

Integrating Gender Dimensions into National Action Plans for Artisanal and Small-scale Gold Mining

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The UNEP Global Mercury Partnership and its Area of work on Artisanal and Small-scale Gold Mining (ASGM) will organize a webinar to discuss gender mainstreaming into National Action Plans (NAPs).

The event will present an overview of gender aspects related to ASGM, address challenges of integrating gender dimensions into the ASGM sector, share information and discuss some recommendations and best practices for considering gender when developing and implementing National Action Plans on ASGM to meet the requirements of the Minamata Convention on Mercury (Article 7, Annex C).

Initiated in 2005, the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership aims to protect human health and the environment from the releases of mercury and its compounds to air, water and land. With over 200 partners to date from governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, industry and academia, the Partnership focuses on supporting timely and effective implementation of the Minamata Convention, providing state of the art knowledge and science and raising awareness towards global action on mercury.

Pursuant to Article 7 of the Minamata Convention, each Party that determines it has in its territory more than insignificant artisanal and small-scale gold mining and processing in which mercury amalgamation is used to extract gold from ore should, amongst others, develop and implement a National Action Plan on ASGM.

The webinar will be moderated by Kenneth Davis, Programme Management Officer, Chemicals and Health Branch, UNEP

AGENDA

Opening remarks and scene-setting (3:00 pm – 3:10 pm)

- ❖ *Teeraporn Wiriwutikorn*, Director of Hazardous Substance Sub-division, Waste and Hazardous Substance Management Division, Pollution Control Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Co-chair of the Global Mercury Partnership Advisory Group
- ❖ *Susan Keane*, Senior Director, Global Advocacy International Program, Natural Resources Defense Council, Co-lead of the Artisanal and Small-scale Gold Mining Partnership Area

Overview of Guidance and tools for mainstreaming Gender dimensions into National Action Plans (3:10 pm – 3:45 pm)

- ❖ *Gender Dimensions into National Action Plans and Artisanal and Small-scale Gold Mining sector*, Nellie Mutemeri, Mining Practice Lead, Mutemeri Consulting, Associate Professor, University of Witwatersrand and Patience Singo, Mining and Environment Associate, Mutemeri Consulting
- ❖ *Introduction to the UNEP Quick Start Guide on integrating gender into NAPs*, Malgorzata Stylo, Associate Programme Management Officer, Chemicals and Health Branch, UNEP
- ❖ *Questions and Answers Session*

Experiences sharing and lessons learned from countries (3:45 pm – 4:25 pm)

- ❖ *Gender in NAP project design, process, and implementation in Guyana*, Mariscia Charles, Policy Analyst, Ministry of Natural Resources, Guyana
- ❖ *Women's empowerment in the ASGM sector in Uganda*, Anne Nakafeero, Senior District Support Officer, National Environment Management Authority and Minamata Convention National Focal Point, Uganda
- ❖ *Gender mainstreaming in the access to health services in Chad*, Chérif Sow, International Consultant on ASGM
- ❖ *Questions and Answers Session*

Closure (4:25 pm – 4:30 pm)

- ❖ *Ludovic Bernaudat*, Senior Task Manager, Chemicals and Health Branch, UNEP, Co-lead of the Artisanal and Small-scale Gold Mining Partnership Area