



Transforming natural resource management
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Transformer la gestion des ressources naturelles
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December 10th, 2020

UNEP Global Mercury Partnership
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Gigiri
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Nairobi
Kenya

Subject: UNEP Global Mercury Partnership Request

To Whom It May Concern,

IMPACT Transforming Natural Resource Management (formerly Partnership Africa Canada, PAC) would like to renew its partner status with the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership since the Partnership's mission and areas of interest are well aligned with IMPACT's mission statement and fieldwork. IMPACT transforms how natural resources are managed in areas where security and human rights are at risk. We investigate and develop approaches for natural resources to improve security, development, and equality. IMPACT's five focus areas are:

- Regulatory and legal reform;
- Supply chain transparency;
- Illicit trade and financing;
- Gender equality; and
- Environmental stewardship

We do this by investigating, monitoring, and analyzing existing systems; developing, testing, and delivering improved systems; and by engaging in constructive dialogue with stakeholders.

Through IMPACT's Just Gold pilot project, launched in 2015 in the province of Ituri in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), IMPACT has been testing environmentally-friendly strategies in the artisanal gold mining sector, which includes the control and reduction of mercury. The Just Gold technical assistance program also includes significant consideration to implementing mine site safety and environmental mitigation measures, as well as raises awareness on risks to health and safety. The project currently has over 1200 active miners registered, and the first export of responsible source 'conflict-free' ASM gold was purchased by an international jeweler in March 2017. A second Just Gold project is currently underway in Dabakala, Côte d'Ivoire. As an example, please see our Environmental Stewardship brochure: https://impacttransform.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/IMPACT_Enviro-Stewardship-Brochure_Sept-2020-EN_web.pdf





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Furthermore, IMPACT has collaborated with international organizations, regional and national civil society, as well as local women's groups to ensure gender equality is part of any discussion on natural resource management. IMPACT has also published a Gender Impact Assessment toolkit for projects and policies related to artisanal and small-scale mining to ensure that women, who use and depend on natural resources, are valued as key stakeholders in natural resource management.

IMPACT would greatly benefit from the Partnership's knowledge and would be a key partner in achieving its overall goal to protect human health and the global environment from the release of mercury in the artisanal and small-scale gold mining. Our gender expertise, including our Gender Impact Assessment toolkit as relates to the implementation of technical assistance could be one of several potential IMPACT contributions to the Partnership.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Joanne Lebert
Executive Director





UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP

INFORMATION ON BECOMING A PARTNER

This information sheet provides an overview of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Global Mercury Partnership for prospective partners. Further information is available at:

web.unep.org/globalmercurypartnership

GOAL OF THE PARTNERSHIP

The overall goal of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership is to protect human health and the global environment from the release of mercury and its compounds by minimizing and, where feasible, ultimately eliminating global, anthropogenic mercury releases to air, water and land.

PARTNERSHIP AREAS

The UNEP Global Mercury Partnership is a voluntary and collaborative relationship between various parties, governmental, non-governmental, public and private, in which all participants agree to work together in a systematic way to achieve its goal.

Initiated in 2005¹, the Partnership today focuses its work on supporting timely and effective implementation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury; on providing state of the art knowledge and science on mercury; and on delivering outreach and awareness raising towards global action on mercury.

¹ UNEP Governing Council Decision 23/9

The Partnership is structured around eight areas:

- Artisanal and small-scale gold mining
- Mercury cell chlor-alkali production
- Mercury air transport and fate research
- Mercury in products
- Mercury releases from coal combustion
- Mercury waste management
- Mercury supply and storage
- Mercury releases from the cement industry

OUR PARTNERS

Over 190 partners from governments, IGOs, NGOs, private sector and academic institutions:

- Support the overall goal of the Partnership.
- Contribute resources or expertise to the development and implementation of Partnership activities.
- Network with other organizations, agencies, entities and individuals addressing mercury issues.

BECOMING A PARTNER

To become a partner, interested entities or individuals should submit a letter to UNEP signifying their support for the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership and their commitment to achieving its goal. The letter should also specify how they will contribute to meeting the goal of the Partnership.

Together with this letter, UNEP requests interested entities or individuals to also complete and submit the registration form (see reverse). Participation in the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership will be confirmed by UNEP. Partners' letters of support will be made public through the UNEP's website.

SUPPORT LETTER AND REGISTRATION FORM SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO:

**Head, Chemicals and Health Branch
Economy Division
United Nations Environment Programme**
Palais des Nations
8-14 avenue de la Paix
CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland
E-mail: metals@un.org



UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP

PARTNERSHIP AREAS

Please check the partnership area(s) to which your organization intends to contribute to:

- Artisanal and small-scale gold mining
- Mercury releases from coal combustion
- Mercury cell chlor-alkali production
- Mercury waste management
- Mercury air transport and fate research
- Mercury supply and storage
- Mercury in products
- Mercury releases from the cement industry

> Please specify in your support letter how your organization intends to contribute to each of the selected partnership area(s).

ORGANIZATION APPLYING TO BECOME A PARTNER

Name of Organization:

Type of Organization:

Government	Industry
Intergovernmental Organization	Academia
Non-governmental Organization	Other, please specify

Mailing Address:

Postcode: City: Country:

E-mail:

Telephone: Website:

ORGANIZATION'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP

Mr. Ms.

First Name: Last Name:

Functional Title:

Section / Department:

E-mail:

** UNEP Global Mercury Partnership registration forms are to be accompanied by a letter to UNEP signifying support for the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership and commitment to achieving its goal. The support letter should specify how the organization intends to contribute to meeting the goal of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership. Please submit the support letter and registration form to:*

**Head, Chemicals and Health Branch, Economy Division
United Nations Environment Programme**
 Palais des Nations
 8-14 avenue de la Paix
 CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland
 E-mail: metals@un.org



July 24, 2017

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Subject: UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP REQUEST

To Whom It May Concern,

Partnership Africa Canada (PAC) would like to become a partner of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership since the Partnership's mission and areas of interest are well aligned with PAC's mission statement and fieldwork. PAC is a global leader in developing innovative approaches to strengthen natural resource governance in areas where security and human rights are at risk. For 30 years, PAC has collaborated with partners to promote policy dialogue and solutions for sustainable development and peace.

PAC focuses on:

- Investigating and reporting on the lack of accountability, poor governance, and human rights violations associated with conflict minerals.
- Developing and implementing solutions in collaboration with local partners to improve natural resource governance, including the certification of conflict minerals and clean supply chains.
- Providing capacity-building and technical assistance to support transparency in the mining sector, including the development of industry guidelines.
- Promoting policies and programs that support gender equality and women's entrepreneurship in artisanal mining.

Through PAC's Just Gold pilot project, launched in 2015 in the province of Ituri in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), PAC has been testing environmentally-friendly strategies in the artisanal gold mining sector, which includes the control and reduction of mercury. We have also piloted a Gender Impact Assessment tool applicable to this technical assistance to ensure that women and men benefit from the services and support rendered. The Just Gold technical assistance program also includes significant consideration to implementing mine site safety and environmental mitigation measures, as well as raises awareness on risks to health and safety. The project currently has over 700 active miners signed up and the first export of responsible source 'conflict-free' ASM gold was purchased by an international jeweler in March 2017. A second project is in development in Cote d'Ivoire. We also act as Gender Advisors to Artisanal Gold Council – another UNEP partner – for their programming in Indonesia and Peru.

PAC would greatly benefit from the Partnership's knowledge and would be a key partner in achieving its overall goal to protect human health and the global environment from the release of mercury in the artisanal and small scale gold mining. Our gender expertise, including our Gender Impact Assessment tool as relates to the implementation of technical assistance could be one of several potential PAC contributions to the Partnership.

Sincerely,

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Joanne Lebert, Executive Director



UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP INFORMATION ON BECOMING A PARTNER

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www.unep.org/hazardoussubstances

GOAL OF THE PARTNERSHIP

The overall goal of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership is to protect human health and the global environment from the release of mercury and its compounds by minimizing and, where feasible, ultimately eliminating global, anthropogenic mercury releases to air, water and land.

PARTNERSHIP AREAS

The UNEP Global Mercury Partnership is a voluntary and collaborative relationship amongst various parties, in which all participants agree to work together in a systematic way to take immediate actions to achieve the goal of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership.

Established in 2008, the partnership supports immediate actions on mercury in parallel to the negotiations of a mercury convention.

The following partnership areas have been initiated:

- artisanal and small scale gold mining;
- mercury cell chlor alkali production;
- mercury air transport and fate research;
- mercury in products;
- mercury releases from coal combustion;
- mercury waste management;
- mercury supply and storage; and
- mercury releases from cement industry.

OUR PARTNERS

More than 100 partners from IGOs, NGOs and private sector:

- Support the overall goal of the Partnership;
- Contribute resources or expertise to the development and implementation of partnership activities;
- Network with other organizations/agencies/individuals addressing mercury issues.

BECOMING A PARTNER

To become a partner, interested entities or individuals should submit a letter to UNEP signifying their support for the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership and their commitment to achieving its goal, and specifying how they will contribute to meeting the goal of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership.

Letters should be submitted to :

Head of Branch
UNEP Chemicals Branch DTIE
11-13, chemin des Anémones
CH-1219 Châtelaine - Geneva, Switzerland
E-mail: metals.chemicals@unep.org

In submitting this letter, UNEP requests partners to complete the registration form (see reverse). Participation in the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership will be acknowledged by UNEP. Your confirmation letter will be posted on the UNEP Chemicals Branch web site.



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PARTNERSHIP AREA

Please check the partnership areas to which your organization intends to contribute to:

- artisanal and small scale gold mining
- mercury cell chlor alkali production
- mercury air transport and fate research
- mercury in products
- mercury releases from coal combustion
- mercury waste management
- mercury supply and storage mercury supply and storage
- mercury releases from the cement industry

Please indicate in your support letter how your organization intends to contribute to each of the indicated partnership areas.

ORGANIZATION NAME

NAME, FUNCTIONAL TITLE
 OF REPRESENTATIVE

ADDRESS OF
 ORGANIZATION

TEL. No.

EMAIL

FAX No.

WEBSITE/URL

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION

- Government
- Regional economic integration organization
- Non-government Organization
- Industry
- Scientific community
- Other, please specify: _____

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