



POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

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Head, Chemicals and Health Branch,
Economy Division United Nations Environment Programme,
Palais des Nations,
8-14 avenue de la Paix,
CH-1211, Geneva 10, **Switzerland.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE : APPLICATION FOR JOINING OF UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP

Reference is made to the heading above.

Population and Development Initiative (**PDI**) was established in 2020 and registered in 2021 as a national NGO with registration number **00NGO/R/1566**. PDI is based in Kigoma and Geita regions in Tanzania. PDI works with youth, women and children by PDI through provision of skills, capacity, networks, information and resources needed to these challenges to support development of children, youth and children in Tanzania.

PDI would like to apply for membership of **UNEP Global Mercury Partnership** so that we may work together in Tanzania and across the globe in addressing the critical issues of mercury in gold mining especially **safe handling, mercury contamination in water resources** used by miners and adjacent communities as well as introduction of **alternative gold processing technologies** among small scale mining communities in Tanzania.

In 2021, PDI participated in a project of **social accountability monitoring** for improved water and sanitation services, climate change adaptation and human rights among gold mining communities in Geita region of Tanzania, the project which was supported by End water poverty and implemented by consortium of **NGOs** in Tanzania. The project helped small scale miners to amplify their voices in claiming their water rights as well as participating in

conservation efforts in mining areas. The project also created 10 agents of change from two wards in the mining sites who submitted the water and climate challenges, on behalf of general community members, to identified duty bearers for possible actions.

In 2018-2019, the **members** of **PDI** participated in data collection and dialogues in a project of mapping the socioeconomic and human rights situation of small scale miners in northwestern Tanzania implemented by International peace information service (IPIS).

In October 2021, **PDI** is working with **Responsible Mining Foundation** in implementing Mining Site Assessment Tool (MSAT) which is a dialogue enabling tool among communities, small scale miners and mining operators in some issues such as **water quality, water quantity and gender** in mining areas for promoting responsible mining in the mining communities in Tanzania.

In the light of this, **PDI** have commendable experience in mercury issues and will work with **Global Mercury Partnership** in dialogues, awareness creation, production of community-based media products and preparation of policy briefs/blogs regarding mercury use in mining areas of Tanzania.

PDI will inform **Global Mercury Partnership** about local Civil Society Organisations' participation in the implementation of national plan of action on reducing the use of mercury among gold mining communities in Tanzania. **PDI** will also implement activities/campaigns which will be directed to us by the Global Mercury Partnership in Tanzania and beyond. **PDI** will also monitor mercury issues in Tanzania and make adequate communications to global mercury partnership and members.

We have attached the completed form for your review.

It is our hope that the application will be considered positively.



Alpha Ntayomba

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP

PARTNERSHIP AREAS

Please check the partnership area(s) to which your organization intends to contribute to:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Artisanal and small-scale gold mining | <input type="checkbox"/> | Mercury releases from coal combustion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Mercury cell chlor-alkali production | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Mercury waste management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Mercury air transport and fate research | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Mercury supply and storage |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Mercury in products | <input type="checkbox"/> | Mercury releases from the cement industry |

> Please specify in your support letter how your organization intends to contribute to each of the selected partnership area(s)

ORGANIZATION APPLYING TO BECOME A PARTNER

Name of Organization: **POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (PDI)**

Type of Organization: Government Industry
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ORGANIZATION'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP

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* UNEP Global Mercury Partnership registration forms are to be accompanied by a letter to UNEP signifying support for the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership and commitment to achieving its goal. The support letter should specify how the organization intends to contribute to meeting the goal of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership. Please submit the support letter and registration form to:

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