

# Andean Forum on Artisanal and Small Scale Gold Mining Medellín, Colombia, 20-22 November 2013

*Venue: Auditorio Norberto Vélez, CORANTIOQUIA*

## Draft agenda for the Andean forum

Tentative timing	Discussion topics	Comments/Panellists
<b>DAY 1 – 20 Nov 2013 (FIELD TRIP)</b>		
06:30	Departure by bus from CORANTIOQUIA premises	
11:00-16:00	<p><b>Field visit:</b></p> <p>Corregimiento de Providencia y la vereda minas del Vapor en Puerto Berrio</p>	During the visit, a light lunch/water will be provided, and minimum safety equipment
	<p>Suggested tentative activities which might take place during the field visit would also include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participant introductions</li> <li>• Results from the SAICM National Action Plan project in Colombia</li> <li>• Additional experiences from Colombia (current project(s))</li> </ul>	
20:00	Arrival to Medellin	

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<b>DAY 2 – 21 Nov 2013</b>		
08:15 -09:00	Registration	
09:00- 09:30	Welcoming remarks	<b>Government of Colombia</b> <b>Local Authorities (CORANTIOQUIA)</b> <b>Government of the USA</b> <b>UNEP</b>
09:30- 09:50	Outcome of the Diplomatic Conference and Overview of ASGM in Minamata Convention	<b>UNEP</b>
09:50-10:00	Q&A	
10:00-10:15	Coffee-break	
10:15-10:30	National Action Plans - overview, including Convention requirements	<b>UNEP</b>
10:30-11:00	Colombian's perspective in the elaboration of its National Action Plan	<b>Presenter:</b> Government of Colombia.  <b>Presentation should include:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Process for developing their National Action Plan,</li> <li>• Stakeholders involved and establishment of the coordinating mechanism,</li> <li>• How was the work distributed, including lead agency</li> <li>• How ambitious and realistic is your National Action Plan; what targets for mercury reduction have been established, and how will Colombia will get there;</li> <li>• What were the major challenges and difficulties,</li> <li>• What were the lessons learned,</li> <li>• Evaluation and endorsement of the National Action Plan</li> </ul>

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11:00-12:30	OPEN DISCUSSION ON NATIONAL ACTION PLANS	<p><b>Open discussion should include<sup>1</sup>:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the plans for other countries in your region to develop mercury reduction National Action Plans?</li> <li>• Major challenges, difficulties and lessons learned from other countries in the region that have developed National Action Plans e.g. Peru and Bolivia</li> <li>• What are the practical steps Governments have taken on a national level to reduce the use of mercury?</li> <li>• What actions is your Government taken for the ratification of the Minamata Convention?</li> <li>• What steps is your Government taken / will be taken in relation to Annex C of the Minamata Convention?</li> <li>• What is the role of miners and civil society in formulating the Action Plan?</li> </ul>
12:30-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-14:30	Case study on Formalisation – a win/win strategy for ASGM?	<p><b>Presenter:</b> Government of Suriname</p> <p><b>Presentation may include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approaches and practical information in relation to formalisation National Action Plan in Suriname</li> <li>• Steps which were followed</li> <li>• Difficulties, challenges and lessons learned</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Reference materials: Guidance Document Developing a National Strategic Plan to Reduce Mercury Use in ASGM <http://www.unep.org/hazardoussubstances/NationalStrategicPlan/tabid/53985/Default.aspx>

Minamata Convention on Mercury  
<http://www.mercuryconvention.org/Convention/tabid/3426/Default.aspx>

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14:30-15:30	Responding to the formalization requirement of the Minamata Convention, Annex C para 1 (g): Presentation and Open Discussion	<p><b>Presenter/facilitator:</b> Alliance for Responsible Mining (ARM)</p> <p><b>Short presentation will be followed by an open discussion, which could include<sup>2</sup>:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Useful experiences from reported case studies in your region<sup>3</sup></li> <li>• What steps is your Government taking / will be taken in relation to Annex C para. 1(g) of the Minamata Convention?</li> <li>• Specific issues common to formalization/legalization of ASGM: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Definition of ASGM – how is it defined in your country?</li> <li>○ What are the key strategies and approaches in titles and obligations? How are mining titles assigned? Are specific areas set aside for ASM?</li> <li>○ What are the environmental requirements for artisanal/small scale miners? Are there any requirements for pollution control, bans, restriction and safety measures and rehabilitation/closure?</li> <li>○ What are the key considerations for the institutional aspects of</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<sup>2</sup> Reference material : Analysis of formalization approaches in the artisanal and small-scale gold mining sector based on experiences in Ecuador, Mongolia, Peru, Tanzania and Uganda  
<http://www.unep.org/hazardoussubstances/Mercury/PrioritiesforAction/ArtisanalandSmallScaleGoldMining/FormalizationoftheASGMSector/tabid/79426/Default.aspx>

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		<p>formalization in your country e.g. Responsibility, financing, revenue generation and monitoring and enforcement?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What taxes and royalties are small scale miners supposed to pay?</li> </ul>
15:30-15:45	Break	
15:45-17:30	<p>What interventions with ASGM are already underway in each country that could feed into a mercury reduction strategy?</p>	<p><b>Suggested presenter:</b> Global Mercury Partnership ASGM Area Lead(s)</p> <p><b>Short presentation will be followed by with a group exercise i.e. “Cataloguing exercise” that will include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What specific projects are underway on ASGM in their country?</li> <li>• Are these projects carried out under the Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Mines or Ministry of Health, Ministry of Labour (or other)?</li> <li>• Are there major academic projects on mercury and mining (e.g. CAMEP in Peru)?</li> <li>• Who is funding the projects? (self, donors, development banks)</li> <li>• What are the major goals of the project e.g. training of miners? Demonstration of new technologies? Reform of the ASGM sector? Environmental or health monitoring around ASGM sites?</li> <li>• Any additional project that are in the pipeline?</li> </ul>
17:30-18:00	Wrap up and what to expect for Day 3	<b>UNEP</b>

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<b>DAY 3 – 22 Nov 2013</b>		
09:00-09:45	Baseline studies: IADB: presentation of survey done in Colombia	<p><b>Presenter:</b> IADB</p> <p><b>Ideas the presentation should include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Methodology of the study,</li> <li>• Survey questions,</li> <li>• Targeted audience,</li> <li>• Budget,</li> <li>• Initial results and next steps</li> <li>• Challenges, difficulties and lessons learned</li> </ul>
09:45-10:30	Inventory/baseline development.	<p><b>Presenters:</b> University of Sao Paulo and University of British Columbia</p> <p><b>Presentation will include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Details on inventory development</li> <li>• Practical steps to take into consideration</li> <li>• Methodology used</li> <li>• Main expected results</li> </ul>
10:30-10:45	Q&A	
10:45-11:00	Coffee-break	
11:00-12:30	Open Discussion and Practical Exercise on Inventories	<p><b>Open discussion may include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Which countries already have an ASGM mercury inventory?</li> <li>• Which are the key messages from the development of an ASGM mercury inventory in your country? What were the challenges, difficulties and lessons learned?</li> <li>• Do inventorying activities need different approaches for Hard Rock v. Alluvial mining?</li> <li>• Does region need a “cross-Amazon” strategy or any other type of strategy for doing inventory?</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How will trade of mercury across borders affect this process?</li> <li>• If an ASGM mercury inventory has not yet taken place in your country, what steps are you envisioning for developing one in the near future?</li> </ul>
12:30-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-14:30	Summarised ideas for information-sharing mechanisms and platforms and other ideas for cooperation from the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Global Forum <sup>4</sup>	UNEP/ ROLAC
14:30-15:30	Open Discussion/ Break Out Sessions On Information Sharing Mechanisms And Platforms	<p><b>Open discussion could include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What activities could be shared: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ coordinating, monitoring training, technical demonstration projects, etc?.</li> <li>○ Is peer review of National Action Plans by other governments useful?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• What kinds of mechanisms need to be in place for this kind of sharing to take place?</li> <li>• How ideas could be put into action in your country? In your region?</li> <li>• Who will be the lead for these mechanisms?</li> <li>• Where will they be “housed” institutionally?</li> <li>• Who could fund proposals for such initiatives?</li> <li>• Are there specific proposals already in the pipeline? Who is leading does proposals and how they could be shared?</li> </ul>
15:30-15:45	Break	

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<sup>4</sup> Document (ppt) to be shared with participants

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<b>DAY 3 – 22 Nov 2013</b>		
15:45-17:00	Continuation On Open Discussion On Information Sharing Mechanisms And Platforms	
17:30-18:00	Closing remarks	
18:00 - ...	Cocktail	