Third Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury 25-29 November 2019, Geneva, Switzerland

Chemicals and Waste Briefing to the Permanent Missions
International Environment House II, Geneva
10 September 2019

Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury
Claudia ten Have
Lara Ognibene
OUTLINE OF PRESENTATION

1. Update
2. Preparations for COP3
3. General structure and programme for COP3
ITEM 1. UPDATE
Current status of Ratification

As of 10 September 2019, **113 states and 1 regional economic integration organization** have ratified the Minamata Convention.

Comoros, the Republic of Congo, and Colombia deposited their instruments since the last GEN briefing.

**Africa** – 30 Parties  
**Asia and the Pacific** – 26 Parties  
**Central and Eastern Europe** – 13 Parties  
**Latin America and the Caribbean** – 23 Parties  
**Western Europe and others Group** – 20+1 Parties
Status of Contributions for 2018

**General Trust Fund**

- 2018: USD 3,916,524 approved budget
- USD 3,469,138 contributions [USD 347,768 due]

**Special Trust Fund**

- 2018: USD 1,312,717 received

**Specific Trust Fund**

- 2018: USD 1,283,534 received

USD 3,469,138 approved for 2018

USD 3,121,370 received

USD 3,192,250 agreed for 2018

USD 1,312,717 received

USD 1,283,534 Received to be programmed in First Round (2018)

As of 30 June 2019
Status of Contributions for 2019

**General Trust Fund**

2019: USD 3,843,074 approved budget
USD 3,288,621 contributions [USD 1,196,009 due]

**Special Trust Fund**

2019: USD 1,600,742 pledged/received

**Specific Trust Fund**

2019: USD 2,244,577 received

USD 3,288,621 approved for 2019
USD 2,092,612 received
USD 4,014,890 agreed for 2019
USD 1,600,742 pledged/received
USD 2,244,577 Received to be programmed in Second Round (2019)

As of 30 June 2019
Status of Contributions for 2018 and 2019

Contributors to the Special Trust Fund for 2018 and 2019
Austria, the European Union, Finland, France, Japan, Norway, the Philippines, Sweden and Switzerland

Contributors to the Specific Trust Fund for 2018
Austria, Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the United States

Contributors to the Specific Trust Fund for 2019
Austria, Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, the United States
Specific International Programme to Support Capacity-Building and Technical Assistance

Fourth meeting of the Governing Board
Washington, 18-20 September 2019

• Review 20 applications received in the Second Round (2019)
• USD 2.2 million available in the Specific Trust Fund
1. LAUNCH
Secretariat launches Second Round of applications with revised guidelines as endorsed by the Governing Board

5 March

2. APPLICATION DEADLINE
Parties prepare and submit applications by deadline of 14 June

14 June

3. SCREENING & APPRAISAL
Secretariat screens and appraises applications based on the Guidelines

June-July

4. APPROVAL
Governing Board meets to review and approve applications, matching successful projects to available funds

18-19 September

5. NOTIFICATION
Secretariat communicates outcome of Governing Board meeting to all applicants

27 September

6. IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS
Secretariat concludes legal agreements with all approved projects under the Second Round

December
Arrangements to set up the Effectiveness Evaluation of the Minamata Convention

Article 22 of the Convention
MC-1/9 on Effectiveness Evaluation
MC-2/10 on Effectiveness Evaluation

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Comments received so far from:
European Union and its Member States
Japan
Canada
AMAP
United States
ITEM 2. PREPARATIONS FOR COP3
Minamata COP-3 Bureau

President: David Kapindula (Zambia)
Vice-Presidents: Alison Dickson (Canada)
María del Mar Solano Trejos (Costa Rica)
Karel Bláha (Czechia)*
Serge Molly Allo’o Allo’o (Gabon)
Mariscia Charles (Guyana)
Adel Jahankhah (Islamic Republic of Iran)
Mohammed Khashashneh (Jordan)
Svetlana Bolocan (Republic of Moldova)
Nina Cromnier (Sweden)
COP3 Regional meetings

Series of regional meetings held in preparation for COP3 with funding contributions of Austria, Japan, Norway and Sweden

- **Asia:** 7-8 October in Bangkok, Thailand
- **Africa:** 15-16 October, Accra, Ghana
- **Central and Eastern Europe:** 22-23 October, Tallinn, Estonia
- **Latin America and the Caribbean:** 29-30 October, Sao Paulo, Brazil

**CONTACT:** mea-minamatameetings@un.org
Preparations for COP3 - Logistics

- **On-line pre-registration on Minamata website** required for all participants no later than 11 November 2019. nico.laurijssen@un.org

- **Travel arrangements** are being made for one participant from each eligible party. mea-minamatameetings@un.org

- The secretariat reviews the **credentials** and requests for admission of observers. lara.Ognibene@un.org

- **Visas:** Participants are responsible for obtaining any necessary visa for entering Switzerland as well as any transit visa. mea-minamatameetings@un.org or stephanie.cadet@un.org
Preparations for COP3 - Online registrations

Provisional numbers: 415 registrations as of 9 September 2019

- Government Representatives: 245
- Parties: 58
- IGOs: 4
- NGOs: 83
- UN Organizations: 11
- Other: 1

Deadline: No later than 11 November 2019
Preparations for COP3 - Credentials

Originals to be submitted by 3 p.m. on 26 November 2019

Advance copy preferably by 15 November 2019 to the Secretariat mea-minamatameetings@un.org

Preparations for COP3 - Election of officers

**COP Bureau:** COP-3 will elect the president (from Asia Pacific) and nine vice-presidents who will serve between the closure of COP-3 and the closure of COP-4.

**Implementation and Compliance Committee:** In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the ICC, the current members shall serve from the end of COP1 until the end of COP3. COP-3 shall re-elect 10 members from among the first members of the Committee for one term, and elect 5 new members for two terms.

**SIP Governing Board:** In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the board, the first members of the Board will serve until the third meeting of the COP. Thereafter, the ten members shall be nominated every two years by regional groups and their membership confirmed by the COP. To this end, the two nominations from each United Nations region should be submitted to the secretariat no later than the second last day of the meeting of the COP.
Preparations for COP3 – Side Events and Exhibitions

Deadline: 13 September 2019

Side Events (90 min)
Knowledge Labs (45 min)
Exhibition Booths

Events and exhibitions

There will be opportunities for parties and stakeholders to exchange information through knowledge labs, events and exhibition booths in the margins of COP3.

Parties and stakeholders may submit applications for events and exhibitions to the Secretariat by 13 September 2019. The Guidance on events and exhibitions is available here.
ITEM 3. GENERAL STRUCTURE AND PROGRAMME FOR COP3
General structure of COP3

COP3 will open at 10 a.m. on Monday, 25 November and is set to close at 6 p.m. on Friday, 29 November 2019

- Two sessions planned a day
- Smaller groups – contact groups may be established
- No High Level Segment, no Committee of the Whole
- Regional Meetings and Technical Briefings on Sunday, 24 September 2019
Documents for COP 3

Many documents are available already, and all documents will be available in the last week of September in preparation of the regional meetings.
COP3 Provisional agenda

*Relevant documents: MC/COP.3/1 and add.1 and MC/COP.3/2*

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Organizational matters
3. Rules of procedure for COP: Rule 45
4. Report on the credentials of representatives to the third meeting of COP
5. Matters for consideration or action by the COP
6. International cooperation and coordination
7. Programme of work and budget
8. Venue and date of the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties
9. Other matters
10. Adoption of the report
11. Closure of the meeting
## COP3 – Overview of Schedule

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- Lunch time events
- Showcase events
- Knowledge labs
- Monday-Friday 13:15-14:45
- Monday-Friday 18:15-19:00

### Exhibition area
Activities regarding implementation of the convention

- Governments
- IGOs
- NGOs
- Private sector

### Event Schedule
- **On-site Registration**: Picture ID needed, Badge mandatory. Opens on Saturday at 12:00, Sunday-Friday 08:00-18:00.
- **Technical briefings**: Sunday 12:30-14:00.
- **Regional meetings**: Sunday 15:00-18:00.
- **Events on the side of the COP**: Monday-Friday 13:15-14:45, 18:15-19:00.
- **Exhibition area**: Activities regarding implementation of the convention.
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COP2 Item 5: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties

(a) Mercury-added products and manufacturing processes in which mercury or mercury compounds are used:
   (i) Review of annexes A and B MC/COP.3/4
   (ii) Proposal to amend annex A MC/COP.3/21
   (iii) Harmonized System codes MC/COP.3/5

(b) Releases of mercury MC/COP.3/6

(c) Mercury waste, in particular consideration of relevant thresholds: MC/COP.3/7

(d) Guidance on the management of contaminated sites: MC/COP.3/8

(e) Operation of the financial mechanism:
   (i) Global Environment Facility: MC/COP.3/9
   (ii) Specific International Programme: MC/COP.3/10 and MC/COP.3/10
   (iii) Financial Review: MC/COP.3/11
COP3 Item 5: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties

(f) Capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer: MC/COP.3/12

(g) Implementation and Compliance Committee: MC/COP.3/13

(h) Effectiveness evaluation: MC/COP.3/14

(i) Financial rules: MC/COP.3/15

(j) Secretariat: MC/COP.3/16

(k) Emissions of mercury resulting from the open burning of waste: MC/COP.3/17
COP3 Item 6: International Cooperation and Coordination

(a) World Health Organization, International Labor Organization MC/COP.3/18

(b) Other International Organizations and Bodies
COP3 Item 7: Programme of work and budget

Relevant documents: MC/COP.3/20, INF/9, INF/10 and INF/11

Second programme of work and budget for the Convention for 2020-2021

- **Doc 20** Provides for a zero nominal growth scenario and an Executive Secretary scenario
- **INF9** sets out the Budget Activity Fact Sheets to give more detail on budget elements.
- **INF10** sets out information on financial matters
- **INF11** Proposed operational budgets for the two funding scenarios
COP3 Item 8:
Venue and Date for COP4

Relevant documents: MC/COP.3/22, MC/COP.3/22/Add.1

Two offers have been received:

Colombia

Indonesia
Possible Contact groups

The *Scenario Note* foresees that the COP3 may wish to establish contact groups on:

- Technical issues
- Effectiveness evaluation
- Budget and programme of work
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