

# MINAMATA CONVENTION ON MERCURY

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FIRST CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

24 to 29 September 2017, Geneva - Switzerland

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## First Meeting Of The Conference Of The Parties To The Minamata Convention On Mercury

Interim Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury





AUGUST

**16**

**ENTRY INTO FORCE**

2017

**74**

ratifications as of  
31 August 2017

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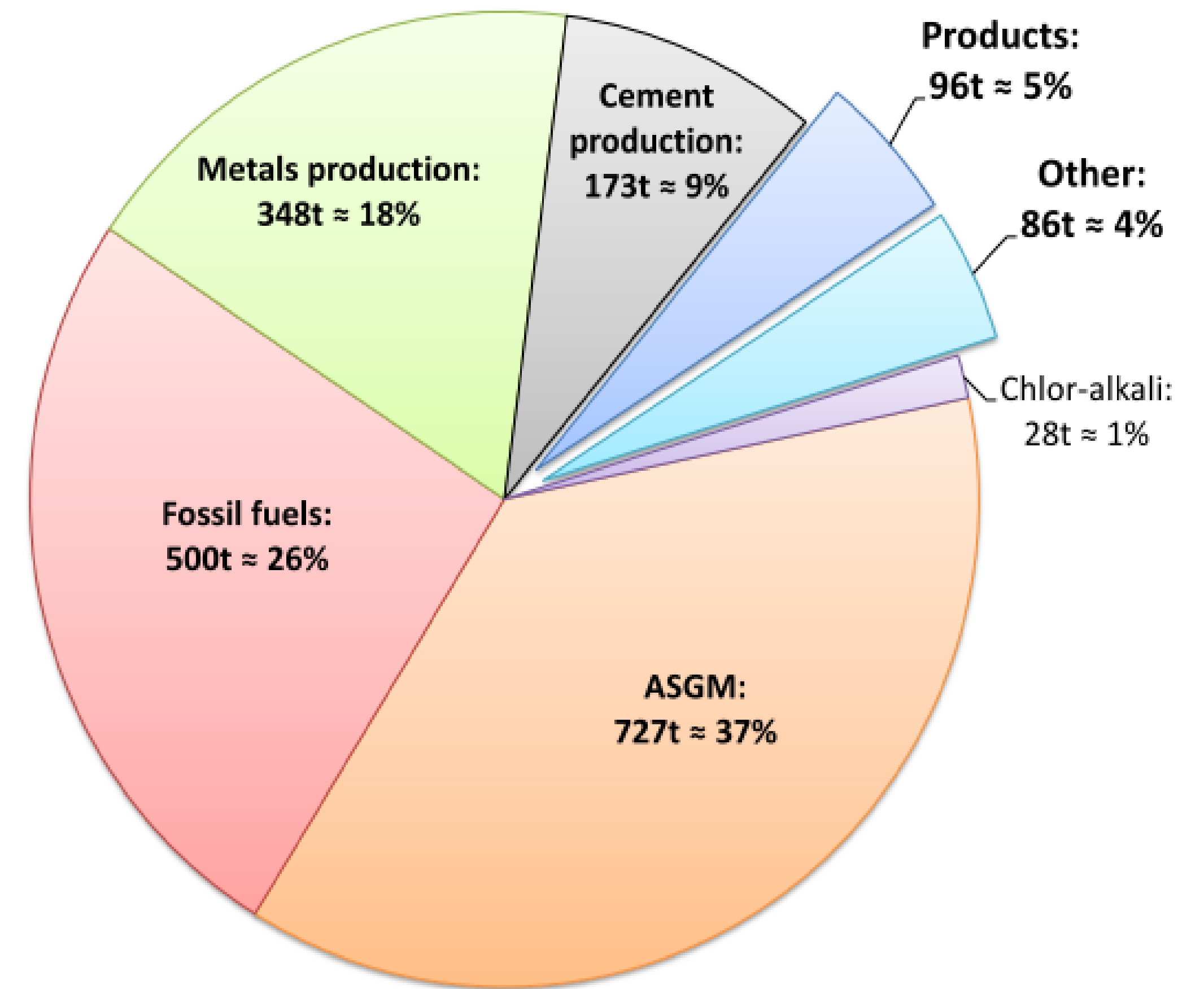


# Why mercury?

Global concerns because of:

- Atmospheric transport
- Bioaccumulation
- Effects on human health and the environment

Anthropogenic Hg Emissions to Air (2010 estimates)



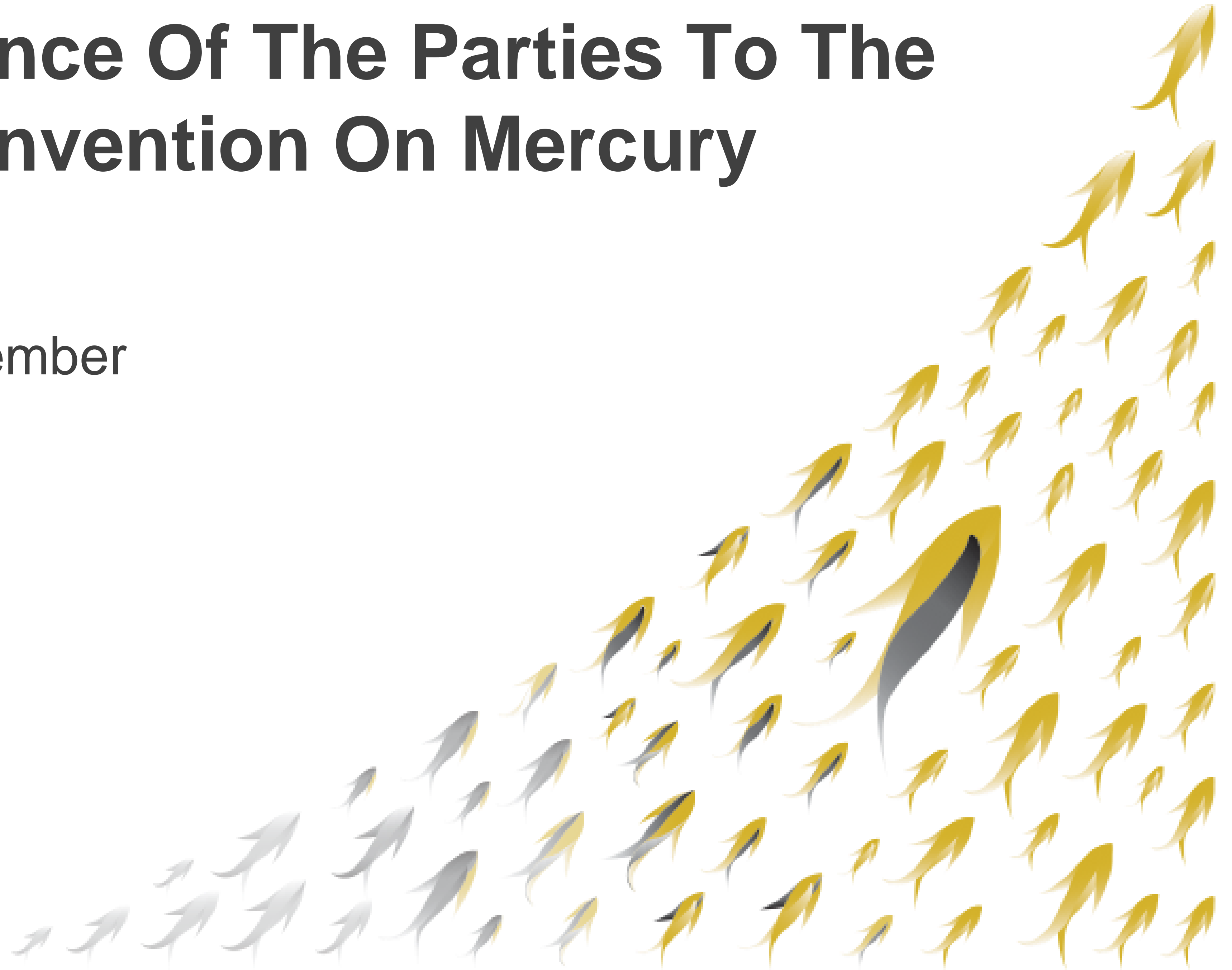
# Negotiating the Convention

- Negotiated between June 2010 and January 2013 over five **Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC)** meetings.
- Adopted and opened for signature in **October 2013** in Kumamoto, Japan.
- **Objective:** to **protect human health and environment** from anthropogenic emissions and releases of mercury.



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From 24 to 29 September  
2017 in Geneva,  
Switzerland



# Current status of registrations (as of 5 September)

- **1090** in Total
- **613** Government representatives
- **74** Ministerial level (out of Government representatives)
- **222** NGOs
- **121** IGOs
- **60** Others



# First meeting of the Conference of the Parties

Geneva International Conference Centre (CICG)

15.00 on Sunday, 24 September to 18.00 on Friday, 29 September

- Plenary opening at **3:00 p.m. on Sunday 24 September**
- **Substantive work** from 24 to 29 September
- High-Level Segment “Make Mercury History” (28-29 September)







# PREPARATIONS FOR COP1



# Forms and guidance provisionally adopted or agreed upon forms and guidance

Art 3	Forms and guidance in relation to <b>mercury supply sources and trade</b>
Art 6	Forms and guidance in relation to <b>exemptions available to a party upon request</b>
Art 7	Guidance on developing a national action plan to reduce, and where feasible, eliminate mercury use in <b>artisanal and small-scale gold mining</b>
Art 8	Guidance in relation to <b>emissions (BAT/BEP)</b>



# Preparations for COP1 – Technical matters

Following INC7, information submitted by Governments and others on:

- Guidance on developing a national action plan on artisanal and small-scale gold mining (article 7)
  - Guidelines on the environmentally sound interim storage of mercury and mercury compounds as well as nomination of experts (article 10)
  - The use of mercury waste thresholds (article 11)
  - Guidance on the management of contaminated sites (article 12)
  - Effectiveness evaluation (article 22)
- Technical work undertaken by the secretariat and forwarded for consideration by COP1



# Preparations for COP1 - Regional consultations

- **Asia-Pacific:** 5-7 July 2017 in Bangkok, Thailand
- **Africa:** 11-13 July 2017 in Johannesburg, South Africa
- **Central and Eastern Europe:** 12-13 July 2017 in Brno, Czech Republic
- **Latin America and the Caribbean:** 25-28 July 2017 in Buenos Aires, Argentina



# Structure of COP1 agenda

Relevant documents: UNEP/MC/COP.1/1 and UNEP/MC/COP.1/1/Add.1

## 1. Opening of the meeting

## 2. Organizational Matters

- (a) Adoption of the rules of procedure;
- (b) Election of officers;
- (c) Adoption of the agenda;
- (d) Appointment of the credentials committee;
- (e) Organization of work.

## 3. Credentials Committee

## 4. Report on activities of the INC





# Structure of COP1 agenda (2)

Relevant documents: UNEP/MC/COP.1/1 and UNEP/MC/COP.1/1/Add.1

5. Matters for action by the Conference of the Parties at its first meeting

6. Matters stipulated by the Convention for action by the Conference of the Parties

7. Venue and date of the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties

8. Other matters

9. Adoption of the report

10. Closure of the meeting



# COP1 agenda Item 2(e) – Organization of work

## Relevant document: UNEP/MC/COP.1/2

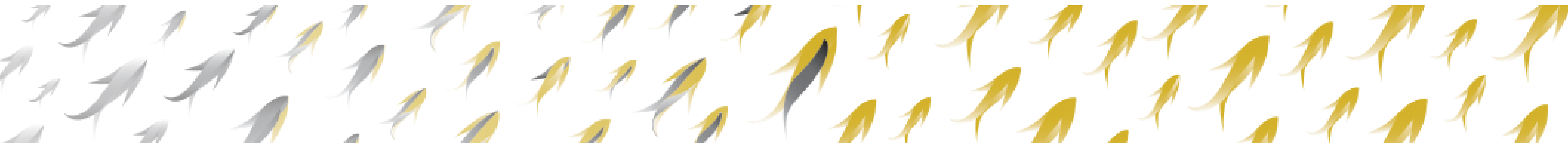
- COP1 will be held from 3 p.m. on Sunday 24 September until 6 p.m. Friday 29 September, with 2 sessions per day (except on 24 September)
- Committee of the Whole – if established, will cover substantive discussions of issues, and prepare decisions for adoption in the plenary of the Conference of the Parties.
- Smaller groups – contact groups and drafting groups may be established by the COW. Informal groups may be used for certain issues.
- High Level Segment – from Thursday 3 p.m. until Friday 1 p.m.



# HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT *“Make Mercury History”*

Hosted by the **President of Switzerland:**

- The objective is to provide a specific platform at the **highest level** for the celebration of the **entry into force of the Minamata Convention on Mercury**.
- Plenary **opening at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday by Her Excellency Doris Leuthard**, President of the Swiss Confederation and Minister for the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communication
- **Roundtables for Ministers** in the afternoon. It will provide a platform for an interactive and dynamic discussion around the themes of **mercury in air, land and water**.



# HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT *“Make Mercury History”*

- Thursday evening, Special Celebratory Event **“United Nations Uniting for Minamata”** at the *UN Palais Assembly Hall*.

Interventions and questions from ministers and other participants to the panel will be expected on the issue of action on the implementation of the Minamata Convention.

- Friday morning, **Keynote Talk and Action Messages from Ministers**

**Keynote talk** by Dr. M. Sanjayan, Chief Executive Officer, Conservation International

**Action Messages** emanating from the roundtable discussions

The floor will be opened for comments, firstly from ministers who may wish to add further information

- **Closing** of the High-Level Segment

A closing statement with Key Take-home Messages will be made by Mr. Chardonens, President of COP1.



# Additional events and showcase opportunities

## **Thematic Sessions** on Air, Land, and Water.

The thematic sessions on:

**Land** (Monday, 25 September)

**Air** (Tuesday, 26 September) and

**Water** (Wednesday, 27 September)

## **MIA (Minamata Convention Initial Assessment) Clinics**

where countries and agencies can showcase their MIA work, including lessons learned.





# Additional events and showcase opportunities (2)

## Show Case Events

where stakeholders can showcase particular work.

## Exhibition area with some Knowledge Labs

featuring the implementation of the Minamata Convention through a mercury life cycle journey.

## Hg-(mercury) week

In parallel to COP1, a week of activities will be organized in different places of the Geneva city to raise the awareness of stakeholders and the public about mercury, its uses, its effects, and how the Minamata Convention contributes to the global solution.



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