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Towards the 5th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury

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COP-5 ONLINE EVENTS
9 to 13 October 2023

Schedule

Time	Monday 9 October	Tuesday 10 October	Wednesday 11 October	Thursday 12 October	Friday 13 October
11:00 - 12:00 CEST		Sharing the results of the Scientific Information Exchange Programme, Streamlining the legal framework and institutional capacities of WPOOH countries (Doregel, Burke, Fazio & Topol)		Addressing the pollution and Resilience from systems in action (UNEP & BR)	
12:00 - 14:00 CEST	Science Policy Brief on Chemicals, Metals and Substitutes, Addressing the Language Barrier to the Action Plan (ICD)	Information Session for a selection of Accredited Experts (AEs) from the challenges of subjects, WPOOH and administrative needs of domestic (Dobson & Burke Fazio)	Information Session on progress of work and budget (Parties only)	Addressing the international mercury trade, A critical challenge for protection of indigenous peoples (Lariva)	Mercury release in small scale artisanal and small-scale mining and introducing mercury-free alternatives in Sri Lanka (Dr Lariva)
14:00 - 15:45 CEST	Chemicals and metals: Addressing the mercury and cadmium issues in products (The World Alliance & Dr. Zambal)	Subsequent session report and subsequent meeting to discuss the Minamata Convention Secretariat	Mercury: international perspective, Addressing the mercury issues from Resilient, Health (Minamata Convention Secretariat)	Addressing the global mercury trade in steel-making (Uganda & ZIMMO)	Mercury-free solder: Addressing the compliance (CLAIR & SOI, Pakistan)
16:00 - 17:30 CEST	Addressing the mercury and cadmium issues in products (The World Alliance & Dr. Zambal)	Introducing the bylaws and the management of the Minamata Convention Secretariat - The structure of the WPOOH (WPOOH secretariat members: added products) (WHO)	Addressing a public interest approach to Addressing mercury contamination (WHO)	AMAP 2023 assessment of mercury in the Arctic: Progress, challenges & success stories (Uganda & ZIMMO)	Public interest approach to mercury contamination (Uganda & ZIMMO)
17:45 - 18:45 CEST	Mercury Management: The mercury and cadmium issues in products (The World Alliance & Dr. Zambal)	Introducing the bylaws and the management of the Minamata Convention Secretariat - The structure of the WPOOH (WPOOH secretariat members: added products) (WHO)	Addressing a public interest approach to Addressing mercury contamination (WHO)	AMAP 2023 assessment of mercury in the Arctic: Progress, challenges & success stories (Uganda & ZIMMO)	Public interest approach to mercury contamination (Uganda & ZIMMO)

NOTE: Online Events tend to last around 60 minutes. Participants are expected to adhere to the schedule.

COP-5 ONLINE EVENTS

9-13 OCTOBER 2023

GEN @ MINAMATA COP-5



VIRTUAL

**Science-Policy Panel on
Chemicals, Waste and
Pollution Prevention:
Building the Linkages
from Science to Action |
Minamata COP-5 Online
Event / Road to OEWG 2
Series**

09 OCT 2023 13:00 - 14:00

Online | Webex
OEWG SPP CWP, GEN

📍 Chemicals and Pollution

🌐 SDG3 | SDG12



VIRTUAL

**Catalyzing Project
Impact and Visibility
Through Knowledge-
Driven Capacity-Building
| Minamata COP-5
Online Event**

10 OCT 2023 14:45 - 15:45

Online | Webex
Minamata Convention on Mercury, GEN

📍 Chemicals and Pollution

🌐 SDG3 | SDG12



VIRTUAL

**Advancing a Rights-
based Approach to
Addressing Mercury
Contamination |
Minamata COP-5 Online
Event**

11 OCT 2023 16:30 - 17:30

Online | Webex
OHCHR, ILO, UNECE, Special Procedures
of the UN Human Rights Council, GEN

📍 Human Rights and Environment |
Chemicals and Pollution

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Global Framework on Chemicals

For a planet free of harm from chemicals and waste



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ICCM 5 | 29 September 2023 | Bonn, Germany



Technical Information

- Throughout the event, you may raise your questions in the Q&A box
- Automatically translated subtitles in many languages are available through the captions button on the bottom left of your screen
- The recording, summary and documents will be made available on the event's website



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UPDATE ON PREPARATIONS



Briefing on the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury

Geneva, International Environment House I, Room 2 & Online | Webex
Thursday, 5 October 2023, 14:00 – 15:30 (CEST)

- **Logistics and organizational matters**
- **Substantive matters**
- **COP-5 events**
- **Q&A**

Logistics and organizational matters for COP-5





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The Convention ▾ Decision-making ▾ Parties ▾ Implementation ▾ Resources ▾ News ▾

Fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury (COP-5)

📍 Geneva, Switzerland, 30 Oct 2023 - 03 Nov 2023

🕒 Meeting Information 📄 Documents 📅 Schedule 🗞 Newsroom 📁 Intersessional Work 📄 Information for participants

📄 Regional Meetings 📄 Online events 📄 Knowledge Lab and COP-5 Exhibition 📄 COP-5 Live Blog

Documents

Working Document | Information Document | Submission from government | Other

- UNEP/MC/COP.5/1 - Provisional agenda**
📄 DOWNLOAD Working Document | 06.04.2023 | 249.22 KB
- UNEP/MC/COP.5/1/Add.1 - Annotated provisional agenda - ADVANCE**
📄 DOWNLOAD Working Document | 19.06.2023 | 518.80 KB
- UNEP/MC/COP.5/1/Add.2 - Election of officers**
📄 DOWNLOAD Working Document | 22.05.2023 | 248.08 KB
- UNEP/MC/COP.5/2 - Rules of procedure for the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury: consideration of rule 45**
📄 DOWNLOAD Working Document | 22.05.2023 | 362.87 KB
- UNEP/MC/COP.5/3 - Mercury supply sources and trade**
📄 DOWNLOAD Working Document | 02.06.2023 | 400.84 KB
- UNEP/MC/COP.5/4 - Matters for consideration by the Conference of the Parties pursuant to decision MC-4/3**
📄 DOWNLOAD Working Document | 02.06.2023 | 388.53 KB
- UNEP/MC/COP.5/5 - Proposals for amendments to annex A to the Minamata Convention on Mercury for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fifth meeting**

Starting in early September 2023, COP-5 documents are available on the website.
Budget-related documents since 31 July 2023

COP-5 Provisional Agenda

Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Adoption of the agenda;
 - (b) Organization of work;
 - (c) Election of officers for the intersessional period and the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
 - (d) Report on the credentials of representatives to the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
3. Rules of procedure for the Conference of the Parties: consideration of rule 45.
4. Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties:
 - (a) Mercury supply sources and trade;
 - (b) Mercury-added products and manufacturing processes in which mercury or mercury compounds are used: amendment to Annexes A and B, and consideration of the feasibility of mercury-free alternatives for manufacturing processes listed in Annex B;
 - (c) Artisanal and small-scale gold mining;
 - (d) Emissions of mercury;
 - (e) Releases of mercury;
 - (f) Mercury waste: consideration of the relevant thresholds;
 - (g) Financial resources and mechanism:
 - (i) Global Environment Facility;
 - (ii) Specific International Programme to Support Capacity-Building and Technical Assistance;
 - (iii) Review of the financial mechanism;
 - (h) Capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer;
 - (i) Implementation and Compliance Committee;
 - (j) National reporting;

- (k) Effectiveness evaluation;
 - (l) Financial rules;
 - (m) Gender;
 - (n) Knowledge management;
 - (o) Mercury and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.
5. International cooperation and coordination.
6. Programme of work and budget.
7. Venue and dates of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
8. Other matters.
9. Adoption of the report of the meeting.
10. Closure of the meeting.

COP-5 Overview

Note: End of Summer Time in Europe on 28 October

Time (CET)	Sunday, 29 October	Monday, 30 October	Tuesday, 31 October	Wednesday, 1 November	Thursday, 2 November	Friday, 3 November
8:00-8:45	-	-	Bureau meeting	Bureau meeting	Bureau meeting	Bureau meeting
9:00-9:45	-	Regional meetings	Regional meetings	Regional meetings	Regional meetings	Regional meetings
10:00 - 13:00 Morning Session	Bureau meeting 10:00-12:30	COP-5 Plenary	COP-5 Plenary	COP-5 Plenary	COP-5 Plenary	COP-5 Plenary
13:00-15:00	COP-5 Secretariat Briefing 13:30-14:30	Minamata Convention: A Decade of Global Commitment to Make Mercury History 13:15 – 14:45	Mercury in Cosmetics – More Than What Meets the Eye (organized by the GEF) 13:15 – 14:45	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
15:00-18:00 Afternoon Session	Regional Meetings	COP-5 Plenary	COP-5 Plenary	COP-5 Plenary	COP-5 Plenary	COP-5 Plenary
18:00 to 19:00	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	-----
19:00-22:00 Evening Session	"Minamata" Movie screening 19:00-21:00 (Note: different venue)					-----

Preparations until COP-5

July/August

3 July: Registration is open and invitations sent

COP-5 budget documents on the website

30-31 Aug: COP-5 Documents Briefing Sessions

Recordings and presentations available on the web.

29 Sept: Deadline for registration

September

COP-5 documents on the website

4 Sept: Online Budget Forum opens (until 13 Oct.)

5-6 Sept: Asia-Pacific regional meeting (Bangkok)

12-13 Sept: Africa regional meeting (Nairobi)

18-19 Sept: EES regional meeting (Yerevan)

8 & 14 Sept: Information sessions on national reporting, financial mechanism, ASGM, EE

October

5 Oct: COP-5 Briefing (GEN) - hybrid

5-6 Oct: GRULAC regional meeting (Brasilia)

9-13 Oct: Pre-COP5 Online Events Week
Online Format

11 Oct: Information Session on budget (Parties only)

29 Oct: COP-5 Bureau meeting and Regional preparatory meetings, in Geneva

COP-5

30 Oct. – 3 Nov.
Geneva, CIGG



4 Oct: Indigenous People's Dialogue (Brasilia)

16 Oct: Briefing for new Parties

12 Oct: SPREP COP-5 Briefing, Palau

Regional preparatory meetings

Region	Dates	Location
Asia-Pacific	5-6 September 2023	Bangkok, Thailand
Africa	12-13 September 2023	Nairobi, Kenya
Eastern Europe	18-19 September 2023	Yerevan, Armenia
GRULAC	5-6 October 2023	Brasilia, Brasil



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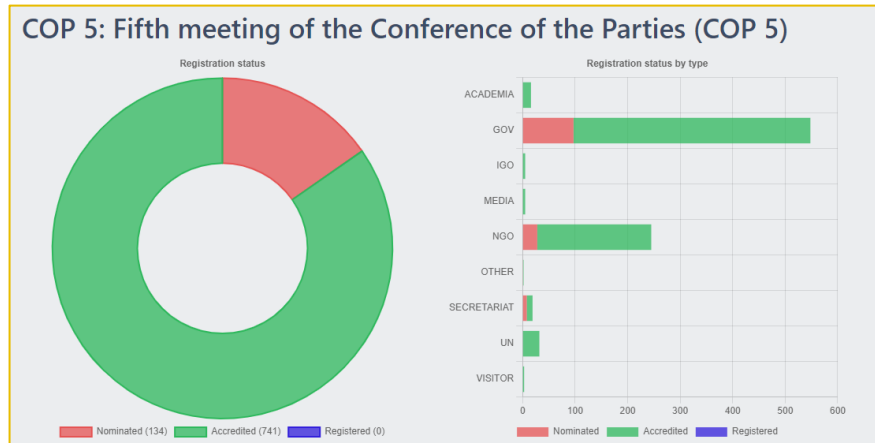
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Registration

- ▶ 2-step registration
 - Kronos online registration platform: with participants details
 - Nomination letter to the Executive Secretary
- ▶ Check [Information for participants](#)
- ▶ Total registration to date: 750 participants from Parties and observers.



Credentials

- ▶ Issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- ▶ Samples of credentials on the website.
- ▶ Original credentials must be submitted to the Secretariat no later than 24 hours after the opening of the meeting (therefore by 10 am on Tuesday, 31 October 2023). Parties are invited to submit their original credentials in advance of the meeting, preferably by 1 October 2023, in order to facilitate the clearance process.
- ▶ If not submitted in advance of the meeting, Parties can hand over the original credentials of their representatives at the registration desk upon arrival at the meeting venue on the first day of the meeting.

Code of Conduct to Prevent Harassment at Events organized under the Minamata Convention

- ▶ [Notified](#) by the Executive Secretary on 11 January 2023.
- ▶ The Secretariat is committed to enabling events at which everyone can participate in an inclusive, respectful and safe environment.
- ▶ Delegates are invited to familiarize themselves with the [document](#).



Greening the COP

- ▶ The Secretariat will adopt sustainability measures on:
 - Reducing wastes: collaborating with CICG and catering services, and encouraging the use of reusable drinking containers;
 - Paperless meeting: making all meeting documents available to participants through the Convention website.
- ▶ All participants have an essential role to play in reducing the environmental footprint of COP-5. More details on the [website](#).



Digital ecosystem

- ▶ **Website:** in EN, FR, ES with documents (6 UN languages), dynamic schedule, COP events and information for participants.
- ▶ **Intranet:** safe space for CRP, contact group documents and statements.
- ▶ **Online Budget Forum** for Parties until 13 Oct.
- ▶ **IT support:** online through minamatasupport@un.org and on-site.
- ▶ **Plenary streaming.**



Communication coverage

- ▶ **Media engagement:** Press conferences, media advisory and press releases
- ▶ **ENB** reporting services.
- ▶ Daily **video** and **photo** professional coverage
- ▶ Daily **newsletter** to all COP-5 participants
- ▶ **Live blog** for easy quick updates during COP
- ▶ **Social media** campaigns - #MinamataCOP5
- ▶ **Partnership** with UNEP, Geneva Environment Network, GEF, other MEAs to spread the word.



COP-5 Substantive matters



COP-5 Tentative schedule of work

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COP-5 (CET)	Monday, 30 October 2023	Tuesday, 31 October 2023	Wednesday, 1 November 2023	Thursday, 2 November 2023	Friday, 3 November 2023
10:00-13:00 Morning Session	<p>Item 1: Opening of the meeting</p> <p>Item 2: Organizational matters</p> <p>(a) Adoption of the agenda</p> <p>(b) Organization of work</p> <p>(c) Election of officers for the intersessional period and the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties</p> <p>(d) Report on the credentials of representatives to the fifth meeting</p> <p>Item 3: Rules of procedure for the Conference of the Parties: consideration of rule 45</p> <p>Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties</p> <p>(l) Financial Rules</p> <p>Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties:</p> <p>(b) Mercury-added products and manufacturing processes in which mercury or mercury compounds are used: Amendment to Annexes A and B, and consideration of feasibility of mercury-free alternatives for manufacturing processes listed in Annex B</p>	<p><i>Report(s) of contact group(s)</i></p> <p>Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties</p> <p>(j) National reporting</p> <p>(i) Implementation and Compliance Committee</p> <p>(a) Mercury supply sources and trade</p> <p>Item 6: Programme of work and budget</p>	<p><i>Consideration of outcomes, reports of contact groups</i></p> <p>Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties</p> <p>(m) Gender</p> <p>(n) Knowledge management</p> <p>(o) Mercury and Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework</p> <p>Item 5: International cooperation and coordination</p>	<p><i>Consideration of outcomes, adoption of report on credentials and adoption of decisions</i></p> <p>Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties (cont.)</p>	<p><i>Consideration of remaining outcomes and adoption of remaining decisions</i></p> <p>Item 6: Programme of work and budget (cont.)</p> <p><i>Adoption of the budget decision</i></p> <p>Item 7: Venue and dates of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties</p> <p>Item 8: Other matters</p>
13:00-15:00	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
15:00-18:00 Afternoon Session	<p>Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties</p> <p>(g) Financial resources and mechanism</p> <p>(i) Global Environment Facility</p> <p>(ii) Specific International Programme to Support Capacity-Building and Technical Assistance</p> <p>(iii) Review of the financial mechanism</p> <p>(h) Capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer</p> <p>(c) Artisanal and small-scale gold mining</p>	<p>Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties</p> <p>(d) Emissions of mercury</p> <p>(e) Releases of mercury</p> <p>(f) Mercury waste: consideration of the relevant thresholds</p> <p>(k) Effectiveness evaluation</p>	<p><i>Consideration of outcomes</i></p> <p>Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties (cont.)</p>	<p><i>Consideration of outcomes, and adoption of remaining decisions</i></p>	<p>Item 9: Adoption of the report of the meeting</p> <p>Item 10: Closure of the meeting</p>

Products and Processes: Annexes A and B

The COP, in its **decision MC-4/3**, amended **Annex A Part I**, adding eight product categories to be phased out by 2025, and **Part II** by adding two mandatory measures on dental amalgam.

- ▶ **INF/4** presents information on the entry into force, on 28 September 2023, of Annex A amended at COP-4.2

And called for additional consideration at COP-5 of:

- ▶ Phase-out dates for the four mercury-added products listed in paragraph 5 of decision MC-4/3
- ▶ Adding the production of polyurethane using mercury-containing catalysts to part I of annex B to the Convention

Pursuant to Annex B, part II, the COP will also consider:

- ▶ whether mercury-free alternatives for two processes listed in part II of annex B to the Convention (vinyl chloride monomer and sodium or potassium methylate or ethylate) have become technically and economically feasible.

The COP will consider three proposals from the Africa Region to amend Annex A:

- Additional categories of lighting for complete phase out of all fluorescent lamps
- Further measures and elimination of 1 ppm threshold for cosmetics
- Further measures and a 2030 phase-out date for dental amalgam

Documents COP.5/5/Add.1-3 set out the submitted proposals.

Proposals were presented at [Minamata Online](#) on 14 June 2023.

Emissions

- ▶ This is the COP's first consideration of emissions since the COP-1 adoption of emissions guidances
- ▶ Document 5/7 focuses on **implementation** of Article 8 and provides a **draft decision**
- ▶ Overview of measures taken by parties, including in advance of deadlines, to control emissions from the source categories listed in Annex D, based on national reports:
 - Inventories
 - BAT/BEP for new sources by 5 years after Entry into Force
 - Measures to control emissions from existing sources by 10 years after Entry into Force
 - Optional national plans

Releases

- ▶ COP-4, in decision MC-4/5, adopted guidance on inventories for releases to water and land from relevant sources
- ▶ COP-5 will consider for adoption the **draft guidance on BAT/BEP** for such releases, as prepared by the **group of technical experts**
- ▶ Document 5/8 sets out draft guidance on BAT/BEP, as well as a **draft decision**.
- ▶ INF/11 sets out, for information purposes only, technical information on BAT/BEP.

Waste

- ▶ COP-5 will continue consideration of thresholds for mercury waste contaminated with mercury or mercury compounds, which started at COP-2 with the establishment of a **Group of Technical Experts** on mercury waste thresholds.
- ▶ COP-3 determined that, **no threshold needs to be established for waste consisting of mercury** and waste listed in Table 1 of the annex to the decision shall be regarded as such mercury waste
- ▶ COP-3 also determined that **no threshold needs to be established for waste containing mercury**, and mercury-added products that have become waste will be regarded as such mercury waste;
- ▶ The expert group met in Feb 2023 (funded by Japan) and developed a set of **recommendations** for the COP to consider, including **to establish a threshold of [25] [15] [10] mg/kg total concentration of mercury** for waste contaminated with mercury or mercury compounds, with flexibility for parties to use their national thresholds or definitions.

Document 5/9 sets out the report of the group of technical experts, as well as a **draft decision**.

- ▶ GEF Council Report to the COP
 - GEF-8 allocation of USD 269 million, increase of about 30%
- ▶ Update on the Specific International Programme and its Governing Board
 - SIP Mid-term evaluation
 - Funding status for Fourth Round



Review of the financial mechanism:

Second Review (Aug 2019 – July 2022)

Subsequent Reviews

Draft decision

The review covers:

- a. The level of funding
- b. The ability of the Financial Mechanism to mobilize resources from all sources, the level and type of funding, including differentiation between earmarked and non-earmarked voluntary contributions
- c. The guidance provided by the COP to the GEF and the SIP
- d. The efficiency and effectiveness of the GEF and the SIP
- e. The ability of the GEF and the SIP to address the changing needs of developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition

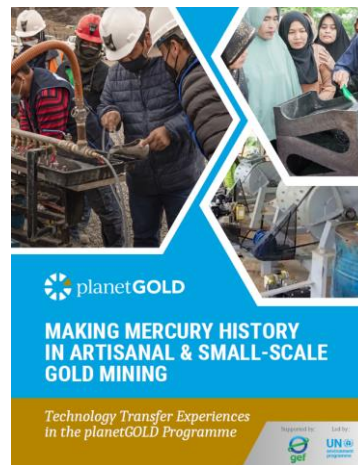
- ▶ **INF/17: Report of the Second Review of the Financial Mechanism**

Artisanal and small-scale gold mining

- ▶ ASGM remains the largest source of mercury use and emissions globally.
- ▶ Document 5/6 focuses on **implementation of Article 7 and the intersessional process to gather the needs and priorities of Indigenous Peoples and local communities on mercury use in ASGM**, and provides a **draft decision**
- ▶ Status update on notifications and submissions of ASGM National Action Plans, information relative to the required implementation of NAPs, and requirement for reviews of Article 7 implementation for NAP Parties.
- ▶ Describes the Indigenous Peoples Platform and other elements of work pursuant to decision MC-4/4
- ▶ Discusses aspects of FPIC, alternative livelihoods, trade of mercury destined for ASGM, and possible supplemental information in guidance.



The Indigenous Peoples Platform of the Minamata Convention on Mercury aims to bring together Indigenous voices to promote the full and effective participation of Indigenous Peoples in the work of the Minamata Convention to put an end to mercury pollution.



Mercury and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

- ▶ In decision MC-4/12, the COP requested the secretariat to prepare a report on how the Convention could contribute to the post-2020 GBF
- ▶ Document 5/20 sets out opportunities for enhancing mutually supportive implementation and proposed actions, and a **draft decision**.
- ▶ The Secretariat identified activities to be carried out for 2024-2025 for consideration by COP-5.
- ▶ The COP may wish to invite the Expert Group on Indicators for the GBF to include, under Target 7, an indicator related to highly hazardous chemicals
- ▶ INF/27 provides an analysis of the mutually supportive implementation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework Study



Target 7: Reduce pollution risks and the negative impact of pollution from all sources, by 2030, [...] reducing the overall risk of **highly hazardous chemicals** by at least half...

Mercury supply sources and trade

- ▶ Document 5/3 focuses on **implementation of Article 3** and provides a **draft decision**
- ▶ Overview of information in national reports on Article 3 implementation, and recommendations from the Implementation and Compliance Committee:
 - Eliminating primary mercury mining
 - Progress in managing excess mercury from decommissioning of mercury-cell chlor-alkali facilities ahead of the 2025 phase-out deadline
 - Endeavors to identify supply sources and stocks of mercury, and observations on the use of the guidance
 - Implementation of the consent regime for imports and exports of elemental mercury, including use of the trade forms

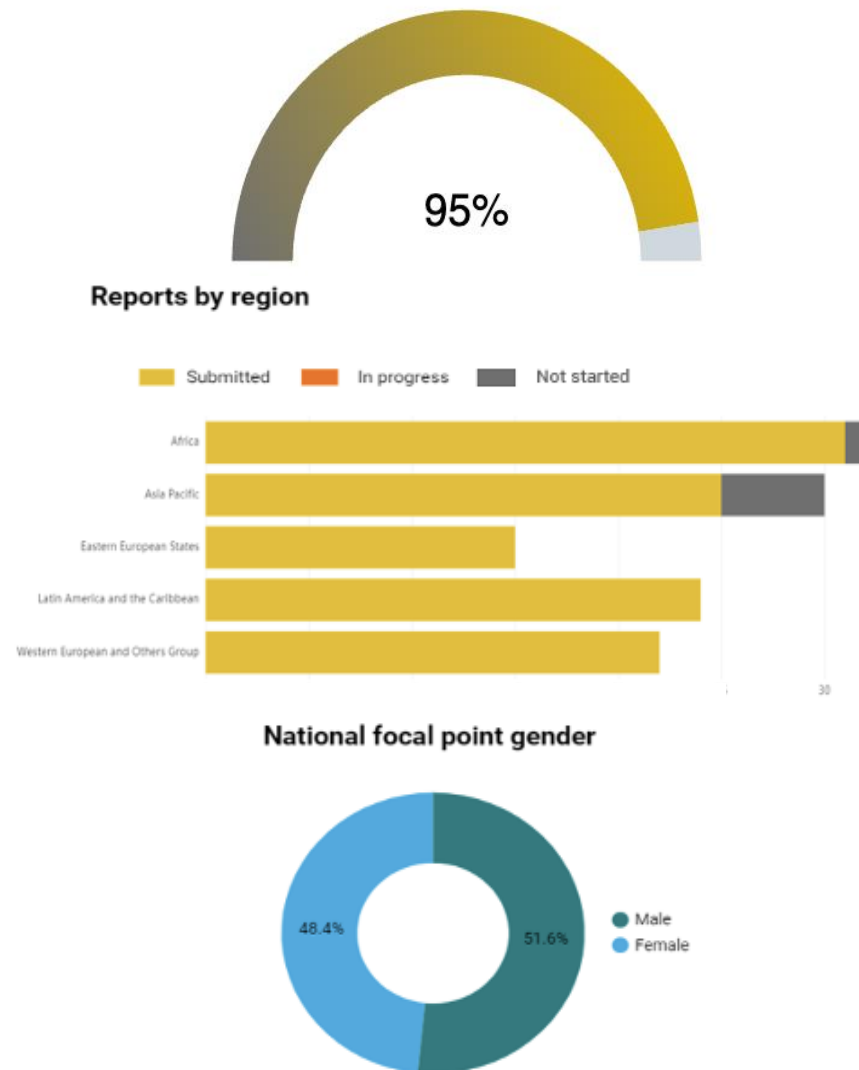
The Government of Indonesia launched the Bali Declaration on the occasion of COP-4.

Capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer

- ▶ Article 14 requirement for the COP to consider information on alternative technologies, needs and challenges of parties in technology transfer
- ▶ COP-5 will consider work the Secretariat could undertake
- ▶ Secretariat activities related to capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer
- ▶ Recommendations of the implementation and Compliance Committee related to capacity-building
- ▶ Considerations for enhancing this work going forward, including with the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership
- ▶ **A draft decision**



First full national reports - Reporting Rate (05/07/2023)

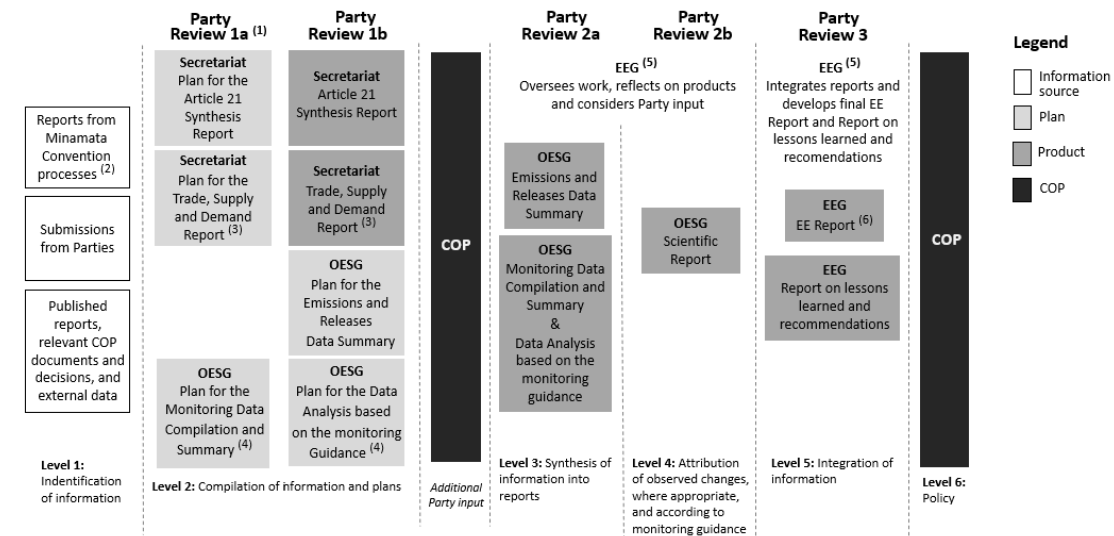


Implementation and Compliance Committee

- ▶ **ICC4** met online (13-14 September 2022) and **ICC5** met **in person** (7-9 March 2023)
- ▶ **Examined issues** related to the implementation of, and compliance with provisions of the Convention, **based on the first full national reports** submitted by Parties in accordance with article 21 of the Convention.
- ▶ Secretariat presented to the ICC its findings on the responses submitted by Parties to the 43 questions of the full reports
- ▶ Committee **recommendations** for the consideration of COP-5 on several articles of the Convention are listed in section A of the annex to document UNEP/MC/COP.5/14.

Effectiveness Evaluation

Framework for the evaluation of the effectiveness of the Minamata Convention on Mercury



(1) Plans and products will be shared for review as they become available.

(2) Article 15 report, and reports and other relevant information on articles 13 and 14.

(3) Including mercury waste flows and stocks.

(4) Taking into consideration the monitoring guidance.

(5) The terms of reference of the effectiveness evaluation group (EEG), as set out in an annex to the conference room paper circulated at the resumed fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, were the outcome of the contact group on effectiveness evaluation at that meeting. That text is reproduced in annex III to the report of the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (UNEP/MC/COP.4/28/Add.1).

All the elements of the terms of reference of the EEG were agreed upon except for its membership.

(6) Considering indicators, without prejudice to the final agreement of the COP.

Decision MC-4/11:

- Agreed to start the first effectiveness evaluation.
- Adopted the **framework** for the first effectiveness evaluation.
- Established the **Open-Ended Scientific Group**
- Established the TOR of the Effectiveness Evaluation Group, except for its membership

Outstanding matters for decision at COP-5:

- End date of the first effectiveness evaluation.
- Establishment of the Effectiveness Evaluation Group.
- Adoption of indicators



Gender

- ▶ Gender Action plan – funded by Sweden, incorporates comments received from a consultative process.
- ▶ It provides a comprehensive blueprint for actions to promote gender equality.
- ▶ Actions for the Secretariat, Parties and relevant stakeholders.
- ▶ The Secretariat identified activities to be carried out for 2024-2025 for consideration by COP-5.



Knowledge Management

- ▶ New COP agenda item.
- ▶ The Secretariat presents a digital strategy to guide its work to better support parties in the implementation of the Convention.
- ▶ Activities should begin in 2024-2025.
- ▶ It is organized by: digital ecosystem, building partnership and governance and innovation.
- ▶ Highlights the relevance of collaborating with key stakeholders like InforMEA.



COP-5 Events



COP-5 Events

- ▶ COP-5 events are an informal platform for Parties and observers to share information and bring knowledge to advances in technology, research, and policy to the attention of Parties and to the global community that the Convention serves.
- ▶ Three types of COP-5 events are offered:
 - ▶ Online events
 - ▶ Knowledge Lab sessions
 - ▶ Special Events/Exhibition



COP-5 Events: Online Events

Time	Monday 9 October	Tuesday 10 October	Wednesday 11 October	Thursday 12 October	Friday 13 October
11:00 – 12.00 CET		Sharing the results of the Specific International Programme: Strengthening the legal framework and institutional capacities of ECOWAS countries (Senegal, Burkina Faso & Togo)		Addressing Hg pollution and biodiversity: from science to action (UNEP & BRI)	
13:00 – 14.00 CET	Science Policy Panel on Chemicals, Waste and Pollution Prevention: Building the Linkages from Science to Action (GEN)	Separating the need for a phase-out of mercury-added products (MAPs) from the challenges of collecting, storing, management and disposal of MAPs in an environmentally sound manner (Botswana & Burkina Faso)	Information session on programme of work and budget (Parties only)	Restricting the international mercury trade: A critical measure for protection of indigenous peoples' human rights (IPEN)	Mercury usage in small scale jewellery manufacturing sector and introducing non-mercury, environmentally friendly alternatives in Sri Lanka (Sri Lanka)
14:45 – 15.45 CET	Phasing out dental amalgam: An emerging need to eliminate mercury in products (The World Alliance & EHF, Zambia)	Catalyzing project impact and visibility through knowledge-driven capacity-building (Minamata Convention Secretariat)	Specific International Programme: Achievements and Impacts of Second Round Projects from Around the World (Minamata Convention Secretariat)	Addressing the Global Mercury Crisis in Skin Lightening Products (Uganda & ZMWG)	Mercury-Free Lighting - Multiple pathways to compliance (CLASP & SDPI, Pakistan)
16:30 – 17.30 CET	Mercury and Vulnerable Peoples: Pathways to Protection (UNEP)	Reinforcing the health sector's commitment to the implementation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury: The showcase of GEF-UNEP-WHO projects on mercury-added products (WHO)	Advancing a Rights-based Approach to Addressing Mercury Contamination (OHCHR)	AMAP 2021 Assessment of Mercury in the Arctic: Findings relevant to the Minamata Convention & Norway's Mercury Assessment (Norway & AMAP)	Turkish National Integrated Marine Pollution Monitoring Program (DEN-İZ) and PRTR Experience of Türkiye (Türkiye)
17:45 – 18.45 CET	Mercury Management: First temporary mercury storage unit and protocol of implementation in Colombia (Pure Earth)	Navigating uncharted waters towards Mercury-Free SIDS (BRI)	Intercultural Dialogues: the role of Amazonian indigenous governments towards effective implementation of the Minamata Convention (Gaia Amazonas Foundation, Colombia)	Accelerating the Phase Down of Dental Amalgam: Progress Continues (IADR)	Identification of mining sites: processing and tailings, through the use of drones (Costa Rica)

NOTE: Online Events seek to take account of global time zones. Organizers are expected to strictly keep to the schedule.

COP-5: Knowledge Labs

Time	Monday 30 October	Tuesday 31 October	Wednesday 1 November	Thursday 2 November	Friday 3 November
14:00 – 14:45 CEST	No Knowledge Labs	Inter-institutional efforts to address mercury in ASGM: Colombia's NAP on Article 7 (Colombia)	Exploring sustainable ASGM technology in Papua New Guinea (Australia & Papua New Guinea)	Hepatoprotective activity of Mercury containing Lokanatha Rasa with special reference on Hepatocellular carcinoma (Sri Lanka)	Primary Drivers of Mercury (Hg) Accumulation in Tropical Lake Lantoa, Sulawesi, Indonesia (Australian National University)
		VCM from Acetylene Can Be Made Without Mercury (NRDC)	Indigenous Peoples in the Arctic and the Amazon: Monitoring experiences and the implementation and effectiveness evaluation of the Minamata Convention (Inuit Circumpolar Council)	Tailings Management – Reduce the Mercury concentration on contaminated tailings. Case Study: Colombia (Pure Earth)	Georgian Painters for Mercury Pollution Prevention and Clean up (ICFER, Georgia)
		Indigenous Women, Inter-Generational Knowledge & Mercury Contamination (IITC)	Best Practices of Mercury-Free Dentistry (The World Alliance for Mercury-Free Dentistry)	Mainstreaming gender in capacity-building projects: practical approaches (Minamata Convention Secretariat)	Mercury: Bridging Science, Policy, and the Minamata Convention through Doctoral Training (Jožef Stefan Institute)
			Mitigating mercury usage and environmental contamination: A multi-scalar, mixed methods approach for artisanal and small-scale gold mining (Artisanal Gold Council)		

COP-5 EXHIBITION



Monday - Friday, 30 Oct - 3 November 2023, CICG, Geneva, Switzerland



Special COP-5 Event: Mercury in cosmetics – more than what meets the eye



- ▶ Co-organized by the Global Environment Facility and United Nations Environment Programme
- ▶ Aim: to confront narrative, questioning the promotion and normalization of skin lightening to prevent the perpetuation of harmful cultural norms and #makemercuryhistory
- ▶ Speakers:
 - Monika Stankiewicz, Executive Secretary Minamata Convention on Mercury
 - Amira Adawe, Director Beauty Well
 - Catherine Tetteh, Chief Executive Officer Melanin Foundation
 - Heather Brown, National Coordinator Dermatology Services and Leprosy Control Ministry of Health, Jamaica
 - Kheris Rogers, Flexin' In My Complexion
 - Meera Senthilingam, Editor CNN



Special COP-5 event: Minamata Convention: A Decade of Global Commitment to Make Mercury History



- ▶ **Special COP-5 event: Minamata Convention: A Decade of Global Commitment to Make Mercury History** – co-organized with the Geneva Environment Network – Monday, 30 October, at 13.15, CICG and streamed.
- ▶ **#MakeMercuryHistory Photo Exhibition**, during COP-5 week at CICG.
- ▶ **Minamata movie** projection – Sunday, 29 October, at 19.00, at cinema Le Nord–Sud, Geneva with film Director Andrew Levitas and Minamata Convention on Mercury Promotion Network (MICO NET).
- ▶ **Anniversary video documentary & Press conference** - 10 October



Not only miners, Elisabetta Zaboli



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MERCURY POLICY PROJECT



Zero Mercury Working Group Perspective for COP-5

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ZMWG perspective for COP5



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Who we are



ABOUT THE ZMWG

An international coalition of more than 110 public interest, environmental and health non-governmental organizations from over 55 countries from around the world.

Aim: Reduce/eliminate mercury supply, use, emissions, exposure, implementing the Minamata Convention



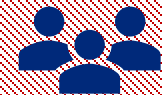
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ZMWG creation



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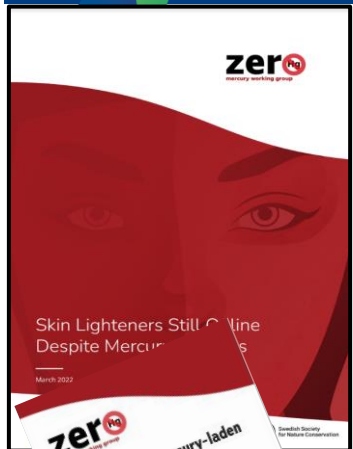


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Member
organisations

1. ZMWG Views – Mercury Added Cosmetics

- Ban on mercury-added cosmetics by 2025 – more cost-effective market surveillance by developing countries – by shifting burden on manufacturers.
- Setting national objectives – to stop sales/marketing of mercury skin lighteners:
 - ban advertising – clear message that mercury SLPs are illegal;
 - publicize advisories/prohibited SLP lists – facilitate toxic SLP identification
 - Licensing ingredients/facilities- inform consumers/ facilitate inspection;
 - Engaging online platforms - to eliminate offerings of mercury SLPs
- Fostering interagency and regional/global collaboration
- Need control on mercury compounds which facilitates Hg-SLP production; trade restrictions necessary
- First step;-assessment of global supply, trade and use of mercury compounds





2. ZMWG Views - Mercury-added Lamps & Dental Amalgam

1) Mercury-added lamps:

- LEDs are available, superior to Fluorescent lamps and mercury free
- Important mercury reductions, tremendous energy, CO2 savings, along with significant financial savings.
- All fluorescent lamps should be banned from manufacture/trade by 2025

2) Dental amalgam:

- Mercury free alternatives are available, effective, affordable worldwide
- Manufacture and trade ban is feasible by 2030 without undermining dental care.

3) More ZMWG Views available on our website

4) Finally, more Convention resources needed on mercury-added product (MAPs) phase outs and prioritizing waste collections. Next Tuesday the African Region's webinar will focus on this



General observations

- Awareness raising: While civil society continues to raise awareness, contribute to legislation & policy development, more is needed to raise targeted awareness
- High risk exposure outreach: In particular, more needs to be done to raise awareness of acute exposure risks, particularly to sensitive populations in situations such as small scale gold mining and using mercury skin lighteners.
- More transparency and accountability on Convention Projects and Funding: There needs to be more openness, especially before a new project starts, on Convention funding (ie GEF), to ensure resources are expended wisely.
- For example, national reporting indicates that around 40 Parties have not started or only partially implemented Article 4 product phase out, even those it was the earliest deadline set in the treaty (end of 2020). However, only recently have projects started to address MAPs phase outs



Thank you!



<https://www.zeromercury.org/mercury-added-skin-lightening-creams-campaign/>

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The UNEP Global Mercury Partnership and Minamata COP5

Kenneth Davis
UNEP Chemicals and Health Branch

October 2023



- ✓ Support implementation of the Minamata Convention
- ✓ Provide knowledge and science on mercury
- ✓ Deliver outreach and awareness raising towards global action

250 partners from:
Governments, IGOs,
NGOs, Industry
/private sector,
academia and the
scientific community

The Partnership is structured around eight areas:

- Artisanal and small-scale gold mining
- Mercury cell chlor-alkali production
- Mercury air transport and fate research
- Mercury in products
- Mercury releases from coal combustion
- Mercury waste management
- Mercury supply and storage
- Mercury releases from the cement industry

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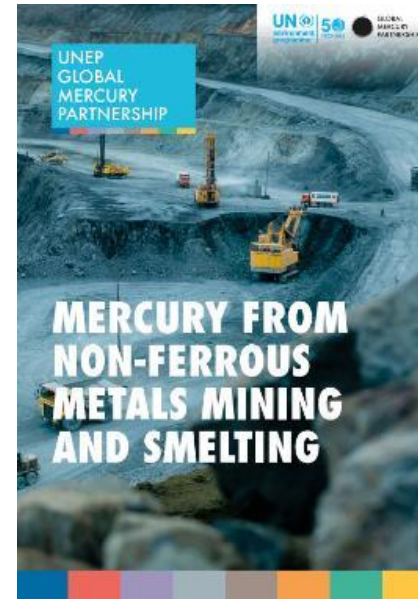
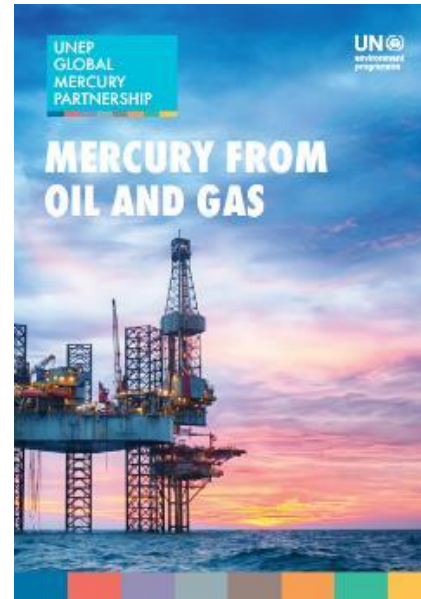
[Thirteenth Meeting of the UNEP Global Partnership Advisory Group \(PAG-13, Nov. 2022, Paris\)](#) exchanged on recent activities and priorities for future work on cross cutting topics:

- Mercury from oil and gas & non-ferrous metals
- Trade and flow
- Technical and scientific capacity enhancement
- Management of mercury stocks
- Disposal of mercury added-products
- Biodiversity, climate change and mercury

PAG-14 to be held in follow up to COP-5

Recent Events & highlights

(detailed report on activities available to COP5 as INF document)

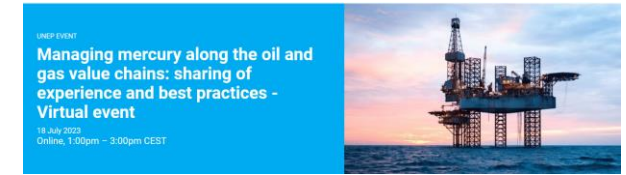


- [Study report on mercury from non-ferrous metals mining and smelting](#)
- [Study report on mercury from the oil and gas sector](#)



New virtual knowledge hubs on mercury-added products :

- [Mercury Skin Lightening Products](#)
- [Dental Amalgam](#)



NAP data mining

To assess the wealth of information generated in Minamata Convention National Action Plans (NAP) for ASGM sector, the finalized documents have been reviewed and quantitative and qualitative data has been extracted.

The **quantitative data** categories include:

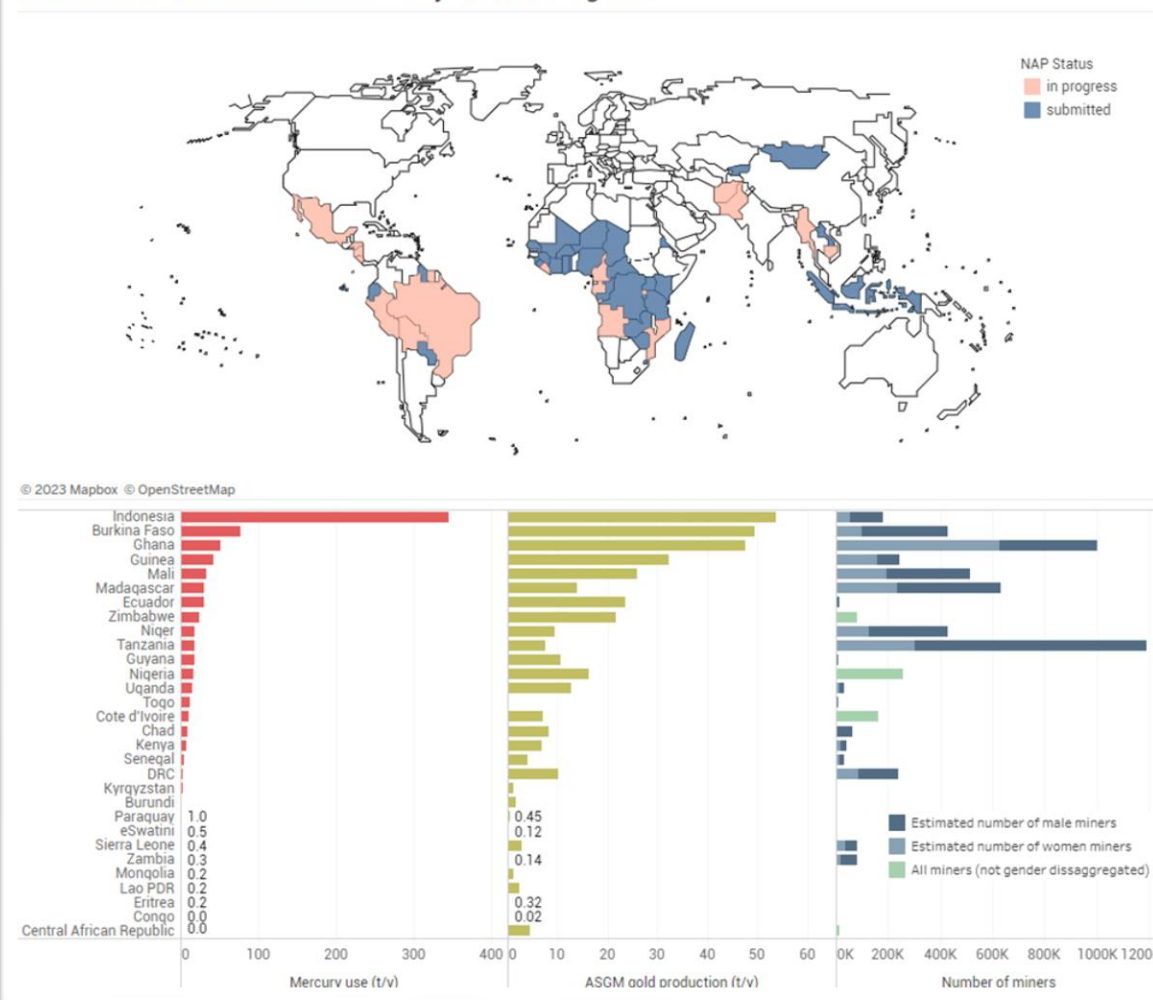
1. estimated amount of mercury used by the ASGM sector,
2. estimated amount of gold produced by the ASGM sector,
3. estimated number of miners (where applicable gender disaggregated) involved in the ASGM sector,
4. and NAP mercury reduction targets.

In addition, **qualitative information** has been gathered, including presence of worst practices, as well as various environmental, health, and socio-economic information documented in the NAPs. Finally, the reported NAP strategies for each country were summarized and added to the database.

Dynamic dashboards

Explore the full database using the dynamic dashboards. To browse thematic stories please see the [NAP data explained](#) series below. See also the [collection of ASGM maps](#) extracted from the countries' NAP documents.

ASGM National Action Plans - Key baseline figures



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Briefing on the 5th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury



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AGENDA

Opening

- Claudia DUMITRU | President, 5th Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury | Romania
- Michel TSCHIRREN | Head, Global Affairs, Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland

Update on Preparations

Logistics and Organizational Matters

- Anna GARCÍA SANS | Communications and Knowledge Management Officer, Minamata Convention Secretariat
- Richard GUTIERREZ | Programme Management Officer, Minamata Convention Secretariat

Substantive Matters

- Marianne BAILEY | Senior Coordination Officer, Minamata Convention Secretariat

COP-5 Events

- Richard GUTIERREZ | Programme Management Officer, Minamata Convention Secretariat
- Anna GARCÍA SANS | Communications and Knowledge Management Officer, Minamata Convention Secretariat

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Stakeholders Perspectives

- Michael BENDER | Director, Mercury Policy Project | International Co-coordinator, Zero Mercury Working Group & Elena LYMBERIDI-SETTIMO | Policy Manager, European Environmental Bureau | International Co-coordinator, Zero Mercury Working Group
- Kenneth DAVIS | Program Officer, UNEP Global Mercury Partnership

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THANK YOU FOR JOINING!



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VIRTUAL

**Science-Policy Panel on
Chemicals, Waste and
Pollution Prevention:
Building the Linkages
from Science to Action |
Minamata COP-5 Online
Event / Road to OEWG 2
Series**

09 OCT 2023 13:00 - 14:00

Online | Webex
OEWG SPP CWP, GEN

📍 Chemicals and Pollution

🌐 SDG3 | SDG12



VIRTUAL

**Catalyzing Project
Impact and Visibility
Through Knowledge-
Driven Capacity-Building
| Minamata COP-5
Online Event**

10 OCT 2023 14:45 - 15:45

Online | Webex
Minamata Convention on Mercury, GEN

📍 Chemicals and Pollution

🌐 SDG3 | SDG12



VIRTUAL

**Advancing a Rights-
based Approach to
Addressing Mercury
Contamination |
Minamata COP-5 Online
Event**

11 OCT 2023 16:30 - 17:30

Online | Webex
OHCHR, ILO, UNECE, Special Procedures
of the UN Human Rights Council, GEN

📍 Human Rights and Environment |
Chemicals and Pollution

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WHAT'S NEXT?

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CONFERENCE
Perspectives on Solar Radiation Modification Governance
12 OCT 2023 10:00 - 12:00
International Environment House 2 & Online | Webex
GEN

Science
 SDG13



CONFERENCE
Briefing on the 3rd Session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to Develop an International Legally Binding Instrument on Plastic Pollution (Plastic Pollution INC-3)
12 OCT 2023 14:00 - 15:30
International Environment House II & Online | Webex
GEN

Chemicals and Pollution | Plastics
 SDG3 | SDG12



CONFERENCE
Briefing on the 77th meeting of the CITES Standing Committee
17 OCT 2023 10:00 - 12:00
International Environment House II
CITES, GEN

Nature | Trade and Environment
 SDG14 | SDG15

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