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Partnership Advisory Group, Seventh meeting**
Dead Sea, Jordan, 8 March 2016

Provisional annotated agenda

Item 1. Opening of the meeting

1. The meeting will be opened by the secretariat of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership, followed by welcome remarks by the Co-Chairs of the Partnership.

Item 2. Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda

2. The Partnership Advisory Group may wish to adopt the agenda for the meeting on the basis of the provisional agenda set out in document UNEP(DTIE)/Hg/PAG.7/1.

(b) Organization of work

3. The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 8 March, 2016, and finish on the same day. The meeting will be held at King Hussein Bin Talal Convention Centre, Dead Sea, Jordan.

Item 3. Review of the overall progress and activities of the Partnership

4. The UNEP Global Mercury Partnership Overarching Framework (Annex I Section 3.f.v) states that one of the functions and responsibilities of the Partnership Advisory Group includes developing a report on activities within the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership. A draft report on activities within the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership has been prepared by UNEP for consideration of the Partnership Advisory Group. The report is based on input from the partnership area leads. The document is available as meeting

document UNEP(DTIE)/Hg/PAG.7/3. The meeting may wish to review and discuss the report. That document is supported by UNEP(DTIE)/Hg/PAG.7/INF, a report of a partnership area leads meeting that took place in Jeju, Korea, in June 2015.

5. Partnership area leads will be given the opportunity to make a brief presentation on activities of interest during the last partnership reporting period.
6. The Secretariat will also present its activities in support of the Partnership, including other UNEP activities that complement the work of the Partnership.

Item 4. Discussion of the future work of the Partnership

7. The above-mentioned Partnership activity report (UNEP(DTIE)/Hg/PAG.7/3) also provides information on planned and potential activities of the partnership areas. The meeting may wish to review and discuss these plans with a view on finding opportunities for cross-area collaboration. In addition, the Partnership area lead presentations may also touch on planned activities and ideas for future work.
8. The Partnership Advisory Group may wish to discuss and provide advice on possible ways the Partnership can support countries ratifying and implementing the Minamata Convention on Mercury. To assist, the Secretariat has provided a summary report of information gathering events held on the margins of Regional Consultations for the Seventh Meeting of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Mercury (INC7). The report is available as UNEP(DTIE)/Hg/PAG.7/4.

Item 5. Review of the Partnership business plans

9. The UNEP Global Mercury Partnership Overarching Framework (Annex I Section 3.f.i and ii) states that the functions and responsibilities of the Partnership Advisory Group include encouraging the work of the partnership areas as well as reviewing the partnership area business plans in order to advise the partnership areas on the consistency of the business plans with the overall goal and operational guidelines of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership. Links to the most recent business plans, as well as the Partnership area profiles (business plan summaries) are available as UNEP(DTIE)/Hg/PAG.7/5.
10. Partnership area leads may wish to update their business plans and partnership area summaries for each Advisory Group meeting. They may be revised according to discussions at this meeting, keeping in mind the potential role of the Partnership with regard to supporting the implementation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury. In addition, leads may wish to revisit Partnership area objectives after the time period of the current objectives has expired.

Item 6. Enhancing communication and outreach

11. The Secretariat, recognizing the importance of communication and outreach, has prepared a document summarizing its efforts and suggesting further actions. The document is available as meeting document UNEP(DTIE)/Hg/PAG.7/6. The meeting may wish to discuss how to further enhance the communication and outreach activities of the Partnership.

Item 7. Election of Partnership Advisory Group Chairs / Co-Chairs

12. The meeting may wish to consider the selection of a chair of co-chairs of the Partnership Advisory Group, who would assume their role after the closure of this meeting.

Item 8. Other matters

13. The Partnership Secretariat, Partners, and the Interim Secretariat of the Minamata Convention are collaborating on a number of technical briefings and side events on 9 March 2016 (“Day 0” of INC7).
14. The Partnership Advisory Group may wish to consider other issues raised during the meeting.

Item 9. Closure of meeting

15. It is expected that the meeting will conclude no later than 6 p.m. on Tuesday, 8 March 2016.