



**United Nations  
Environment  
Programme**

UNEP Global Mercury Partnership  
Advisory Group  
Fifteenth meeting  
10 December 2024, online, 13:30 – 16:30 CET

**Annotated provisional agenda**

**Item 1**

**Opening of the meeting (moderated by the Secretariat of the Global Mercury Partnership)**

1. The fifteenth meeting of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership Advisory Group (PAG) will take place on 10 December 2024 in an online setting.
2. The meeting will be opened by the PAG co-chair, Rodges Ankrah, Environmental Protection Agency of the United States.

**Item 2**

**Organizational matters (moderated by the co-chair)**

**(a) Adoption of the agenda**

3. The PAG may wish to adopt the agenda for the meeting on the basis of the provisional agenda set forth in document UNEP/ Hg/PAG.15/1. It may also suggest other items for discussion.

**(b) Election of Partnership Advisory Group Co-Chair**

4. As per the Overarching Framework Document of the Partnership, PAG members are to select a Chair or two co-chairs to serve for a two-year term. The Chair or co-chairs may be re-elected and may serve a maximum of two terms. In light of these provisions and the departure of Bianca Hlob'sile Dlamini, Eswatini, as co-chair, PAG members may wish to consider designating a new co-chair to serve the PAG together with Rodges Ankrah. For that purpose, they may wish to consider the candidature of Anne Nakafeero, Uganda.

**(c) Welcoming of new co-leads**

5. The PAG may wish to welcome any new co-leads.

**(a) Organization of work**

6. The PAG is expected to meet on 10 December 2024, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. CET, subject to any necessary adjustments. Seizing the opportunity of online settings, partners and relevant stakeholders are invited to attend the PAG in an observer capacity.

### Item 3 (moderated by the Secretariat of the Global Mercury Partnership)

#### Update from the Global Mercury Partnership areas of work and the Secretariat on key activities and future priorities

7. One of the functions and responsibilities of the PAG is to report on activities within the Partnership. The Secretariat will therefore provide a brief overview of activities undertaken in follow-up to the fourteenth meeting of the PAG (19 December 2023, online). Co-leads will be invited to highlight recent and upcoming actions to support Partnership objectives under their respective areas of work. An overview of overarching work undertaken by the Partnership as well as highlights of Partnership area activities during the reporting period are being compiled and will be presented in document UNEP/ Hg/PAG.15/3.

### Item 4 (moderated by the Secretariat of the Global Mercury Partnership)

#### Implementing decisions from the fifth Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention (COP-5): Update from the secretariat of the Minamata Convention

8. The Secretariat of the Minamata Convention will be invited to provide an overview of ongoing actions to implement key decisions from the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, held from 30 October to 3 November 2023 in Geneva, Switzerland, including those inviting specific inputs from the Global Mercury Partnership.
9. The updates will be followed by a discussion on strengthening the collaboration, including with partnership areas, especially on matters relevant to the outcomes of COP5, as well as other possible related cross-cutting topics, and key actions towards COP-6.

### Item 5 (moderated by the co-chair)

#### Improving the overall effectiveness of the partnership moving forward: suggested details for implementing the structural and organizational updates

The PAG may also wish to exchange on possible cross-cutting topics for future work, including:

- (a) **Soft membership:** the PAG may consider i) Upgrade of the membership process and maintenance by proposing memberships to the entirety of the Partnership, while allowing for the mapping of expertise and interest; ii) Reach out to the existing partners to reconfirm their interest and expertise, and application of the approach as part of the submission to join the partnership for future partners; iii) the use of a tool to manage the membership and related communications.
- (b) **Communication and outreach:** the PAG may wish to reflect on revisiting the partnership's communication tools and materials (website, business plan, factsheets, overarching framework among others), and consider a communication campaign for the upcoming 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the partnership.
- (c) **Strengthening the areas of work:** the PAG may consider a slight restructuring of the partnership areas for an improved alignment on the articles of the Minamata Convention (ie industrial processes, sector-oriented and cross-cutting partnership areas. With the aim to go towards re-structuring direction, the secretariat of the partnership and the co-chairs will be working with co-leads closely until PAG 16 - when the best approach agreed would be launched – meanwhile, the PAG may propose to start working on oil and gas and non-ferrous through working groups, and then progressively move towards bringing together relevant PA/working groups under an umbrella on industrial sources.
- (d) **Roles and responsibilities:** the PAG may consider strengthening the roles and contributions of the partnership to international gatherings (such as ICMGP), including through its role as custodian of mercury databases, and as a bridge between the mercury issues and Multilateral Environmental Agreements. The PAG could also envisage strengthening the PAs interactions with financial mechanisms.

**Item 6** (moderated by the Secretariat of the Global Mercury Partnership)

**Key decisions and way forward leading to the sixth Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention**

10. Following exchanges under previous agenda items, the PAG may wish to adopt key decisions and discuss next steps between PAG-15 and the COP-6.

**Item 7** (moderated by the Secretariat of the Global Mercury Partnership)

**Other matters**

11. The PAG may wish to consider other issues raised during the meeting.

**Item 8** (moderated by the Secretariat of the Global Mercury Partnership)

**Closure of the meeting**

12. It is expected that the PAG will conclude its work by 4:30 p.m. CET on 10 December 2024.