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9 and 10 November 2022, Paris (France) and online

Annotated provisional agenda

Item 1

Opening of the meeting

1. The thirteenth meeting of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership Advisory Group (PAG) will take place on 9 and 10 November 2022 at the OECD Headquarters, in Paris, France. Facilities will also be made available for online participation.
2. The meeting will be opened by Jacqueline Alvarez, Chief of the Chemicals and Health Branch, Economy Division of UNEP, to be followed by introductory statements by Monika Stankiewicz, Executive Secretary of the Minamata Convention on Mercury as well as by the PAG co-chairs, Rodges Ankrah, Environmental Protection Agency of the United States, and Teeraporn Wiriwutikorn, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Thailand.

Item 2

Organizational matters

(a) Selection of Partnership Advisory Group Co-Chairs

3. As per the Overarching Framework Document of the Global Mercury Partnership, PAG members are to select a Chair or two co-chairs to serve for a two-year term. The Chair or co-chairs may be re-elected and may serve a maximum of two terms. In light of these provisions, PAG members may wish to consider the chairing/co-chairing of the PAG for the upcoming two-year term.

(b) Adoption of the agenda

4. The PAG may wish to adopt the agenda for the meeting on the basis of the provisional agenda set forth in document UNEP/ Hg/PAG.13/1. It may also suggest other items for discussion.

(c) Organization of work

5. The PAG is expected to meet on Wednesday 9 November 2022, from 10:00 to 17:00 CET and on Thursday 10 November 2022, from 10:00 to 15:00 CET, subject to any necessary adjustments. Seizing the opportunity of online settings, the meeting will be opened to all partners and relevant stakeholders in an observer capacity.

Item 3

Update from the Global Mercury Partnership Secretariat on key activities in follow up to the twelfth meeting of the Partnership Advisory Group

6. One of the functions and responsibilities of the PAG is to report on activities within the Partnership. The Secretariat has compiled this information in the progress report made available in document UNEP/ Hg/PAG.13/3, reflecting input received from Partnership Areas on their activities during the period from December 2020 to October 2022.
7. The Secretariat will provide an overview of activities undertaken in follow-up to the twelfth meeting of the PAG, which had taken place on 11 and 14 March 2022.

Item 4

Overview from Partnership Area on key highlights and future work planned

8. Partnership Area leads will be invited to provide a brief update on their respective Partnership Area's key highlights, as well as planned future work and priorities for the upcoming period, in particular for 2022 and 2023.

Item 5

Update and perspectives from the Secretariat of the Minamata Convention in relation to ongoing and future work of the Global Mercury Partnership

9. The Secretariat of the Minamata Convention will be invited to provide an update and share some perspectives in relation to ongoing and future work that may be initiated in the context of the Partnership, in light of identified priorities and needs expressed by Parties as well as activities undertaken or planned under the Convention.

Item 6

Update on the OECD Global Forum on Environment: “Working towards the elimination of mercury and reducing its harmful impacts on human health and the environment” (7 and 8 November 2022, Paris)

10. The PAG meeting will be held back-to-back with the OECD Global Forum on Environment meeting “Working towards the elimination of mercury and reducing its harmful impacts on human health and the environment”, to be held on 7 and 8 November 2022, in Paris, France.
11. A representative of OECD will provide an overview of key take aways from the Forum, focusing this year on issues and challenges related to mercury in the sectors of artisanal and small-scale gold mining (ASGM) and mercury-added products, considering, amongst others, solutions for reducing or where feasible eliminating mercury from the value chain, as well as international cooperation and public/private partnership for mercury-free supply chains.

Item 7

Discussions on future work in the context of the Global Mercury Partnership

12. The PAG will be invited to discuss priority areas for future work by the Partnership, within the context of its objectives to support the implementation of the Minamata Convention, to provide knowledge and science and to raise awareness on mercury. Based on discussions at previous meetings of the PAG and of Partnership Areas, the PAG may wish to focus its discussions on possible contributions to the following issues:

- (a) Trade and flow
- (b) Technical and scientific capacity enhancement
- (c) Management of mercury stocks
- (d) Biodiversity, climate change, and mercury
- (e) Disposal of mercury added products at the national level
- (f) Other

Item 8

Next steps to the study reports on mercury from non-ferrous metals mining and smelting and on mercury from oil and gas

13. Pursuant to the decision of the PAG at its tenth meeting (Geneva, 23 November 2019), the Partnership had initiated work on mercury from non-ferrous metals mining and smelting and from oil and gas.¹ In particular, technical study reports had been developed on these two topics, under the guidance of the PAG co-chairs, Partnership Areas co-leads and with input from interested partners and stakeholders. Final versions of the reports are made available to the PAG in documents UNEP/ Hg/PAG.13/4 and UNEP/ Hg/PAG.13/5.

14. At its twelfth meeting, the PAG was presented by the lead authors of the reports, Peter Nelson (Macquarie University), and Lilian Corra (International Society of Doctors for the Environment – ISDE), major findings and areas identified where future work may be needed. In the ensuing discussion, participants exchanged on ways in which the Partnership could contribute further to the topics².

15. As the reports are now both available in their final versions, PAG members may wish to define a plan for their dissemination, both in terms of relevant stakeholders and opportunities for reach out. PAG members may also reflect on means to address concerns and priorities highlighted in the reports, building on their discussions at PAG-12, and agree on next steps in which the Partnership should support further work, including in terms of awareness-raising, capacity building and/or further development of knowledge.

Item 9

Other matters

16. The PAG may wish to consider other issues raised during the meeting.

Item 10

Closure of the meeting

17. It is expected that the PAG will conclude its work by 15:00 CET on Thursday, 10 November 2022.

¹ The report of the tenth meeting of the Partnership Advisory Group (document UNEP/ Hg/PAG.10/5) is available at: <https://www.unep.org/globalmercurypartnership/events/unep-event/partnership-advisory-group-meeting-10>

² The report of the twelfth meeting of the Partnership Advisory Group (document UNEP/ Hg/PAG.12/6) is available at: <https://www.unep.org/globalmercurypartnership/events/unep-event/partnership-advisory-group-meeting-12>