

UNEP Global Mercury Partnership

WASTE MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP AREA CORE-MEMBER MEETING IN VIENNA



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Information sharing among partners (1)

The Lead has made several efforts to facilitate information sharing among partners.

1. Face-to-face meeting

- Three meetings were held so far to exchange countries' situations and discuss priority activities of the WMS. Site visit is organized to understand good practice on the ground
 - The 1st and 2nd Meeting:** March 2009 and March 2010 (Tokyo)
 - The 3rd Meeting:** December 2013 (Manila)
 - Core-member meeting:** Today (Vienna)



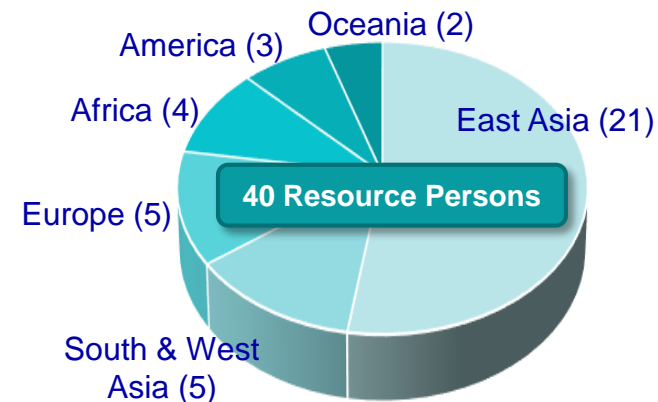
2. Resource Persons List (RPL)

- The Lead developed and periodically updated the RPL in order to provide partners with information of resource persons with technical expertise relevant to mercury waste management.
- The RPL currently contains information of **40 experts** and has been updated **every two/three years**

<https://web.unep.org/globalmercurypartnership/our-work/mercury-waste-management>

3. Mailing List

- The mailing list is currently used principally for disseminating information from the Lead to the Partners and relevant stakeholders regarding activities under the WMA



Information sharing among partners (2)

Achievement

- ❑ The WMA is the biggest partnership under the UNEP GMP and there are many partners with technology, knowledge and know-how that can support implementation of the Minamata Convention.
- ❑ Through the meeting and online communication, information of experts, country's needs and good practices have been accumulated under the WMA.

Challenges

- ❑ However, information and experience of the partners are not fully and effectively shared among them.
- ❑ The RPL contains very useful information, however it is not fully utilized by partners and impose a burden on the Lead for its periodical update.
 - *Based on a questionnaire survey conducted in 2014, only 5 experts listed in the RPL had received requests for technical advice.
- ❑ The mailing list could be more effectively used by partners so that more practical information could be shared among them (e.g., information of project, event, business opportunity, etc.)

Discussion

- ❑ What are the effective tools to promote and facilitate information exchange among partners?
- ❑ What kind of information are useful if shared among partners? (e.g., information of project, event, financial scheme, etc.)

Session 1:

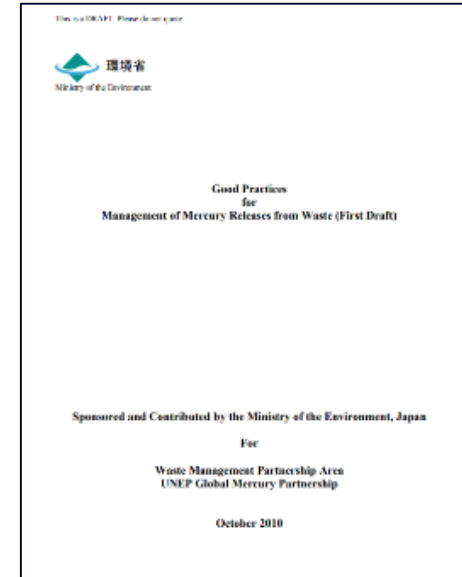
Review of past and current activities of the Waste Management Area (WMA)

Development of information document

Past activities

1. Development of “Good Practice for Management of Mercury Releases from Waste”

- The WMA developed the 1st draft in 2010 and uploaded to the UNEP website. The document contains the following information
 - ▣ Practices and technologies applicable to mercury waste management
 - ▣ Description on preconditions to replicate the practice and recommendations to enhance ESM of mercury wastes.
- After the INC process started in 2010, the drafting process was suspended. As of today, the documents have not been reviewed and updated.



2. Providing technical inputs on the documents relevant to mercury waste management

- “Practical sourcebook on mercury waste storage and disposal” developed by UNEP and ISWA
- “Global Mercury Waste Assessment” developed by UNEP-IETC

Discussion

- Any other document that should be developed?

Contribution to discussions at INC/COP

Overview

- Responding to the request by the interim secretariat of the Convention, the WMA has taken charge of the leading role of compiling information on threshold of mercury waste.
 - ◆ Developed the concept note
 - ◆ Reviewed and invited comments from the Partners on the draft
 - ◆ Drafted and circulated the recommendations and thought starters as COP1 documents.
 - ◆ Held a core group meeting in November 2016 in Bangkok, including the leads of WMA, supply and storage area and products area
- Now, the expert group developed by the COP decision considers threshold of mercury waste under the Minamata Convention.

Discussion Point

- ◆ How can the WMA contribute to the discussion under the Minamata Convention?

Joint project with other GMP Areas

Overview

- Implementation of the Minamata Convention, especially the conversion of chlor-alkali process and decommissioning of mercury cell plant, is a complex issue and requires expertise in different fields.
- WMA and US.EPA, the co-lead of **Chlor-alkali Area**, conducted a joint survey on technical needs assessment of chlor-alkali conversion in Uruguay.
- The MOEJ dispatched three experts from the WMA with expertise on;
 - Ion-exchange membrane method
 - Decommission of mercury cell plant
 - Mercury waste management
 - Financing
- The 2nd joint survey targeting other country is now under planned

Discussion

- ◆ Which area of UNEP-GMP can the WMA work closely with? What are expected synergy?
- ◆ What are the effective approaches to conduct joint activities?

Session 2:

**Discussion on directions of activities
under the Waste Management Area**

Way forward of the WMA



- What are the priority areas of the WMA?
- What are the strategies that stimulate activities of partners and promote cooperation among them?