



**South American Forum on Regional Cooperation to Support
 National Action Plans for Artisanal and Small Scale Gold
 Mining
 17-19 March 2015**

Venue: Plaza del Bosque, Lima, Peru

Agenda

Tentative timing	Session Topic	Presenters/ Facilitators/ Comments
DAY 1 – 17 March 2015		
08:15-09:00	Registration	
09:00-10:00	Welcoming ceremonies and public meeting	<i>The Honorable Manuel Pulgar-Vidal, Minister of Environment, Peru</i> <i>The Honorable Brian Nichols, US Ambassador to Peru</i> <i>Liliam Ballón de Amézaga, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Peru</i> <i>Jordi Pon, UNEP Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean</i> <i>Susan Keane, ASGM Area for UNEP Partnership co-lead</i>
10:00-10:30	Coffee break	
10:30-11:00	Introduction, and expectations for outcomes of the meeting	<i>Presenters: UNEP ASGM Partnership co-lead; US Regional Environmental Officer for South America (US REO)</i>
11:00-11:30	ASGM Requirements in the Minamata Convention, including National Action Plans	<i>Presenters: UNEP; ASGM Partnership lead (NRDC); PAHO</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNEP will provide an overview of the requirements for addressing mercury use in ASGM under the Convention.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Partnership lead will provide a brief introduction to the available guidance on preparing National Action Plans • PAHO will make a presentation about public health strategies required as part of the NAPs.
11:30-13:00	Country status reports on National Action Plans	<i>Presenters: Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru</i> Representatives from each participating country will present a brief status report on their NAP process
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-15:00	Presentation: How to access GEF funding for ASGM Discussion: Key barriers in implementing ASGM NAPs	<i>Facilitator: GEF</i> The GEF will facilitate a discussion of the biggest challenges in implementing the NAPs and what role GEF funding could play in overcoming these challenges.
15:00-15:30	Regional cooperation to support NAP implementation	<i>Presenter: UNEP Regional Office for Latin American and the Caribbean (ROLAC)</i> UNEP ROLAC will frame the discussion on regional cooperation and will present examples of modalities of cooperation and information exchange mechanisms.
15:30-16:00	Areas for Regional Cooperation Part 1: Managing Mercury Trade	<i>Presenter/ Facilitator: ASGM Partnership co-lead</i> ASGM Partnership lead will provide an overview of mercury trade requirements under Minamata, outline some of the challenges expected in managing trade, and provide an initial menu of opportunities for regional cooperation.
16:00-16:15	Coffee Break, move to breakout groups	
16:15-17:45	Breakout session 1: Managing Mercury Trade	Questions about mercury trade in the region will be sent to participants in advance of the meeting. In this breakout session, participants will discuss what will need to be done to enhance existing schemes in their countries for managing mercury trade, and brainstorm about the possible areas/projects for regional cooperation.
17:45-18:00	Wrap up and Preview of Day 2	<i>Presenter: ASGM Partnership co-lead</i>

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DAY 2 – 18 March 2015		
09:00-09:15	Welcome to Day 2	<i>Presenter: ASGM Partnership lead</i> An overview of the day's sessions will be presented.
09:15-09:45	Report back from breakout groups on managing trade	Each breakout group rapporteur will provide a 10 minute summary on (1) potential changes required to current trade management systems and (2) possible regional projects/ areas for cooperation.
09:45-10:45	Areas for Regional Cooperation Part 2: Eliminating Worst Practices and Reducing Exposures to Mercury from ASGM, Including Financial Models To Sustain Adoption Of New Practices	<i>Presenter/ Facilitator: ASGM Expert (Dr. Paul Cordy); GEF</i> Presenter will present key technical interventions to eliminate worst practices and reduce mercury exposures; regional success stories (Colombia, Bolivia, other) will be highlighted. The GEF will facilitate a discussion about potential financial models for providing access to capital for alternative technologies.
10:45-11:00	Coffee Break, move to breakout groups	
11:00-12:30	Breakout 2: Eliminating Worst Practices and Reducing Exposures to Mercury from ASGM	In small groups, participants will be given two assignments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design an intervention program for priority ASGM sites in their own countries. (An example will be provided for guidance). • Consider options for regional cooperation that could support such interventions.
12:30-13:30	Lunch	
13:30-14:00	Report back from breakout groups on eliminating worst practices	Each group rapporteur will provide a summary of the intervention design and potential opportunities for regional cooperation.
14:00-15:00	Areas for Regional Cooperation Part 3: Strengthening Scientific Capabilities And Data Collection For Monitoring	<i>Presenters: CAMEP (Luis Fernandez)</i> Presenter will discuss analytical needs, monitoring programs and capacity and data sharing and integration.
15:00-15:15	Coffee break, move to breakout groups	
15:15-16:45	Breakout 3: Strengthening scientific capabilities and data collection for monitoring	In small groups, participants will discuss existing capabilities, highest priority needs and ways to share information and opportunities for common capacity

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16:45-17:15	Report back from breakout groups on strengthening scientific capacity	Each group rapporteur will present ideas/projects for building/sharing scientific capacity in the region
17:15-17:30	Wrap-up and preparation for Day 3	<i>Presenter: ASGM Partnership co-lead</i>

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DAY 3 – 19 March 2015		
09:00-09:15	Welcome to Day 3	<i>Presenter: ASGM Partnership co-lead</i> An overview of the day's sessions will be presented
09:15-10:00	GEF project(s) on ASGM NAP development and NAP implementation in the region	<i>Presenters: GEF/UNEP</i> GEF and UNEP representatives will discuss ongoing plans for providing support to countries in the region on NAPs and NAP implementation.
10:00-10:30	Full Group Discussion: Selection of Focus Area(s) for Regional Cooperation	Group will discuss which of the three potential areas for regional cooperation could be developed as part of a proposal to the GEF.
10:30-12:00	Breakout 4: Small group discussion of possible GEF proposal(s)	In small groups, participants will elaborate outputs/outcomes for a potential proposal using the GEF logframe format.
	(Coffee will be available during breakout)	
12:00-12:30	Report back from breakout groups on GEF proposal(s)	Each group rapporteur will present the log-frame developed for GEF proposal(s).
12:30-13:00	Wrap up; next steps/ workplan/ timeline for completion of GEF proposal(s)	<i>Presenter/facilitator: ASGM Partnership co-lead, US REO</i>
CLOSURE OF WORKSHOP		
13:00-14:00	Lunch	

