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Science-Policy Panel on Chemicals, Waste and Pollution Prevention: Building the Linkages from Science to Action

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Towards OEWG 2 on a science-policy panel on chemicals, waste and pollution prevention

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BRS COPs  
1 - 12 May

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76th World Health Assembly  
21 - 30 May

INC-2  
29 May to 2 Jun | Paris, France

WRF'23 & Global Intergovernmental Meeting on Minerals  
4 - 8 September

7th GEF Assembly  
22 - 26 Aug | Vancouver, Canada

11th Int'l Labour Conference  
5-16 June

HRC 54  
11 September - 6 October

**Q4**

SPP OEWG 2  
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SPP Briefing  

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Geneva Environment Network Online | Webex
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**Intersessional Processes: Two examples**

**Mercury-added products and industrial processes using mercury**

- Intersessional work leading to **COP-4 decision** to add eight product categories to be phased out by 2025, and two new mandatory measures on dental amalgam.
- **Amended Annex A** entered into force on 28 September 2023 for parties who did not opt out.
- Intersessional work following COP-4 to prepare for **consideration at COP-5 of:**
  - Three amendment proposals
  - Phase-out dates for four additional mercury-added products listed in decision MC-4/3
  - Adding the production of polyurethane using mercury-containing catalysts to part I of annex B to the Convention
  - Whether mercury-free alternatives for two Annex B processes (vinyl chloride monomer, sodium or potassium methylate or ethylate) have become technically and economically feasible

**Artisanal and small-scale gold mining**

- Intersessional process to gather the **needs and priorities of Indigenous Peoples on mercury use in ASGM**
- The Indigenous Peoples Platform and other elements of work pursuant to decision MC-4/4
- Also looked at aspects of FPIC, alternative livelihoods, trade of mercury destined for ASGM
- Possible supplemental information in guidance on the engagement of Indigenous peoples and on conducting implementation reviews, required of all Parties that undertake National Action Plans for ASGM. **COP-4 had adopted new guidance sections on health strategies developed by WHO**
Effectiveness Evaluation

**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
Integrated analyses, knowledge management, implementation support

**Mercury and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework**

- COP-4 called for report on how the Convention could contribute to the post-2020 GBF
- The Secretariat identified opportunities for enhancing mutually supportive implementation and identified activities for COP-5 consideration
- 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: analysis of the mutually supportive implementation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework Study

**Mercury supply sources and trade**

- Eliminating primary mercury mining
- Identifying supply sources and stocks of mercury,
- Implementing the consent regime for imports and exports of elemental mercury, including use of the trade forms
- Addressing illegal trade in mercury
- Separate from the Article 3 consent regime, must also continue work on controlling trade in mercury-added products

**Mercury emissions to air**

- Emissions from major sources
- Coal-fired power
- Non-ferrous metals
- Cement
- Waste incineration

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...

Capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer partnerships and joint efforts

Knowledge Management, digital ecosystems, dashboards and partnerships
Thank you for your attention

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Importance of sound science across all relevant national and international structures

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An example: From socio-economic scenarios to human exposure to mercury via aquatic biota species

- Our research project
  - to assess how different scenarios impact human exposure to mercury
- Study design
  - Baseline and intervention scenario–based emissions and material flows
  - Analysis of the global mercury fate and exposure
  - Impact of the Minamata Convention and countermeasures

Baseline scenario
Minamata scenario
Co-impact under climate change countermeasures

Translated and summarized by the author from ERCA, Environmental Restoration and Conservation Agency of Japan.
https://www.erca.go.jp/suishinhi/seika/db/search.php?research_word=&research_category%5B%5D=senryaku2&research_year=2020&research_number=&research_status=finish&sort_1=doc_number+ASC#result
Scientific work:
Socio-economic scenarios – AIM/Enduse material flow models – Global fate and transport models

(Zhang et al., 2020)
Scientific work reflects a variety of national and international social-economic activities.

- Scenario, emissions, controls, … → national, UNEP, IPCC, OECD, …
- Global fate, exposure, impact, … → atmosphere, ocean, biota, modeling, health sciences, …
- Impact on humans and the environment, … → national, WHO, FAO, …

Any single exiting national or organizational activities may not cover all necessary sciences within the boundaries of their original mandates.

The Minamata Convention may cover many aspects on mercury, but this is not the case for many other chemicals and waste issues

- Industrial chemicals, e.g., PFAS, plastic additives, …

Holistic scientific views should be an effective way to show sound, neutral and objective understandings on how the whole structures work together
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Who we are

ABOUT THE EEB
The EEB is Europe’s largest network of environmental citizens’ organisations. We bring together over 180 member organisations from 40 countries. We stand for sustainable development, environmental justice & participatory democracy.

ABOUT THE ZMWG
The ZMWG is 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
• CSOs could help SSP to identify a wider range of data to include.

• Working on the ground CSOs can focus on emerging environmental issues earlier than traditional environmental oversight bodies. Example: ZMWG collecting data about Skin Lightening Products.

• CSOs’ inclusions will ensure more transparency about scientific information and analysis used to support policy decisions.

• Risk tolerance or ethical concerns are not strictly scientific issues but they need participation from the full range of society to properly use science to make policy.
SPP in support of CSOs

• Make science easily available, more accessible and understandable for CSOs but especially for local Governments

• Capacity building on the ground involving local scientist and training local experts

• Technology transfer give the possibility to produce data at local, regional level
Skin lightening products

- ZMWG has been collecting information on it for several years discovering that a lot of illegal products can be bought easily online making hard the control and the protection of the population [https://www.zeromercury.org/mercury-added-skin-lightening-creams-campaign/](https://www.zeromercury.org/mercury-added-skin-lightening-creams-campaign/)

- Partner NGOs have produced data, knowledge and awareness

- Local Governments react on local issues
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