



# UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP

Tuesday 13 October 2020  
1:30pm – 3pm CEST

## Mercury-added medical measuring devices: tools and implementation

### Webinar on mercury-added products - #1

#### Registration.

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#### Audience

GMP partners, other interested stakeholders working on mercury-containing medical measuring devices, including NGOs, private sector and ministries of health, environment, mining and Minamata Secretariat focal points.

#### Content

Mercury is highly toxic to humans and ecosystems and is considered by WHO as one of the top ten chemicals or groups of chemicals of major public health concern. Exposure to mercury can result in adverse impacts on the nervous, digestive and immune systems, lungs and kidneys. A 2017 UNEP report calculated the global use of mercury in 'measuring a control devices,' a category comprised nearly entirely of thermometers and manometers, as 330 tons. According to the Minamata Convention, countries are to phase out, by the end of 2020, products containing mercury, as specified in Article 4. The manufacture, import and export of sphygmomanometers and thermometers have a specified phase-out date of 2020.

The UNEP Global Mercury Partnership, has a partnership area specifically focusing on Mercury added products. The objective of the Partnership Area is to phase out and eventually eliminate mercury in products and to eliminate releases during manufacturing and other industrial processes via environmentally sound production, transportation, storage, and disposal processes.

The webinar will present information, guidance and knowledge on mercury-added products, with a focus on medical measuring devices. The webinar will focus on import, export and production, as well as any other challenges that countries and relevant stakeholders are facing while phasing-out these medical devices. It will aim at providing an exchange of experience, best practices and challenges, in phasing out mercury-contained medical measuring devices by the end of 2020, and to further guide and support stakeholders in achieving this obligation from the Minamata Convention.

#### AGENDA

##### Opening remarks and setting the scene

1:30

*Tom Groeneveld* – UNEP Global Mercury Partnership, Products Partnership Area lead  
*Marianne Bailey* – Minamata Convention Secretariat

##### Medical Measuring Devices – what is at stake?

1:45

*Adriana Velazquez Berumen*, World Health Organisation  
*Maggie Montgomery*, World Health Organisation

##### Sharing national experience and lessons learned: Questions and sharing experiences

2:15

All participants

##### Closure

2:55

*Tom Groeneveld* – UNEP Global Mercury Partnership, Products Partnership Area lead

Moderated by the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership Secretariat