MERCURY-ADDED PRODUCT REDUCTION PROJECTS WITHIN A NON-LEGALLY BINDING FRAMEWORK

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Founded/co-coordinated since 2005

Over 110 NGO’s from more than 55 countries

Aim: reduce and where feasible eliminate mercury supply, use, emissions and exposure; implement the Minamata convention
ZMWG TWO PRONGED STRATEGY

Promote strong policies at [Regional and] global level  (UNEP Partnership initiatives, Regional meetings, Conference of the Parties)

- Support NGO activities at national level  (Awareness raising, inventories, national action plans, mercury reduction strategies, Minamata Initial Assessments, etc.)
Since 2005, around 5 projects per year in 30 countries
SUPPORTING PROJECTS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

- Identify implementation needs
- Mercury reduction and awareness raising activities
  - Checklist for phasing out mercury added products
  - Project on Skin lightening creams
  - Assisting in the development of the ASGM NAPs
- Develop and promote legislation
LOOKING TO SAICM BEYOND 2020

- SAICM post 2020 gives us the opportunity to really integrate all of the chemical's and waste conventions and initiatives considering limited resources

- The opportunity for SAICM is to bring all the conventions together in such a way that benefits all of the MEA’s e.g. looking through the lens of waste incineration...

- Gives us more opportunity to regulate the harmful chemicals that fall through the cracks
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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