

To
Ludovic Bernaudat
Head
Knowledge and Risk Unit
Chemicals and Health Branch
UNEP
January 7th, 2025

Dear Mr. Bernaudat,

My name is Fernanda Venzon. I am an attorney and the Executive Director of the Environmental Defender Law Center (EDLC). I am writing to express our organization's interest in joining UNEP's Global Mercury Partnership.

EDLC is a non-profit organization that works globally with local communities supporting their efforts to protect the environment and defend their rights, especially the right to live in a clean and healthy environment, free from contaminants.

For several years EDLC had been supporting the Grassy Narrows case in Canada.

In another case, EDLC is collaborating with the inhabitants of Huancavelica and Sacsamarca, in the Peruvian Andes, in their efforts to live in an environment that is free from mercury and other pollutants. It is estimated that 19,000 people in these towns live in homes made of mud bricks that emanate mercury. The city was built around a mercury and precious metals mine in which the soil has been contaminated since colonial times. Less than a year ago, though, the community obtained a favorable ruling that orders the Peruvian government to remediate the sites and include them as a priority action under its plans for the implementation of the Minamata Convention. EDLC is interested in collaborating with the Peruvian government in creating and implementing a plan to remediate these contaminated sites.

Additionally, EDLC is planning a webinar and creating educational materials on mercury contamination and human rights with the view of organizing workshops for local communities affected by mercury contamination in the Global South.

We would very much welcome the opportunity to join the Partnership.

Sincerely,



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UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP

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.

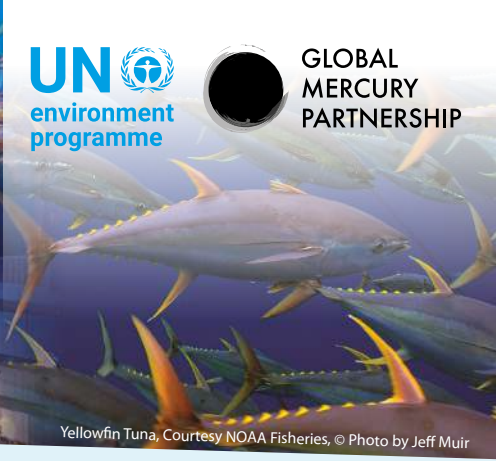
Together with this letter, UNEP requests interested entities or individuals to also complete and submit the registration form (see reverse). Participation in the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership will be confirmed by UNEP. Partners' letters of support will be made public through the UNEP's website.

SUPPORT LETTER AND REGISTRATION FORM SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO:

**Head, Chemicals and Health Branch
Industry and Economy Division
United Nations Environment Programme**
Palais des Nations
8-14 avenue de la Paix
CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland
E-mail: metals@un.org



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

PARTNERSHIP AREAS

Please check the partnership area(s) to which your organization intends to contribute to:

Artisanal and small-scale gold mining

Mercury releases from coal combustion

Mercury cell chlor-alkali production

Mercury waste management

Mercury air transport and fate research

Mercury supply and storage

Mercury in products

Mercury releases from the cement industry

> Please specify in your support letter how your organization intends to contribute to each of the selected partnership area(s).

ORGANIZATION APPLYING TO BECOME A PARTNER

Name of Organization:

Type of Organization:

- Government
- Intergovernmental Organization
- Non-governmental Organization

- Industry / private sector
- Academia / scientific institution
- Other, please specify

Mailing Address:

Postcode:

City:

Country:

E-mail:

Telephone:

Website:

ORGANIZATION'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP

Mr. Ms.

First Name:

Last Name:

Functional Title:

Section / Department:

E-mail:

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* UNEP Global Mercury Partnership registration forms are to be accompanied by a letter to UNEP signifying support for the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership and commitment to achieving its goal. The support letter should specify how the organization intends to contribute to meeting the goal of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership. Please submit the support letter and registration form to:

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