GUIDANCE FOR NATIONAL ACTION PLANS

UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP, ARTISANAL AND SMALL-SCALE GOLD MINING PARTNERSHIP AREA

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ASGM National Action Plans (NAPs)

- Main policy mechanism for control of mercury in ASGM
- A mandatory obligation for all countries with “more than insignificant” ASGM
  - Not to be confused with Implementation Plans (Article 20) (voluntary)
- Contents of National Action Plan defined in Annex C
NAP Guidance Revision Process

1. Original NSP Guidance
2. Revision by Expert Group
3. Circulation to Partners
4. Submission to INC6
Part 1: NAP Development Process

- Coordination Mechanism
- National Overview
- Objectives and Targets
- Formulation of Strategies
- Evaluation Mechanism
- Endorsement and Submission
Goals and process
Creating an enabling policy framework
Technical aspects of mercury use and reduction
Health
Goals and Process

- National objectives & mercury reduction targets (paragraph 1a)
- Strategies for involving stakeholders (paragraph 1g)
- Schedule for implementation (paragraph 1k)
Enabling Policy Framework

- **Formalization or regulation (1c)**
  - Titles and licensing
  - Access to credit
  - Best environmental practices

- **Managing trade (1f)**
  - Controlling imports and exports
  - Preventing diversion

- **Providing information (1j)**
  - Miners
  - Communities
Eliminate Worst Practices (1b)

Open Burning, Burning in Residential Areas

Use of Cyanide after Mercury

Whole Ore Amalgamation

Photo: Global Mercury Project

Baselines of Mercury Use and Practices (1d)
Reduce Emissions, Releases and Exposures (1e)

**Short-term:** Reduce mercury use and emissions

- Improve current practices
- Limit mercury exposure

**Longer-term:** Transition to low mercury/mercury-free techniques

- Gravity and other concentration processes
- Chemical Processes
Health in ASGM NAPs (1h, 1i)

Protect vulnerable populations

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UNIDO, Mali, 2009

Develop public health strategies
A country may use additional strategies to achieve its objectives, e.g.,

- use or introduction of standards for mercury-free artisanal and small-scale gold mining
- market-based mechanisms or marketing tools