

**UN Environment / IAEA
Expert Consultations Meeting on Mercury Monitoring on Soil and Biota**

International Atomic Energy Agency
13-14 May 2019
Environment Laboratories
Principality of Monaco

DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA

MONDAY 13 MAY 2019

08:30 - 09:00	Registration of participants	
09:00 - 09:05	Opening remarks	UN Environment - IAEA
09:05 - 09:15	Meeting objectives	UN Environment
09:15 - 09:30	Update of the ad-hoc Technical Expert Group on Effectiveness Evaluation	Minamata Secretariat
09:30 - 10:00	IAEA activities on mercury	IAEA
10:00 - 10:20	IAEA capacity building	IAEA
10:20 - 10:30	Networks for soil monitoring	ŠEBKOVÁ, Katka
10:30 - 10:45	Coffee Break	
10:45 - 11:45	Mercury in biota	EVERS, D.
11:45 - 12:45	Key elements in monitoring and analysis of biota	Plenary discussion
13:00 - 14:20	Lunch break	
14:20 - 15:10	Mercury in soil	HORVAT, M.
15:10 - 15:30	Key elements of monitoring and analysis of soil and biota	Plenary discussion
15:30 - 16:00	Afternoon break/ 2nd floor and lab visit REL	
16:00 - 17:00	Summary of first day meeting	
17:00	Visit of the IAEA Marine Environmental Studies Laboratory	

TUESDAY 14 MAY 2019

09:00 - 09:15	Recap of day 1	
09:15 - 10:15	Format and annotated table of content reports on soil and biota	Plenary discussion
10:15 - 10:30	Coffee Break	
10:30 - 11:00	Key information resources	
11:00 - 12:30	Way forward for the development of the reports	Plenary discussion
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch break	
	Future opportunities and next steps beyond the GEF-funded project	
15:30 - 15:45	Afternoon break	
17:00	End of the meeting	

GENERAL DISCUSSION ON NEEDS IN THE LIGHT OF
THE EFFECTIVENESS EVALUATIONS OF THE MINAMATA

- a. Existing capacities / networks – gaps. What are the relevant policy questions?

- b. What are the main elements to consider for soil and biota as matrices to be consider in the effectiveness evaluation framework and monitoring under the Convention?
 - Relevance of the Matrix
 - Mercury compounds to be monitored
 - Frequency of monitoring
 - What type of results can be expected?

- c. Discussion on the comparability and need for correlations

- d. What can be obtained? Advantages and disadvantages including resources and costs.