

**Proceedings of the Asia and the Pacific regional preparatory meeting for the online segment of the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury**

**Online, 27 September 2021**

Similar to the segment of the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-4) which will be held online from 1 to 5 November 2021 in view of the current COVID-19 pandemic, the COP-4 bureau agreed that the regional preparatory meetings for the online segment of COP-4 would be held online. The objective of the meetings was to give Parties in the regions the possibility to hear briefings, exchange views and consult each other on the items of the provisional agenda to be considered during the online segment of COP-4. The programmes of the online regional preparatory meetings were prepared in close cooperation with the bureau members of the concerned regions.

The Asia and the Pacific regional preparatory meeting for the online segment of COP-4 was held online on 27 September 2021.

The meeting was chaired by Ms. Rosa Vivien Ratnawati (Indonesia), President of the COP-4 Bureau, and Mr. W.T. B Dissanayake, member of the COP-4 Bureau. Opening remarks were delivered by Ms. Monika Stankiewicz, Executive Secretary of Minamata Convention.

Participants were informed of Bureau's decision 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. Detailed information was provided to participants on the upcoming online segment of COP-4, including the tentative organization of work, practical arrangements, submission of credentials, and other technical arrangements. Participants also received a briefing from the Secretariat on the items of the COP-4 agenda to be considered during its online segment, namely programme of work and budget, dates of the resumed meeting, financial resources and mechanism: GEF, national reporting, and effectiveness evaluation. Participants also received a briefing from Canada and Norway on their effectiveness evaluation initiative.

Meeting documents and presentations for the online segment along with relevant information about the meeting can be found on the meeting website at:

<https://www.mercuryconvention.org/en/events/regional-preparatory-meeting-online-segment-cop-4-asia-and-pacific>

The programme of the meeting is set out in annex I to the present proceedings.

The meeting was attended by a total of 78 participants, including 62 representatives from 14 Parties and one observer from the Asia-Pacific region. The list of participants is set out in annex II to the present proceedings.

## Annex I: Programme

Programme for the Asia and the Pacific regional preparatory meeting for the online segment of the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury 27 September 2021 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (Geneva time)		
8.00 a.m. – 8.15 a.m.	Opening Overview of the programme	Opening remarks from Co-chairs and Secretariat
Item 1. Introduction to the online segment of COP-4		
8.15 a.m.- 9.00 a.m.	Organization of work, practical arrangements, credentials, and other technical matters related to the participation in the online segment	Presentation by the Secretariat, followed by Q&A
Item 2. Items of the agenda of COP-4 to be considered during its online segment		
9.00 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.	Programme of work and budget	Presentation by the Secretariat, followed by a discussion
Break		
10.30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	- Date of the resumed meeting; - Financial resources and mechanism: Global Environment Facility; - National reporting.	Presentation by the Secretariat, followed by a discussion on each item.
11.00 a.m. – 11.45 a.m.	- Effectiveness evaluation.	Presentation by the Secretariat, followed by a discussion on each item and a presentation of the Canada/Norway initiative on effectiveness evaluation.
11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Continuation of the discussions on the agenda items of the online segment of the COP	Q&A
12:15 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Conclusions and closure of the meeting	Closing remarks from co-chairs

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*The Asia Pacific regional preparatory meeting for the online segment of the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury was organized thanks to the generous support of the Government of Switzerland.*  
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**Annex II: List of Participants**

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