

# Dental amalgam Impact on the environment

## Actions for Ministry of Health/Chief Dental Officer



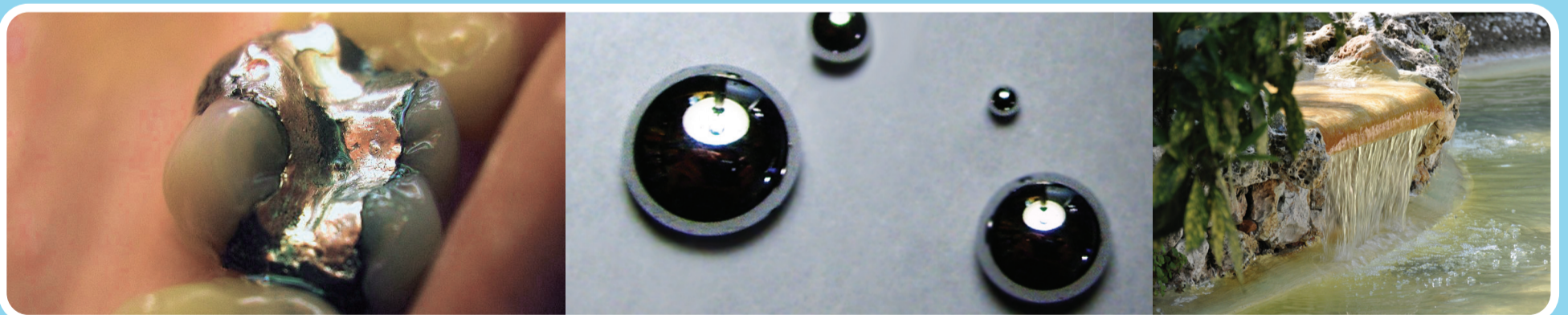
Photos: Left Kenya Dental Association/ FDI Project 2011; middle MW; right Anderson Mancini

**Dental caries is a serious public health problem around the world**  
**Implement universal Primary Oral Health Care**



Photo: ktpupp

**Repair of decayed teeth is costly to people and society**  
**Encourage people to seek dental care at the early stage of disease**



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**Discarded dental amalgam waste pollutes the environment**  
**Enforce Best Management Practices (BMP) and help reduce mercury emissions and releases**

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