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Latest news from the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership – April 2023

As we move through the year, stay up to date with the activities of this first quarter of 2023, and get ready for upcoming ones.

On the agenda for the next few months are, among others, the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm COPs from 1 to 12 May 2023, which will include a side event on mercury-containing waste, workshops and information-sharing sessions on mercury-containing products, as well as the annual meetings of some of the Partnership areas.

This edition also welcomes new members and shares recent mercury-related publications and initiatives.

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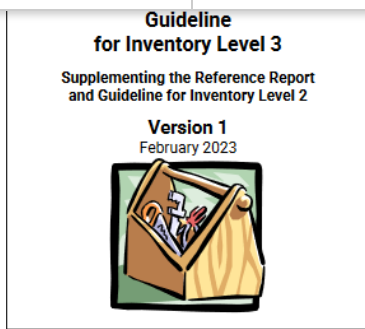
HIGHLIGHTS



The GEF-funded project **Eliminating Mercury Skin Lightening Products implemented** by UNEP and co-executed by the World Health Organization and the Biodiversity Research Institute in Gabon, Jamaica and Sri Lanka, was launched in Geneva on 14 and 15 February 2023. Further information is accessible on its [dedicated knowledge platform](#). [#mercuryfreecosmetics](#)



The sixteenth and eleventh **Conference of the Parties**, respectively of the **Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions**, will take place at the International Conference Center (CICG), in Geneva, Switzerland, from **1 to 12 May 2023** under the theme "Accelerating action: targets for the sound management of chemicals and waste". Get more insights on mercury related events on the [event page](#).



quantification of mercury emissions and releases, used for the Minamata Initial Assessments, is offering a third level, which allows for the integration of all mercury sources through their mass flows in the society and environment. Consult the new resources [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS



The **Partnership Area on Mercury in Products** will hold its annual meeting on **25 April 2023**, from 13:00 to 14:30 CET, in an online setting. Among others, the meeting will welcome new partners and share recent and upcoming activities. Registration link and additional details on the [event page](#).



In the context of recent work of the Partnership a **webinar on mercury in the oil and gas sector** will be organized in **May 2023** to share relevant existing practices, and benefits from country experiences. It will also be an occasion to reflect on possible next steps. Further information will be made available in due course.



As a follow-up to the study report a **webinar on Non-ferrous metals mining and smelting** will share in **May 2023** best practices and existing technologies for reducing mercury releases and managing waste from the sector. It will also provide the opportunity to discuss potential next steps. Additional details will be shared soon.



The **Partnership Area on Mercury in Artisanal and Small-scale Gold Mining** organizes an online information sharing session on **7 June 2023**, 4:00pm to 5:30pm CEST to present updates of ongoing U.S. Department of State granted mercury related projects in the ASGM sector and provide an opportunity to exchange on potential synergies. More on the [event page](#).



The **Partnership Area on Mercury Releases from Coal Combustion** will meet in person in the margins of the 15th Multi-pollutant Emissions from Coal workshop (MEC15) to be held from **10 to 14 July 2023** in Jakarta, Indonesia. The meeting will discuss latest and upcoming actions and welcome news members. Further information on the [event page](#).

RECENT EVENTS



The **Mercury Waste Management Area** held its annual meeting on **15 March 2023** in an online setting. The session featured the introduction of new partners, as well as exchanges on ongoing work of the area working groups. Resources of the meeting will be available on the [event page](#).



The annual meeting of the **Partnership Area on Mercury releases from the Cement Industry** gathered its members virtually on **13 February 2023**. The meeting provided an opportunity to welcome new partners, review the draft partnership area business plan, and present recent and upcoming activities. Further details are available on the [event page](#).



Mercury cell Chlor-alkali Production and Mercury Waste Management held a webinar on the sound management and elimination of mercury and mercury waste. The event shared economically viable techniques, innovative tools and best technologies to phase-out mercury-based technologies and sustainably manage wastes. Meeting resources on the [event page](#).

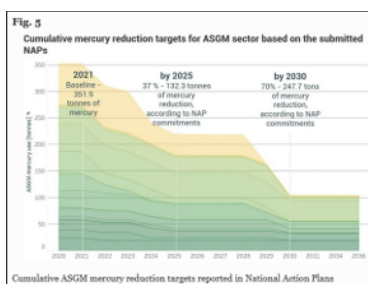


The **Partnership Area on Mercury releases from Coal Combustion** held its annual meeting on **16 January 2023**, in an online setting. Among others, the meeting welcomed new partners and featured the sharing of recent and upcoming activities. Check out the [event page](#) for more information.

LATEST RESOURCES



The **Global Mercury Partnership dashboard** recently published online allows to [visually explore](#) the global distribution of the partnership as well as get information regarding the partners of the different partnership areas.



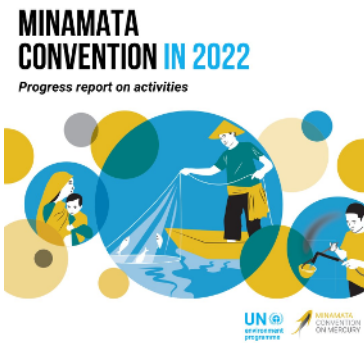
The article on **Mercury and artisanal and small-scale gold mining: Review of global use estimates and considerations for promoting mercury-free alternatives** jointly developed recently by UNEP and the PlanetGold programme is now [available online](#).



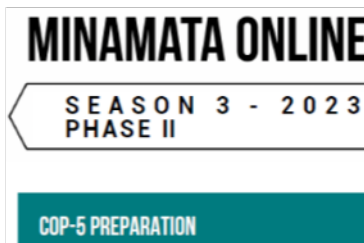
Learn more about **artisanal and small-scale gold mining (ASGM) activities and context in Brazil**. The [story on Women in ASGM](#) highlights women's conditions in the sector, where despite the economic benefits resulting, they face significant challenges, particularly for women, are increasing their exposition to multiple socio-economic, cultural and sanitary risks.



in November 2022 back-to-back with the OECD Global Forum on Environment, to get more insights on recent and upcoming activities, as well as envisaged cross-cutting work under the Global Mercury Partnership.



Minamata Convention Progress report on activities provides a comprehensive overview of the progress made in implementing the Convention in 2022, while identifying the challenges that need to be addressed to **#MakeMercuryHistory**. It also includes useful information on how new countries can join the Minamata Convention – 140 parties and growing!



Part two of the third season of the **Minamata Online Series** has now started, featuring among others webinars on COP-5 preparations, implementation review as well as support to mercury science. [More information.](#)

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