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Chemicals and Health Branch, Economy Division
United Nations Environmental Programme
Palais des Nations, 8-14 avenue de la Paix
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Subject: Support and partnership to the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Asian Institute of Technology, Regional Resource Centre for Asia and the Pacific (AIT RRC.AP) is pleased to convey our kind interest in partnering with and supporting the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership in committing to achieving its goals.

The RRC.AP is an institute-wide outreach Centre of the Asian Institute of Technology with over 30 years' experience working on key environmental issues in the Region. AIT RRC.AP is focused on generating and synthesizing resources for setting policies at all levels of governance and enhancing capacities for impact-driven actions towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. The Waste and Resource Management Cluster of the AIT RRC.AP working on thematic areas of waste and resource management, supports key stakeholders to adapt cutting edge science into practical solutions for improved environmental outcomes.

Since 2010, the Cluster has been supporting the region to develop solutions to key mercury waste management issues at regional and national levels. Some of the key mercury related projects implemented by the center include:

- Japan ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF) Project on Mercury medical measuring devices in Indonesia and Philippines-2019.
- Regional Study on Mercury Waste Management in the ASEAN Countries.
- Analysis of options for the environmentally sound management of surplus mercury in Asia and the Pacific.

AIT RRC.AP would be pleased to contribute our expertise to support the development and implementation of the UNEP Global Partnership's activities in addressing mercury waste management issues.

We look forward to a favorable response and a fruitful partnership.

Yours sincerely,

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Director,
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UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP

Yellowfin Tuna, Courtesy NOAA Fisheries, © Photo by Jeff Muir

INFORMATION ON BECOMING A PARTNER

This information sheet provides an overview of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Global Mercury Partnership for prospective partners. Further information is available at:

web.unep.org/globalmercurypartnership

GOAL OF THE PARTNERSHIP

The overall goal of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership is to protect human health and the global environment from the release of mercury and its compounds by minimizing and, where feasible, ultimately eliminating global, anthropogenic mercury releases to air, water and land.

PARTNERSHIP AREAS

The UNEP Global Mercury Partnership is a voluntary and collaborative relationship between various parties, governmental, non-governmental, public and private, in which all participants agree to work together in a systematic way to achieve its goal.

Initiated in 2005¹, the Partnership today focuses its work on supporting timely and effective implementation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury; on providing state of the art knowledge and science on mercury; and on delivering outreach and awareness raising towards global action on mercury.

¹ UNEP Governing Council Decision 23/9

The Partnership is structured around eight areas:

- Artisanal and small-scale gold mining
- Mercury cell chlor-alkali production
- Mercury air transport and fate research
- Mercury in products
- Mercury releases from coal combustion
- Mercury waste management
- Mercury supply and storage
- Mercury releases from the cement industry

OUR PARTNERS

Over 190 partners from governments, IGOs, NGOs, private sector and academic institutions:

- Support the overall goal of the Partnership.
- Contribute resources or expertise to the development and implementation of Partnership activities.
- Network with other organizations, agencies, entities and individuals addressing mercury issues.

BECOMING A PARTNER

To become a partner, interested entities or individuals should submit a letter to UNEP signifying their support for the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership and their commitment to achieving its goal. The letter should also specify how they will contribute to meeting the goal of the Partnership.

Together with this letter, UNEP requests interested entities or individuals to also complete and submit the registration form (see reverse). Participation in the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership will be confirmed by UNEP. Partners' letters of support will be made public through the UNEP's website.

SUPPORT LETTER AND REGISTRATION FORM SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO:

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