



Efficient Appliances for People & the Planet

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Subject: UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP

With this letter CLASP wishes to apply as a partner for the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Global Mercury Partnership in the Mercury in products and Mercury waste management sectors.

CLASP focuses on appliance & equipment energy performance and quality, to mitigate and adapt to climate change and expand access to clean energy. Our mission is to improve the energy and environmental performance of the appliances & equipment we use every day, accelerating our transition to a more sustainable world. We envision a world in which appliances and equipment are life-changing, low-impact, and environmentally responsible. CLASP is an international and impartial nonprofit organization (501c3), first established in 1999. Recognizing that no one can solve the world's most pressing issues alone, we partner with experts in the sectors, specialties, and regions we work, for the best possible outcomes.

CLASP coordinates the Clean Lighting Coalition (CLiC), a partnership to transition global markets to mercury-free, cost-effective, and energy-saving LED lighting by encouraging the removal of exemptions for fluorescent lighting in the Minamata Convention on Mercury. We do this by providing technical evidence, convening government stakeholders, engaging the private sector, and raising awareness about the benefits of transitioning to clean lighting. So far, CLiC has engaged nearly 200 partner organizations across 52 countries in support of this effort.

Becoming a partner within the Global Mercury Partnership will allow CLASP to provide greater support to its CLiC partners on efforts to phase out mercury-containing fluorescent lighting.

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UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP

Yellowfin Tuna, Courtesy NOAA Fisheries, © Photo by Jeff Muir

INFORMATION ON BECOMING A PARTNER

This information sheet provides an overview of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Global Mercury Partnership for prospective partners. Further information is available at:

www.unep.org/globalmercurypartnership/

GOAL OF THE PARTNERSHIP

The overall goal of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership is to protect human health and the global environment from the releases of mercury and its compounds by minimizing and, where feasible, ultimately eliminating global, anthropogenic mercury releases to air, water and land.

PARTNERSHIP AREAS

The UNEP Global Mercury Partnership is a voluntary and collaborative relationship between various parties, governmental, non-governmental, public and private, in which all participants agree to work together in a systematic way to achieve its goal.

Initiated in 2005¹, the Partnership today focuses its work on supporting timely and effective implementation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury; on providing state of the art knowledge and science on mercury; and on delivering outreach and awareness raising towards global action on mercury.

¹ UNEP Governing Council Decision 23/9

The Partnership is structured around eight areas:

- Artisanal and small-scale gold mining
- Mercury cell chlor-alkali production
- Mercury air transport and fate research
- Mercury in products
- Mercury releases from coal combustion
- Mercury waste management
- Mercury supply and storage
- Mercury releases from the cement industry

OUR PARTNERS

Over 240 partners from governments, IGOs, NGOs, private sector and academic institutions:

- Support the overall goal of the Partnership.
- Contribute resources or expertise to the development and implementation of Partnership activities.
- Network with other organizations, agencies, entities and individuals addressing mercury issues.

BECOMING A PARTNER

To become a partner, interested entities or individuals should submit a letter to UNEP signifying their support for the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership and their commitment to achieving its goal. The letter should also specify how they will contribute to meeting the goal of the Partnership.

Together with this letter, UNEP requests interested entities or individuals to also complete and submit the registration form (see reverse). Participation in the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership will be confirmed by UNEP. Partners' letters of support will be made public through the UNEP's website.

SUPPORT LETTER AND REGISTRATION FORM SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO:

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