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### Latest news from the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership - March 2021 (Newsletter #3)

In this edition, get insights from the 11th meeting of the Partnership Advisory Group (15-16 December 2020), learn about recent and upcoming Partnership Area meetings, workshops and latest useful resources, welcome Celia Chen, new co-lead of the Mercury Air Transport and Fate Research Partnership Area and meet partners who recently joined the Partnership.

With our warm wishes,

The Secretariat of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership

## HIGHLIGHTS

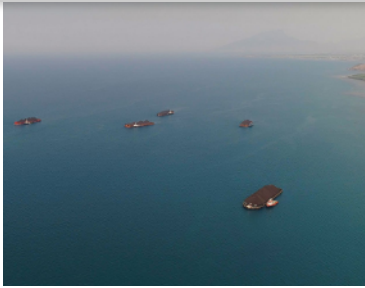
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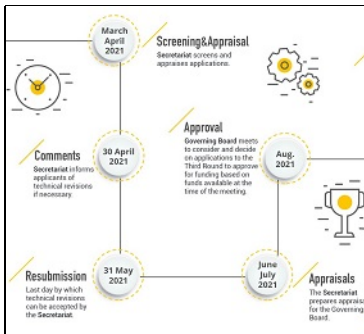
**The Mercury Waste Management Partnership Area will meet on 8 March 2021** to discuss the needs for mercury waste management technologies and services identified in the recently conducted online survey, explore opportunities for future work and consider the Partnership Area's activity plan. [Click here to register for the meeting.](#)



**At its last meeting on 10 December 2020, The Mercury Air Transport and Fate Research Partnership Area** welcomed as new co-lead **Ms. Celia Chen (Dartmouth College)**. Participants also discussed activities under the GOS4M, Global Passive Air Mercury and GEF-STAP projects, Mercury Monitoring Guidance Document under the Convention and cross-cutting collaborations.



**in Indonesia” webinar by IEA Clean Coal Centre from 23- 25 March 2021** to learn about US State Department funded project on reducing mercury emissions from Indonesian coal sector, data gathering and analysis, and process to submit proposals for mercury reduction strategies informing the Indonesian national action plan.



**The third round of applications to the Specific International Programme will be open until 18 March 2021.** The Programme directly supports eligible Party governments in strengthening their capacity to implement the Minamata Convention. Eligible Parties are invited to submit their project proposals for an amount between USD 50,000 and USD 250,000.



**The Center for Public Health and Environmental Development (CEPHED) was selected for WWF Nepal Conservation Awards 2020** for its work in reducing chemical pollution, in particular in support to **mercury free health care services and mercury free dentistry** and POPs elimination in Nepal. Partnership member since 2013, **CEPHED** focuses on environment conservation and public health protection.

## RECENT EVENTS



**The 11th meeting of the Partnership Advisory Group on 15-16 December 2020** saw attendance of over 100 participants to exchange on recent activities by Partnership Areas and future priorities, progress and next steps of the studies on mercury from oil and gas and from non-ferrous metals, as well as contributions to COP4 and ICMGP15. **Read report for more insights.**



[Area met on 25 February 2021](#) to share information on mercury supply sources as well as existing storage and disposal capacities. Discussions were also held on future priorities as well as opportunities for collaboration with other Partnership areas, future workshops and meetings.



[See recording and presentations of mercury-added skin-lightening cosmetics webinar organized on 30 November 2020](#) by the Partnership and its Area on Mercury in products, in cooperation with WHO. The event looked into the adverse effects of these products and discussed experience and challenges in meeting the 2020 deadline for phase-out.



[The proceedings of the Mercury Waste Management Partnership Area 2020 meeting held on 27 November 2020](#) are now available to provide you with further insights on ongoing activities, challenges, opportunities as well as relevant technologies and tools for a sound management of mercury waste.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARTNERS

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- [AppelGlobal](#)
- [Asian Institute of Technology, Regional Resource Centre for Asia and the Pacific](#)
- [European Center for Environmental Medicine](#)
- [Institute for Sustainable Mining](#)
- [Minas de Almadén y Arrayanes \(MAYASA\)](#)
- [Sustainable Alluvial Mining Services](#)

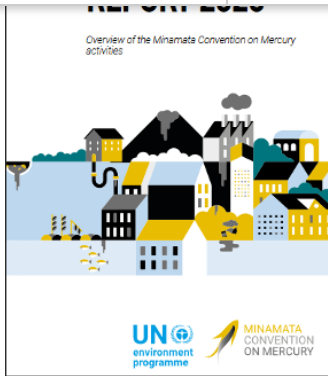
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## LATEST PUBLICATIONS / RESOURCES

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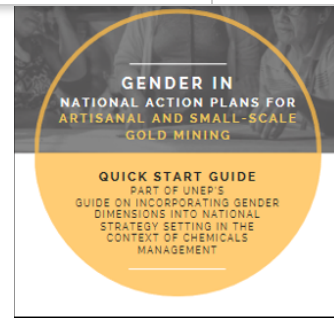


[Read article "Sustainable Development Goals"](#)



**The 2020 Progress report on the Minamata Convention is now available**, offering a snapshot of selected activities carried out under the Minamata Convention since COP3 and until the end of 2020. It has been prepared by the Convention's Secretariat to inform a wider audience of ongoing processes.

**and Small Scale Gold Mining"** by Kenneth Davis and Malgorzata Stylo (UNEP) and gain insights on the potential and opportunities of a responsible ASGM sector for reaching the SDGs, through the reduction of mercury use, the formalization of the sector, the enhancement of economic growth and partnerships as well as mainstreaming gender equality.



**Explore UNEP Quick Start Guide to Gender in ASGM NAPs and share your thoughts and recommendations (by e-mail: [metals@un.org](mailto:metals@un.org))** Offering a summary of key considerations for incorporating a gender dimension into ASGM NAPs, the guide is based on detailed guidance presented in UNEP Guide on Incorporating Gender Dimensions into National Strategy Setting in the Context of Chemicals Management, currently in its draft version.

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