

**Global Mercury Partnership
Partnership Advisory Group
Eighth Meeting**
Geneva, 22 September 2017

Provisional Annotated Agenda

1. Opening of the Meeting

The eighth meeting of the UN Environment Global Mercury Partnership Advisory Group (PAG) will take place on Friday 22 September 2017 from 9.00 to 18.00 at the International Environment House 1, chemin des Anemones, Geneva, Switzerland. The meeting will be opened by the Global Mercury Partnership secretariat to be followed by welcome remarks by the PAG co-chairs.

2. Organizational Matters

A) Adoption of the agenda

The PAG will adopt the agenda for the meeting on the basis of the provisional agenda set out in document UNEP/PAG 8.1 and may suggest other items for discussion.

B) Organization of work

The PAG will agree on suitable meeting hours for the one day meeting, subject to adjustments as necessary.

3. Review of overall progress, focusing on revised priority actions in light of Minamata Convention

One of the functions and responsibilities of the PAG is to report on activities within the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership. The Partnership area leads will present for discussion their key activities, results and outcomes carried out within the previous year. The secretariat has compiled this information in the progress report UNEP/PAG 8.3.

4. Updates on activities of the Global Mercury Partnership secretariat including communication and outreach

UN Environment Chemicals and Health Branch, as secretariat of the Global Mercury Partnership, has endeavoured to enhance the impact of the Partnership by facilitating communication between areas and with the broader stakeholder community. The Secretariat has made efforts to improve communication and outreach by delivering a new website and visual identity for the Partnership. Highlighting or better communicating Partnership products and successes to donors will also be important to improve financing of future activities. The secretariat has compiled this information in the progress report UNEP/PAG 8.4.

5. Updates on other key activities by Partners

In addition to the work of the partnership areas, other Partners may wish to provide information on key activities that contribute to the goal of the Global Mercury Partnership. For the UN Environment Mercury Programme, key activities are contained in UNEP/PAG 8.5.

6. Role and Potential Strategy of the Global Mercury Partnership with entry into force of the Minamata Convention

The Partnership has played a key role in supporting the work of the negotiations and with the entry into force of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, will continue to provide support in the early implementation of the treaty. Full documentation is available as UNEP/PAG 8.6.

7. Other matters

The Partnership Advisory Group may wish to consider other issues raised during the meeting.

8. Closure of the meeting

It is expected that the meeting will conclude by 6 p.m. on Friday, 22 September 2017.
