted by Parties to the Secretariat are available on the page Notifications. The list below also includes National Focal Points designated by non-Parties.

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National Focal Points Rate (08/09/2020)

91%

National Focal Points by region (08/09/2020)
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