

**UNEP Global Mercury Partnership**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Mercury Waste Management Area Meeting 2022**

20 September, 2022, 9:30-12:30 (SGT)  
Simpor 4811 @Marina Bay Sands

**Annotated Agenda**

**Opening**

- Opening remarks by the Waste Management Area leads
- Introducing new Partners
  - ✧ Asociación COLNODO (Columbia) NGO (participation TBC)
  - ✧ Total Hazardous and Integrated Solutions (participation TBC)
  - ✧ Black Forest (participation TBC)
- Adoption of the agenda

**Session1: Progress since the 2<sup>nd</sup> WMA Meeting 2021**

- In order to accommodate participants who are not yet familiar with the GMP Waste Management Area (WMA)'s activities, a brief overview of the WMA will be introduced.
- Previous WMA meeting was held on 1 February, 2021. Since then, a number of key events associated with the Partnership Area were taken place. Among others, the 12th Partnership Advisory Group (12 February) and a follow-up meeting of the Areas leads meeting (25 May) suggest the areas that the WMA would take into account in its planning for coming months. In this regards, the GMP Secretariat will provide a summary of the discussion from these meetings and a way forward of the GMP.
- The COP-4 of the Minamata Convention took place in Indonesia (21 - 25 March), and enhanced collaboration between the Minamata Convention and the GMP was highlighted during the PAG-12. The Secretariat of the Minamata Convention will brief the decisions from the COP 4 in light of potential collaboration with the GMP, particularly for dealing with mercury wastes.
- Working together with the GMP Secretariat, the WMA Partners played substantive roles in organizing knowledge sharing events, namely GMP information sharing session of "Treating Mercury Wastes: Knowledge and Technology" (15 February) and a side event at the BRS COPs entitled "Mercury Wastes: latest developments, tools and practices for their environmentally sound management" (9 June). The WMA Secretariat will report the events and WMA activities undertaken since the last WMA Meeting in February.

## **Session 2: Reporting from Working Groups**

- Working Groups (WGs) developed the Workplan for three years (2022-2024) in alignment with the WMA Activity Plan. In this session, each WG leader will present the progress made and initial ideas of synergies among WGs, sharing its updated Workplan. Partners are expected to consider in what ways they could practically support WGs activities including active participation in the WGs as a group member.
- After hearing the planning of each WG, cooperation and coordination among WGs will be considered. Partners are expected to discuss how and in what they can cooperate one another to synergize WMA activities.
- Cooperation with other GMP Areas is encouraged. Among others, a joint webinar with other areas, such as the Mercury cell chlor-alkali production Area, could be further explored. Partners are invited to provide inputs for the planning of the webinar.

## **Session3: Sharing information**

- GMP Secretariat will share any relevant upcoming events including the PAG-13 and others.
- Partners may want to share any useful information relevant to mercury wastes management, call for assistance, or ask some technical questions for knowledge sharing.

## **Wrap-up and Closing**