Africa regional preparatory meeting for the online segment of the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury

Monday, 4 October 2021, 11.00 - 15.30 Geneva time (CEST)
Housekeeping notes on Interprefy

► You may wish to adjust your **Call Settings** (including your preferred interpretation language and Audio and Video devices). As a first-time user, you will need to **allow your browser** to access your microphone and camera for the session.

► You are encouraged to **display your name** according to the following guidelines before you join the meeting.
  - **Head of delegation of a Party**: COUNTRY - HDP - FirstName LastName,
    - e.g., SWITZERLAND – HDP – Anna Garcia
  - **Delegate from a Party**: COUNTRY - DP - FirstName LastName,
    - e.g., INDONESIA – DP – Shariful Islam
  - **Observer**: COUNTRY/ORGANIZATION – O - FirstName LastName,
    - e.g., UNEP – O – Lara Ognibene,
    - or, KENYA – O – Alfred Muge

► You can use the **Event Chat** to address all event participants. If you need any technical assistance, please report also using the Event Chat or contact the Secretariat by email.

► There may be time for oral questions. If the moderator invites some, and you wish to take the floor, please click the **Raise Hand** icon. After the moderator names you, kindly **turn on** the microphone and name the Party you are representing. When your speaking is over, kindly **turn off** the mic.

► Please speak slowly to facilitate the interpretation.
Opening of the meeting
# Overview of the Provisional Programme

## Tentative programme for the online regional preparatory meeting, Geneva time (CET)

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COP-4 convenes in two segments

► 4/1: Provisional agenda

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► 4/2: Issues and information for the attention of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention at its fourth meeting*

► INF/1: List of documents*

COP-4.1: COP-4 opens to convene online from 1-5 November 2021
COP-4.2: COP-4 resumes at a date to be decided by the Conference of the Parties tentatively scheduled for the first quarter of 2022

The fourth meeting was originally set as a five-day in-person meeting in Bali, Indonesia from 1 to 5 November 2021. Given the ongoing global coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, consultations began in early 2021 to ascertain the best way forward on the meeting format and timing.

On 30 April 2021, the President of the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the Executive Secretary of the Convention informed parties that following the consultations, including with national focal points, the Bureau of the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties had reached agreement that in light of the ongoing global COVID-19 pandemic the fourth meeting would convene in two segments: the first segment to be conducted online from 1 to 5 November 2021, and the second segment to be conducted in person tentatively in the first quarter of 2022 in Bali, Indonesia.
Please visit our dedicated webpage on all COP-4 preparations
https://www.mercuryconvention.org/en/meetings/cop4

Fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury (COP-4)

Virtual, 01 Nov 2021 - 05 Nov 2021
**Agenda, Annotated agenda, List of documents**

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- **4/1/Add.1** Annotated provisional agenda*
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**COP-4 Provisional Agenda for the entire meeting**

Item 1: Opening of the meeting.
Item 2: Organizational matters:
   (a) Adoption of the agenda;
   (b) Organization of work;
   (c) Election of officers for the intersessional period and the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
   (d) Report on the credentials of representatives to the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
Item 3: Rules of procedure for the Conference of the Parties: consideration of rule 45.
Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties (a)-(l)
Item 5: International cooperation and coordination.
Item 6: Programme of work and budget.
Item 7: Dates of the resumed fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties; venue and dates of the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
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Since 20 September 2021, our COP-4 documents are available on the website.

Budget-related documents since 2 August 2021

Two briefing sessions were held as part of Minamata Online Season 2 on the documents to be opened at COP-4.1

Recordings and presentation available
4/1: Provisional agenda

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4/2: Issues and information for the attention of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention at its fourth meeting*

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4/1/Add.1 and 4/2: Annex I:
Provides an overview of agenda items per segment, i.e. at COP-4.1 and COP-4.2. Reference guide to the documents that have been prepared per agenda item.

Annex II of the annotated agenda:
Tentative schedule of work for COP-4.1

Parties will address a limited number of agenda items during COP-4.1, with a view to adopting a decision on budget and a decision on the dates of the resumed meeting:
Item 6: programme of work and budget
Item 7: dates of the resumed fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties
Item 4 (e) (i): matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties: financial resources and mechanism: Global Environment Facility
Item 4 (h): matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties: national reporting
Item 4 (i): matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties: effectiveness evaluation

The Conference of the Parties is expected to consider and/or resume consideration of all remaining agenda items of the meeting during the in-person segment.

* If additional or revised information is required in support of the second segment in 2022, the document may be updated by the secretariat prior to that segment.
Digital Ecosystem Setup for COP-4.1

**WEBSITE**
- New Minamata Convention website.
- It is the main platform to promote COP-4 and make information available regarding official documents, agenda, media, side events, registration and other practical information.

**INTRANET**
- Safe space for making available conference room papers. It is being developed by BRS and automatically integrated with Interprefy for the plenary sessions and WebEx for the other meetings, keeping the same roles defined at the registration system.

**FORUM – Documents discussion**
- Dedicated online forum on budget documents in advance of the COP.
- Parties can submit comments and questions to the Secretariat through the forum.

**REGISTRATION**
- COP-4 registration for both segments is being managed using Kronos, a participant and registration management system developed by CBD and widely used by MEAs (10 years, Ozone, CITES, CBD).

**MEETING PLATFORM PLENARY**
- Platform to use: INTERPREFY
- Interpretation. Speakers up to 2 per delegation + link for viewers.
- Training sessions for chairs and delegates.

**MEETING PLATFORM CONTACT GROUPS**
- Platform to use: WEBEX
- No interpretation. No limitation of speakers

**+ REGIONAL MEETINGS WITH INTERPRETATION**
- Platform to use: INTERPREFY
- Interpretation. Speakers up to 2 per delegation + link for viewers.
- Training sessions for chairs and delegates.

**+ SIDE EVENTS AND REGIONAL MEETING NO INTERPRETATION**
- Platform to use: WEBEX
- No interpretation. No limitation of speakers
Digital Ecosystem Workflow

**Registration (Kronos)**
- Invitation letter (GOV, NGO)
- Individual email with unique access

**Nomination letter**
- Data verification and validation
- Confirmation letter

**BRS Intranet**
- Individual email with unique access

**Forum**
- Minamata website

**Contact group**
- Side events

**Meeting plenary**

**Main participants database**
Registration

- National Focal Points and Permanent missions to UN in Geneva and Nairobi received unique links for registration of countries' nominated delegations (Kronos);

- To validate the nomination of delegates in Kronos, the delegation had to submit the official delegation letter issued by:
  - Ministry of Foreign Affairs or Permanent Mission in Geneva (Parties)
  - Head of represented organizations (observers)

- The confirmed participants receive the confirmation email and closer to the meeting – the connection details to the COP-4.1, according to the role selected at the registration phase (speaker or viewer)

- Test sessions for participants (in Interprefy) will be held during the week prior to COP-4.1 (respecting different time zones)
Use of Interprefy and training sessions

► Close to the meeting, all accredited participants will receive an **information package** with access to the **Intranet**, a Safe space for making available **conference room papers** and other relevant meeting information. It is being developed by BRS and automatically integrated with Interprefy for the plenary sessions and WebEx for the other meetings, keeping the same roles defined at the registration system.

► **Plenary sessions** will be conducted using **Interprefy** in 6 UN languages. Delegations will be granted up to 2 speakers' roles + viewer links for other delegation members.

► **Training sessions**
  • 4 technical sessions of 2 hours each prior to the COP

► **Contact group, side events** and **other meetings** will be run on **WeBEX**, with no interpretation and no limitation of speakers. The Secretariat will offer training sessions as well.

► All the information for participants, documents and meeting agenda is already available on the website [https://www.mercuryconvention.org/en/meetings/cop4](https://www.mercuryconvention.org/en/meetings/cop4)
## COP-4.1 Preparatory Events

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Taking the floor during the online segment

- **Two speakers** per delegation will be allowed to take the floor. Other representatives of the delegations can follow the discussions as viewers and thus cannot request the floor nor send chat messages.

- Regional statements may be of a length of **3 minutes maximum**. Longer speeches may be made available in writing to all participants through the intranet. List of regions likely to take the floor: African group, Asia-Pacific group, Eastern European group, Latin American and Caribbean (GRULAC) group, European Union (EU), JUSCANZ interventions totaling no more than 3 minutes.

- Statements by individual Parties and observers can also be posted on the intranet page.

- Only interventions made **orally** will be part of the proceedings of the meeting and, accordingly, reflected in the meetings report.

- In the event you are **not in a position to make your intervention orally**, we invite you to send a private chat to the Secretariat. Your intervention will be forwarded to the President and read orally on behalf of your delegation, if time permits.
Connectivity assistance

► **Connectivity allowance** (funding for internet access) available upon request for developing-country parties and parties with economies in transition

► Up to one person per delegation from eligible parties to allow for participation

► Upon request to MEA-MinamataMeetings@un.org

► Disbursement after the online segment and verification of attendance

► Receipts needed for reimbursements higher than USD 200

► **Technical matters**: Participation in training sessions, technical assistance available during meetings
Credentials

► The Secretariat invited Parties to submit any original, paper copy or electronic copy of credentials in advance of the meeting preferably by **Monday, 4 October 2021** to facilitate the clearance process.

► Similarly to online COP meetings of other MEAs, the COP will accept original credentials in good order, **as well as copies** of credentials in good order with the understanding that the originals will be submitted as soon as possible.

► Taking into consideration the exceptional circumstances of the online segment of the meeting, **electronic copies of credentials** are to be submitted **by email** no later than 6 p.m. Geneva time (UTC+2) on **Tuesday, 2 November 2021** (on the second day of the online segment).

► Credentials can be submitted either only for COP-4.1 or for both COP-4.1 and COP-4.2. In the former case, participants will be able to submit credentials following the invitation to attend COP-4.2 which will be circulated in due course. In the latter case, updates to the credentials will be possible ahead of COP-4.2.
Item 2. Items of the agenda of COP-4 to be considered during its online segment
COP-4 Agenda Item 6: POW and budget
Online Budget Forum

► Link: https://forum.mercuryconvention.org

► Open from 15 September until 15 October 2021

► Invitation link with login details sent to delegates pre-registered for COP-4.1

► Forum for Parties to review, comment or ask questions about the proposed programme of work and budget for the biennium 2022-2023. The Secretariat will provide responses

► Information session for Parties on 18 October 2021
Budget related documents are linked as shown, in accordance with two pre-defined topics: 1) Programme of work and budget for 2022-2023 and 2) Financial matters.

If you have any questions on how to use the forum, please contact reena.agrawal@un.org.
Programme of Work and Budget - Process

► During online segment (COP-4.1) - Budget contact group (Webex):
  • Parties will attend
  • English only (no interpretation)
  • No limitations in the number of Party representatives to request / take floor
  • Propose budget for 2022 and elements of 2023;

► Plenary (Interprefy):
  • Adopts budget decision for COP-4.1 (for 2022 budget and possibly parts of 2023)
Secretariat prepared two scenarios as mandated by COP-3:

- Zero nominal growth scenario for core budget for 2022-2023 (general trust fund)
  - Funded from assessed contributions of Parties and the host country contributions

- 5% scenario for core budget for 2022-2023 (general trust fund)
  - Funded from assessed contributions of Parties and the host country contributions

- Special trust fund: Estimated needs for 2022-2023 presented
  - to be fundraised

- Budget to be prepared in advance of following biennium

- Exceptionally: in advance for 1 year (2022) and following COP-4.1 for another year (2023)

- New Parties implies lower contributions per Party for same budget level
Programme of Work and Budget - Documents

► UNEP/MC/COP.4/24 Programme of work and budget: proposed operational budgets for the two funding scenarios for the biennium 2022-2023

► UNEP/MC/COP.4/INF/21 Information on financial matters

► UNEP/MC/COP.4/INF/22 Budget activity fact sheets

► UNEP/MC/COP.4/19 Report on the issues for the attention of the parties

► UNEP/MC/COP.4/23 Report on international cooperation and coordination
COP-4.1 to consider and approve the complete programme of work and budget for 2022. Parties may wish to consider and agree on elements of the proposed budget for 2023.

COP-4.2 to consider and approve the 2023 programme of work and budget, and thus the full programme of work and budget for the biennium 2022-2023.
Programme of Work and Budget – Highlights

► 0 nominal growth scenario for 2022-2023 lower than 2018-2019 approved budget due to last minute cuts in the effectiveness evaluation area
  • 2022-2023 proposed and 2020-2021 approved budget: USD 7,579,959 (2022: USD 3,063,273)
  • 2018-2019 approved budget: USD 7,759,597

► 5% scenario
  • 2022-2023 proposed budget: USD 7,958,957 (2022: USD 3,368,822)

► Additional costs for COP-4 in two segments of USD 222,158 (including PSC)
  • 50% proposed to be covered from contributions from Parties
  • 50% proposed to be covered from estimated surplus / available cash balance
Programme of Work and Budget – Highlights

► Cost assumption for effectiveness evaluation for work in 2022; COP-4.2 to adopt full budget following substantive discussions

► Decrease in conferences and meetings (no costs associated to meetings of intersessional time-based expert groups)

► No costs budgeted for scientific support

► New activity of digital strategy

► Overall increase in staff costs of 17.8%

► Decrease in staff travel costs

► Increase in operating costs
COP-4 Agenda Item 7: Dates of resumed meeting
Item 7: Dates of the resumed fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

4/25: Dates of the resumed fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury

- During its fifth meeting in April 2021, the COP-4 Bureau decided that, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and related restrictions on travel and gatherings, COP-4, originally planned to be held from 1 to 5 November 2021 in Bali, Indonesia, would be held in two segments: an online segment scheduled for 1 to 5 November 2021 and an in-person segment to be held during the first quarter of 2022 in Bali, Indonesia.

- The dates of the in-person segment are subject to confirmation by a decision of the COP at its online segment in November 2021.

- The Government of Indonesia has informed the secretariat of its preparations to host the resumed meeting in Bali from 21 to 25 March 2022.

The last paragraph of the draft decision therefore invites the COP to decide to adjourn the fourth meeting of the COP and to resume the meeting in an in-person format in Bali, Indonesia, from [--] to [--].
COP-4 Agenda Item 4: Matters for consideration and action
Item 4(e)(i): Global Environment Facility

► **4/10**: The eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility trust fund

► **INF/8**: The eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility trust fund: Draft programming directions and strategic positioning framework
4/10: The eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility trust fund

The present note provides information pertaining to the eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility (GEF-8), which will commence in July 2022 and continue for four years, until June 2026. The replenishment is the subject of negotiations under way within the GEF Assembly to determine the resource allocations and programming directions for GEF-8. The GEF Council is expected to take up the outcomes of the Assembly’s deliberations in a decision to open the eighth replenishment period in June 2022.

Portfolio distribution by resources to GEF-7 focal areas

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Item 4(e)(i): Global Environment Facility

4/10: The eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility trust fund

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Replenishment Timeline

29 September–1 October 2021 – Second replenishment meeting, to discuss the second draft of the strategic positioning and programming directions document, among other things.
17–19 January 2022 – Third replenishment meeting, to decide on the final strategic positioning and programming directions document.
14–16 March 2022 – Fourth replenishment meeting, to finalize donor pledges and the financing framework.
22–24 May 2022 – GEF Council meeting, to issue a decision on the Summary of Negotiations of the Eighth Replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund.
July 2022 – World Bank Executive Directors adopt a resolution to formally start GEF-8.
Item 4(e)(i): Global Environment Facility

► 4/10: The eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility trust fund

► INF/8: The eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility trust fund: Draft programming directions and strategic positioning framework

INF/8: The eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility trust fund: Draft programming directions and strategic positioning framework
Annex I: GEF-8 Programming Directions
Annex II: GEF-8 Strategic Positioning Framework

The third GEF-8 replenishment meeting, scheduled for 17–19 January 2022, is expected to finalize these documents, which will guide the programming of GEF-8 funding to individual projects, including projects undertaken by the GEF in its role as part of the Minamata Convention financial mechanism pursuant to article 13. Sections of these documents that may be particularly relevant to parties as they coordinate at the national level and through relevant national and regional processes to prepare for the replenishment meetings are indicated.

For the full set of documents prepared by the GEF for the second replenishment meeting, see:
https://www.thegef.org/council-meetings/gef-8-replenishment-second-meeting
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GEF-8 Strategic Positioning Framework

HEALTHY PLANET, HEALTHY PEOPLE

FOCAL AREAS

BD  CCM  LD  IW  CW

Unified Action towards 2030 Goals and Commitments

INTEGRATED PROGRAMMING

- Food Systems
- Ecosystem Restoration
- Sustainable Cities
- Amazon, Congo, and Critical Forest Biomes
- Circular Solutions to Plastic Pollution
- Blue and Green Islands
- Clean and Healthy Ocean
- Greening Transportation Infrastructure Development
- Net-Zero Accelerator
- Wildlife Conservation for Development
- Elimination of Hazardous Chemicals from Supply Chains

GLOBAL PROGRAMS

Mobilizing the Financial Sector for Environmental Goals through Blended Finance
Community Action for Global Transformation - Small Grants Programme and Beyond

CROSS-CUTTING THEMES:
- Circular Economy
- Nature-based Solutions
- Gender Responsiveness
- Private sector Engagement
- Resilience
- Behavior Change
- Environmental Security
GEF-8 Programming Directions: Minamata-related sections

► Chemicals and Waste Focal Area
  ▪ Creation, strengthening and supporting of the **enabling environment** to transform the manufacture, use and sound management of chemicals and to eliminate waste and chemical pollution;
  ▪ **Prevention of future build-up** of harmful chemicals and waste in the environment;
  ▪ **Elimination** of harmful chemicals and waste containing or that can emit harmful chemicals from the environment.

► Integrated Programs (systems transformation)
  ▪ Elimination of hazardous chemicals from **supply chains**
Item 4(e)(i): Global Environment Facility

► 4/10: The eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility trust fund

► INF/8: The eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility trust fund: Draft programming directions and strategic positioning framework

Suggested action
The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information herein regarding the timeline, funding priorities and draft programming directions that are the subject of deliberations for the GEF-8 replenishment. Parties may wish to further make use of the information in the context of their national processes relative to the GEF replenishment.

Parties are invited to take the opportunity to make statements on the replenishment. Statements, as captured in the report of the Conference of the Parties in its fourth session, could help inform the replenishment planning discussions running from December 2021 to January 2022, including national processes related to the replenishment.
Paragraph 1 of article 21 of the Minamata Convention on Mercury provides that each party shall report to the Conference of the Parties, through the secretariat, on the measures taken to implement the provisions of the Convention and on the effectiveness of such measures and the possible challenges in meeting the objective of the Convention.

**MC-1/8:** The full format consists of Parts A-E and in Part B contains 43 questions.

**MC-3/13:** The Conference of the Parties, recognized the need for complete and consistent national reporting to provide information for the effectiveness evaluation and for supporting compliance, and requested the secretariat to prepare draft guidance for the full national reporting format to clarify the information being sought.

*Encourages* parties to use the draft guidance on a provisional basis to assist in preparing their full national reports, which are due by 31 December 2021.
Item 4(h): National Reporting

4/17: Draft guidance for completing the national reporting format for the Minamata Convention on Mercury

The full reporting format consists of five parts:

- **Part A:** requests information about the party and respondent
- **Part B:** contains the 43 questions to be answered by all parties every four years, while the short report contains four questions (indicated by an asterisk in the full format) to be answered every two years
- **Part C:** provides an opportunity for parties to comment on possible challenges in meeting the objectives of the Convention
- **Part D:** provides an opportunity for parties to comment on the reporting format and possible improvements
- **Part E:** provides an opportunity to add comments on each of the articles in free text if the party chooses to do so

**Articles:** 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19
4/17: The draft reporting guidance consists of three sections:

- **Section I**: Outlines the reporting **obligations** under the Minamata Convention according to Article 21
- **Section II**: Gives an **overview** of the draft guidance for completing the national reporting format
- **Section III**: Sets out **question-by-question notes** and a **suggested approach** to complete the reporting format

The draft guidance is not intended to be **manual** on how to implement the articles and obligations of the Convention, but to guide Parties for the **collection and collation of information needed to complete parts A to E**.

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**Article 3: Mercury supply sources and trade**

**Question 3.1**: Does the party have any primary mercury mines that were operating within its territory at the date of entry into force of the Convention for the party? (para. 3)

- Yes
- No

If yes, please indicate:

a) The anticipated date of closure of the mine(s): *(month, year)* OR
b) The date upon which the mine(s) closed: *(month, year)*

c)° Total amount mined ______ metric tons per year

**NOTES**: “Mercury” is defined in article 2 (d) of the Convention as “…elemental mercury (Hg(0), CAS No. 7439-97-6)…” Article 2 (i) defines primary mercury mining as “mining in which the principal material sought is mercury”. Accordingly, this question does not seek information about mines from which mercury is obtained as a by-product or waste (question 3.3 below addresses mercury from other such sources).

Paragraph 4 of article 3 allows a party with primary mercury mining within its territory at the date of entry into force of the Convention for it to continue to allow those existing mines to operate for up to 15 years after that date the Convention enters into force for it. Paragraph 11 of article 3 requires each party to include in its reports submitted pursuant to article 21 information showing that the requirements of this article have been met.

**SUGGESTED APPROACH FOR RESPONSE:**

- If the party does not have primary mercury mines that were operating at the date of entry into force of the Convention for it, the party would reply “no” and move to the next question.
- If the party has primary mercury mines that were operating at the date of entry into force of the Convention for it, the party would reply “yes” and would indicate, for each mine:
  - The anticipated date of closure for the mine(s) OR the date when the mine(s) closed;
Item 4(h): National Reporting

4/17: Draft guidance for completing the national reporting format for the Minamata Convention on Mercury

**Reporting Period**

- For the first full reports the reporting period covers 16 August 2017 until 31 December 2020.

**Mandatory information forms the core of the reporting format.**

- A limited number of questions are labelled “supplemental”. These questions provide additional information that would facilitate the evaluation of the effectiveness of the Convention. Responses to these questions can be provided **voluntarily** at the party’s discretion, **but parties are strongly encouraged** to complete these where they have relevant information.

- Description of the effectiveness of the implementing measures should be provided **based on a party’s particular situation and capabilities** but should nonetheless be as consistent as possible in the party’s report.
Login credentials sent to all National Focal Points on 7 September 2021, to begin national reporting

Remember to complete your Full National Report by 31 December 2021

Reporting on measures to be taken to implement the provisions of the Convention, including on the effectiveness of such measures and the challenges encountered, is an obligation of every Party under Article 21.

Short national reports, 31 December 2019

Reporting Rate (30/06/2021) 89%

National Report Pursuant to Article 21

Part B
Art. 7: Artisanal and small-scale gold mining

7.1. Have steps been taken to reduce, and where feasible eliminate, the use of mercury and mercury compounds in, and the emissions and releases to the environment of mercury from, artisanal and small-scale gold mining and processing subject to article 7 within your territory?

Completion status

Part A
- Information on the party

Part B
- Art. 3: Mercury supply sources and trade
- Art. 4: Mercury-added products
- Art. 5: Manufacturing processes in which mercury or mercury compounds are used
- Art. 7: Artisanal and small-scale gold mining
Kick off video on the Online Reporting System

Getting ready for the Online Reporting Tool
Information sessions to support Parties

More information to support Parties: Minamata Online 2

7 Sep: Getting prepared for Full National Reports

14 + 16 Sep: Reporting guidance and online reporting tool: Part I + II

22 Nov: 40 Days to go on National Reports: Check-in on any questions

Recordings and presentations available on the Convention website if you missed a session
Paragraph 1 of article 22 of the Minamata Convention on Mercury stipulates that the Conference of the Parties is to evaluate the effectiveness of the Convention, beginning no later than six years after the date of entry into force of the Convention and periodically thereafter at intervals to be decided by it.

In decision MC-3/10, the Conference of the Parties agreed on three areas of work to be carried out following its third meeting and in advance of its fourth meeting: indicators, guidance on monitoring, and reports provided for in the effectiveness evaluation framework.

- 4/18/Add.1 and INF/11: Indicators
- 4/18/Add.2 and INF/12: Advancing the work on drafting guidance on monitoring to maintain harmonized, comparable information on mercury levels in the environment
- 4/18, para 17: Advancing the drafting of the Article 21 synthesis report
- 4/18, para 18: Advancing of the drafting of the Trade, Supply and Demand report (which includes mercury waste flows and stocks)
**Item 4(i): Effectiveness Evaluation: Indicators**

- **4/18/Add.1 Indicators**
- **INF/11: Compilation of views on the proposed indicators**

A total of **58 indicators** were initially proposed. A number of indicators were grouped into **clusters** as follows:
- supply (articles 3, 10 and 11), demand (articles 4, 5 and 7), pressure (articles 8, 9 and 12), and
- support (articles 13 and 14) and information and research (articles 17, 18 and 19).

**Decision MC-3/10**, the Conference of the Parties invited parties to submit views on the proposed indicators set out in **annex I** to the decision and requested the secretariat to compile those views in advance of the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

**To support parties** in submitting their views on the proposed indicators and allow for the compilation of those views in advance of the fourth meeting, the secretariat developed a **plan of work** for the intersessional work on indicators, in consultation with the Bureau:

- **Information Session**: 17 September 2020
  - Parties were invited to submit their initial views and responses to the secretariat by 30 November 2020. **These were made available on an online workspace.**
  - 2-4 February 2021, the secretariat facilitated an **exchange session** on the submissions.
  - Secretariat was requested to prepare a **compilation of initial views**.
  - 4 March 2021, an **additional exchange session** was held.
  - Parties were invited to submit their views by 31 March 2021.

16 Parties submitted views
Item 4(i): Effectiveness Evaluation: Indicators

4/18/Add.1: Parties’ comments with regard to indicators included the following:

- A well-defined set of various indicators is an important tool for the evaluation of the effectiveness of the Convention;
- Describing indicators in terms of their relevance to the effectiveness evaluation can be useful;
- In some instances, indicators need to be adjusted to be consistent with the Convention text;
- In some instances, indicators need to be adjusted to be consistent with the format for article 22 reporting, which is a source of information for the effectiveness evaluation;
- Indicators sometimes overlap or are duplicative and would benefit from simplification;
- The proposed indicators may need to be refined based on the experience of their use;
- There will be different levels of information completeness, uncertainty in some of the estimates and possibly different understandings on data sources;
- Control measures are to make direct progress on the Convention’s objective (outlined in article 1) and are supported to that end by enabling measures;
- The effectiveness evaluation and its indicators are not a compliance check;
- Further work is needed on baselines.

INF/11: Compilation of views on the proposed indicators

INF/11
Annex I contains the views after the exchange sessions in 2021
Annex II contains the views contributed by parties that opted not to add to or update the initial views they submitted following the information session in 2020

Very detailed consideration of indicators by parties
In response to decision MC-3/10, an *iterative and participatory process* was set out to provide scientific and technical guidance to support the COP to obtain comparable monitoring data for the Effectiveness Evaluation:

![Roadmap Diagram]
Objectives:
► Explain the role of monitoring in the Effectiveness Evaluation
► Provide guidance to Parties and organizations on how to contribute to the Effectiveness Evaluation.

Contents:
► Executive summary
► Atmospheric mercury monitoring
► Biota mercury monitoring
► Human biomonitoring
► Cross-media data analysis
► Tiered approach

Supplementary Material:
► Part A: monitoring programmes (air, biota and human biomonitoring) and SOPs
► Part B: QA&QC procedures for laboratory analysis and data management and draft template for the submission of monitoring data
4/18: Overview of work done since the first meeting and remaining areas of work needed for the Conference of the Parties to put in place the framework and arrangements for evaluating the effectiveness of the Convention and to conduct its first evaluation

Since the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Conference of the Parties, the parties, the ad hoc technical expert group and the secretariat have undertaken work in various areas to give effect to article 22 on effectiveness evaluation. The table starting on page 5 provides an overview of those areas of work and indicates the work that remains to be done.

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<td>First effectiveness evaluation cycle</td>
<td>Paragraph 1 of article 22 of the Convention stipulates that the Conference of the Parties is to evaluate the effectiveness of the Convention, beginning no later than six years after the date of entry into force of the Convention.</td>
<td>As the Convention entered into force on 16 August 2017, six years later is 15 August 2023.</td>
<td>Conference of the Parties: The Conference of the Parties is to decide to begin the first effectiveness evaluation, and further at which meeting it wishes to receive the reports that it requires in order to conduct and conclude on the first effectiveness evaluation.</td>
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<td>Elements of an effectiveness evaluation framework</td>
<td>In decision MC-1/9, the Conference of the Parties tasked the expert group with developing elements of an effectiveness evaluation framework. This included:</td>
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4/18: Suggested action

In light of ... article 22, paragraph 1 ... and based on the work done since its first meeting, the Conference of the Parties may, at its fourth meeting, wish to:

(a) Consider the information contained in the present note;
(b) Consider beginning the first evaluation of the effectiveness of the Convention;
(c) Set the meeting at which it will conclude the first evaluation of the effectiveness of the Convention;
(d) Consider establishing an effectiveness evaluation committee tasked with preparing a report on the effectiveness of the Convention and overseeing scientific and technical work in that regard;
(e) Consider the indicators for evaluating the effectiveness of the Convention based on the work done so far;
(f) Consider the draft guidance on monitoring prepared based on the work done so far;
(g) Consider the periodicity of effectiveness evaluations;
(h) Consider requesting the secretariat to continue supporting the effectiveness evaluation process by continuing to collect information relevant to the effectiveness evaluation and to develop the reports requested by the Conference of the Parties.
COP-4 Approach on Effectiveness evaluation

► 4/18: Giving effect to article 22: effectiveness evaluation
► 4/18/Add.1 Indicators
► 4/18/Add.2 Guidance on monitoring of mercury and mercury compounds to support the effectiveness evaluation of the Minamata Convention: Executive Summary
► INF/11: Compilation of views on the proposed indicators
► INF/12: Guidance on monitoring of mercury and mercury compounds
► INF/25: Supplemental info

Note: Following the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties, some parties initiated informal consultations on items that remained unresolved at the third meeting and were not part of the work provided for in decision MC-3/10.

COP-4.1 is to open the documents on effectiveness evaluation

Plenary
Monday: Presentation of the documents prepared for COP-4

Furthermore, as there have been party-led consultations further to intersessional work on the effectiveness evaluation, this provides the opportunity for the Conference of the Parties to be informed of these consultations too.

COP-4.2 is to consider the documents and any other information the Conference of the Parties foresees on effectiveness evaluation

Considerations of the intersessional work and party-led consultations will be opened during the in-person segment.
Content

- Proposal to establish a framework for the first Effectiveness Evaluation (EE) of the Minamata Convention - to be presented as a Conference Room Paper (CRP) at COP4
  - **Draft decision** text for a framework of the first EE.
  - **Annex 1**: Figure 1. Conceptual framework for the EE; Figure 2. builds on Figure 1 and lays out institutional arrangements and a timeline.
  - **Annex 2**: Terms of Reference for the Effectiveness Evaluation Committee (EEC).
Background & Motivation

• The EE is a key obligation to evaluate the success of the treaty to date and identify where improvements should be made.

• Norway and Canada share a mutual concern about the COP not meeting the treaty commitment to undertake the EE beginning no later than 2023.

• Norway and Canada also share a mutual aspiration for an EE framework that ensures scientific robustness, and an inclusive and transparent process under the Convention to address the different views expressed by parties at COP3.

• Started a facilitative process in early 2020 to tackle the remaining items from COP3, without duplicating the work of the Secretariat (as per MC-3/10) and without re-opening already agreed upon items.

• This CRP is based on COP3 CRP20 from the EE contact group, the input from interested parties and regions, MC-3/10 and the Secretariat’s work on indicators and the monitoring guidance.
Draft Decision MC-4/xx

- Agreeing to use the guidance on monitoring.

- To resolve bracketed text in CRP20, we propose: "Acknowledging the importance of using high quality data in the effectiveness evaluation and that all data should be robust and comparable, taking into account the recommendations specified in the monitoring guidance, recognizing that information submitted by Parties may be prioritized."

- Decides to adopt the framework (as per Annex 1).

- Establishes the EEC (outlined in the ToR, Annex 2) and SAGE (outlined in the ToR, Annex 3).

- Requests the EEC to consider further the indicator list based on the views submitted by Parties and make recommendations for a final set of indicators to COP5.

- Requests the Secretariat to support the work on the EE, to continue to collect information, and to develop the reports requested by the COP, including a draft report on Emissions and Releases.
Annex 1 – Framework for EE

- **Figure 1.** Framework for the EE, taken from decision MC-3/10.
  - Conceptual flow of information.
  - Linear and bottom-up.

- **Figure 2.** Framework, institutional arrangements and timeline for the first EE (between COP4 and COP6).
  - Concretization of Figure 1. “Who does what and when.”

  • To ensure **scientific robustness**, and an inclusive and transparent process under the Convention that addresses the different views expressed by parties at COP3:
    • SAGE recommends high quality data and robust models.
    • EEC and COP review progress, data, annotated outline of the Scientific Report and provide feedback.
    • Progress and findings presented to COP5 to enable transparency and trust, and seek input and agreement from Parties.

  • → Iterative process between SAGE, EEC and COP to produce the final EEC report.
Figure 2: Framework institutional arrangements and timeline for the first effectiveness evaluation cycle of the Minamata Convention. COP4-COP6

Abbreviations: COP, Conference of the Parties; ICC, Implementation and Compliance Committee; MIA, Minamata initial assessment; NAP, national action plan; NIP, national implementation plan; SIP, Specific International Programme to Support Capacity-building and Technical Assistance; EEC, Effectiveness Evaluation Committee; SAGE, Scientific Advisory Group on Effectiveness Evaluation.
Annex 2 – ToR of EEC

§ 1 - Will be responsible for and oversee: The EEC report and the use of high-quality data.
• EEC will also: integrate information to illustrate linkages between policy action, emission reduction and mercury levels, and formulate findings on the effectiveness of the Convention.

§ 2 - To complete the final report for COP6, the committee will carry out the activities presented in Figure 2 for delivery at COP5, including the following tasks:
• (a) Present annotated outline of the EEC report.
• (b) Review list of indicators and available data sources per figure 2, and propose final list.
• (c) In collaboration with SAGE, review existing data service operators and recommend data management arrangements.
• (d) Oversee the use of comparable high-quality data. Based on recommendation from SAGE, propose datasets and models to be used for the EE.
• (e) Stay apprised of the Secretariat’s reports.
• (f) Based on recommendation from SAGE, propose annotated outline of Scientific Report.

§ 3 - The EEC may delegate work to the SAGE, Secretariat and other groups as needed.

§ 4 - The EEC will provide instructions to the Secretariat, SAGE and other relevant groups based on directions received from COP5 to integrate everything into its final report.
Annex 3 – ToR of SAGE

Minimal changes from clean CRP20 version. Name changed to reflect a) the inclusion of the technical work on data quality and, b) the integrated nature of monitoring, modelling and analysis of scientific data.

§ 1 - The SAGE will carry out the tasks of identification, compilation and synthesis related to monitoring.

§ 2 - The SAGE is tasked with the development of the Scientific Report which compiles, analyses and synthesizes high quality comparable mercury monitoring data.

§ 3 - The SAGE will assess the quality and comparability of data and make recommendations on its use in the Scientific Report based on the monitoring guidance.

§ 4 - The Scientific Report will encompass a section that identifies gaps in: a) capacity building, technical assistance and technology transfer (per article 14), b) gaps in monitoring data, knowledge or cooperation. The SAGE will also employ widely accepted and available models.

§ 5 - The SAGE may also make recommendations to the EEC on improvements to future versions of the monitoring guidance.

§ 6 - The SAGE will start its work after COP4 and complete its term after the first EE cycle.
What happens between COP4.1 and COP4.2?

- Norway and Canada plan to **submit the CRP at COP4.1** for introduction during the agenda item on EE.
- We hope the **Secretariat will facilitate further exchange** on the CRP between November 2021 and COP4.2.
- Need to **integrate** the **recommendations from the monitoring guidance** into the CRP before COP4.2.
- Further **work on monitoring guidance Supplementary Material** should continue with the identified group of scientists and experts.
- **Budgetary needs**: Interim budget support needed between COP4.1 and COP4.2. Between COP4 and COP6, support needed for: EEC (final integrated report) and SAGE (Scientific report), Secretariat (Article 21 synthesis report; Trade, Supply & Demand report*; and Emissions & Releases report).
- We hope this CRP will serve as **a starting point for discussion** and welcome your suggestions.
- We also hope to see an **EE framework** adopted at COP4.2 that would result in a **shared knowledge base** to identify where improvements should be made, provide support to parties, and drive the success of the treaty.

*Already budgeted for in Blonnkum 2020-2021.*
Questions for further thought

- We are considering replacing the reference to “high quality data” in the decision text with a reference to data consistent with the monitoring guidance for the EE. Would this be acceptable?

- What are your thoughts on the process outlined in Figure 2? Does it make sense? Are there additional elements to include, or alternatively, could the process and/or the diagram benefit from being streamlined?

- What are your thoughts on the roles of the EEC and the SAGE in the effectiveness evaluation? Are the lists of tasks as outlined in their respective Terms of Reference complete, or are there additional tasks and/or alternative wording that should be considered?
Continuation of the discussions on the items of the online segment of COP-4
Proposal to amend Annex A
A PROPOSAL TO JOIN
THE DECLARATION ON COMBATTING
ILLEGAL TRADE OF MERCURY

THE 4TH CONFERENCE OF PARTIES OF THE MINAMATA CONVENTION
BACKGROUND

- Threat to human health (women and children)
- Value increase to US$ 215 million annually
- ASGM as the major contributor
- ASGM releases the largest of Mercury emission
- No specific international governance
OBJECTIVE OF DECLARATION

- Mainstreaming the issue of mercury illegal trading
- Combat illegal trade of mercury
- Complement the Minamata Convention
VALUE ADDED

- Helping the environment and future generations
- Assisting ASGM to find alternative means
- Supporting the objective of Minamata Convention
- International cooperation
INDICATIVE NON-BINDING ELEMENTS

- Cross border (illegal) trade
- Inadequate regulatory framework on national level
- Gap in means of implementation and enforcement measures
- Lack of awareness and systemic research

- Encouraging international cooperation in enforcement and surveillance
- Encouraging conducive policy, regulations and other internal measures
- Promoting third party cooperation such as donor, e-commerce, capacity building and technical assistance
- Promoting education, research and studies
WAY FORWARD

A. COP-4 MINAMATA CONVENTION
B. SHORT TERM: INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION
C. MEDIUM TERM: COOPERATION TO COMBAT ILLEGAL TRADE OF MERCURY
D. LONG TERM: INTERNATIONAL GOVERNANCE
Thank you
Conclusions and closure
Thank you for your attention

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