Despite substantial health risks, mercury compounds are often added to skin lightening products to lighten the skin, making them illegal under national laws and the Minamata Convention. These violations are facilitated by the lack of e-commerce regulatory oversight, resulting in an explosion of counterfeit products offered in local markets and by internet platforms globally. Antigua & Barbuda and the ZMWG will be presenting new evidence on the magnitude of the problem and the legal/implementation reforms necessary to prevent illegal skin lighteners from entering the marketplace.

**LIST OF SPEAKERS**

- Charline Cheuvart, EEB/ZMWG
- Michael Bender, MPP/ZMWG
- Dr. Linroy Christian, Antigua and Barbuda
- David Lennett, NRDC

**THURSDAY, 10 MARCH 2022**

15H30-16H30 CET