



**Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) Mercury Storage Project
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Suggested workplan and schedule of activities of the LAC mercury storage project for 2010

Note by the secretariat

1. Governing Council decision 25/5 on Chemicals Management including Mercury requests the Executive Director of UNEP, coordinating as appropriate with Governments, intergovernmental organizations, stakeholders and the Global Mercury Partnership, and concurrently with the work of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to develop a legally-binding instrument on mercury, to continue and enhance as part of international action on mercury the existing work, including enhancing capacity for mercury storage. Under the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership on Supply and Storage, and with due consideration to global developments on mercury storage, continuing activities of the LAC mercury storage project are being planned to be implemented in the LAC region in 2010.
2. Drawing upon the experience and lessons learned from the Asia Pacific mercury storage project, the LAC mercury storage project 2010 activities, budget and timelines are being proposed by the secretariat. Some funding is available from the government of Norway, but other sources of funding may have to be identified. Timing of activities may have to be considered in the light of the first intergovernmental negotiation committee meeting in June 2010.

Recommendations

The participants may wish

- a) To review and comment on the proposed project workplan and agree on the activities, budget and timelines.
- b) To consider ways of providing information based on project output to the intergovernmental negotiation committee through the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership on Supply and Storage

LAC Mercury storage project proposed 2010 workplan

Activity	Timeframe/output to be delivered by	Resource needs	Lead and Participants
a) Participation at a pre- INC 1 meeting of the UNEP Global Mercury Supply and Storage Partnership – Stockholm, Sweden	6 June 2010	(Travel, DSA) Mercury trust funds	UNEP Chemicals, Country representatives
b) Development of parameters needed in a feasibility study on the preferred storage option	Oct 2010	50,000 USD (SSFA)-funds to be sourced	UNEP Chemicals, Consultant
c) Testing of guidance document on the suggested framework for decision making for the safe management of redundant mercury	Oct 2010	200,000 USD (SSFA, consultant's and staff travel)- funds to be sourced	UNEP Chemicals, ROLAC Consultant, Participating countries (at least 2 from ROLAC)
d) Teleconference on proposed parameters to be covered in an in depth feasibility study, lessons learned from using the guidance document, and planning for 2011	Nov 2010	Functional telephone lines	Project ExeCom ROLAC, UNEP Chemicals
e) Project external evaluation	Dec 2010	10,000 USD- funds to be sourced	UNEP Chemicals, ROLAC