





PROGRAMME

Opening remarks and presentation of the global progress

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Sharing national experience and lessons learned

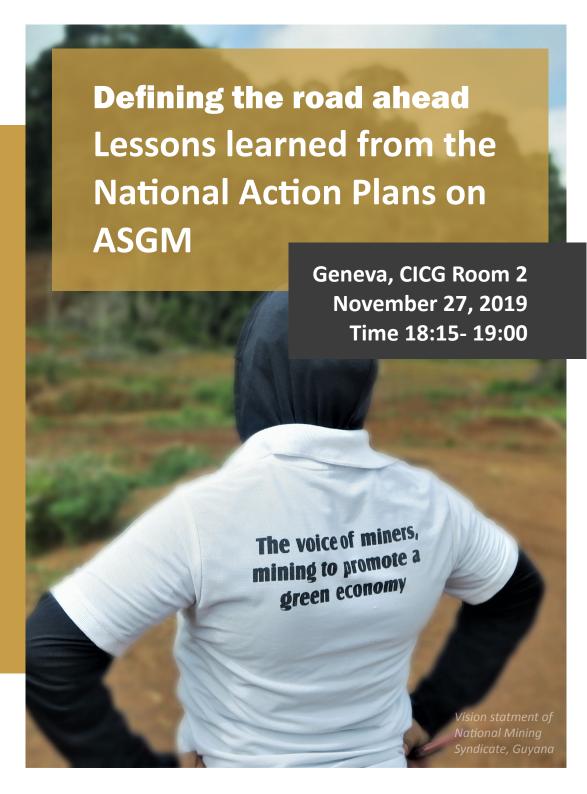
Uganda Ecuador WHO Artisanal Gold Council

Throughout the event, the audience will have an opportunity to share their experiences and questions through an online polling tool.











About the event

Development of National Action Plans (NAPs) for artisanal and small-scale gold mining (ASGM) is an obligation under Article 7 of the Minamata Convention for each Party that determines that mercury use in ASGM in its territory is "more than insignificant". Till date, 35 countries have embarked on the development of a NAP. Several of them have already completed or are about to endorse and submit their NAP to the Secretariat of the Minamata Convention.

The side event will present the global status and progress made on the NAP development. It will highlight the challenges that national teams have encountered during such process and discuss possible solutions to overcome them, including with respect to the future NAP implementation. The event will be discuss key issues and strategies of NAPs, including for example: i) developing a national overview of the ASGM sector, ii) developing formalization strategies, iii) developing public health strategy, and/or iv) managing mercury trade regionally. Further, it will feature a discussion on paving the road towards implementation, including with respect to mobilizing financial resources, leveraging political will and inter-ministerial coordination.