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### Latest news from the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership – June 2022

In this new edition, learn more about recent and upcoming events, latest mercury-related publications and initiatives, including interactive tools and meet our new members. Good reading!

The Secretariat of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership

## HIGHLIGHTS

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**The 12th meeting of the Partnership Advisory Group on 11 and 14 March 2022** saw attendance of close to 100 participants to exchange on recent activities by Partnership Areas, key findings and next steps of the work on mercury from oil and gas and non-ferrous metals, as well as future priorities, including with respect to mercury flows and its impacts on biodiversity. More info [here](#).



**Minamata COP-4** (Bali, 21-25 March 2022) closed with global commitment on effectiveness evaluation, new products for phase-out and gender mainstreaming. COP-4.2 also adopted updated guidance on ASGM national action plans, now also covering tailings management. See [meeting report](#) and [call for information in follow up to COP-4.2 decisions](#).



**Basel Convention COP-15** (Geneva, June 2022) adopted updated Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with mercury or mercury compounds. [Read more about COP outcomes](#). The updated guidelines will be made available on the [technical guidelines page](#).



mercury reduction targets, and more for the ASGM sector through [new interactive tools](#), developed by UNEP under GEF funded NAP global component, harvesting wealth of information generated through Minamata Convention National Action Plans (NAP).



**As part of the 2nd review of the Minamata Convention financial mechanism**, parties, IGOs, NGOs and stakeholders are invited to submit information on their experience by **30 September 2022**. Terms of Reference for the review may be found in [Decision MC-4/7](#).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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The [Mercury releases from the Cement Industry Area](#) will hold an online technical session on **23 June 2022, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m CEST**. The event will share current knowledge about best practices to control and reduce emissions of mercury from the cement sector and discuss available guidance. More information available on the [event page](#).



The [Mercury air transport and fate research Area](#) will meet on **29 June 2022, from 9:00 – 11:00 AM (EST)** in an online setting. More information available on the [event page](#).

### MINAMATA ONLINE

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A webinar [Strengthening mercury research capacity in developing countries for science-based policy making](#) organized by the Secretariat of the Minamata Convention will be held on **30 June from 2:00 to 3:00 pm CEST**. The event will introduce ongoing activities implemented by UNEP to assist scientists, researchers and policy makers.

# ICMGP

The **15th International Conference on Mercury as a Global Pollutant (ICMGP)** "Reducing Mercury Emissions to achieve a Greener World" will be held virtually from **25 to 29 July 2022**. View programme for the **Conference** and **preceding workshops (18 to 22 July)**.



**OECD Global Forum on Environment dedicated to Mercury on 7 and 8 November 2022** will focus on "Working towards the elimination of mercury while reducing its harmful impacts on human health and the environment". Event will be hybrid, with both in-person and online attendance options. Further details on the **event page**.

## RECENT EVENTS



Learn more about **Side event on Mercury Wastes: Latest Developments, Tools and Practices for their Environmentally Sound Management** organized on **9 June 2022** in the margins of the BRS COPs by the Partnership, its areas work on **Mercury Waste Management** and **Supply and Storage**, and the **Minamata Convention Secretariat**.



The **PlanetGold Programme** organized its online **Global Forum on ASGM from 26 to 28 April 2022**. The event showcased various sessions on ASGM related topics, featuring presentations, discussions on existing initiatives and countries experiences. Consult **presentations and recordings** of the sessions.



**ASGM Partnership Area** and UNEP co-hosted online Minamata COP4.2 **side event on Mining data from National Action Plans for ASGM**, which offered overview of latest trends in the sector and shared experience from Nigeria.





**Partnership Area** organized online Minamata COP4.2 side event on **new initiatives for mercury monitoring in the global environment**, including their ability to meet needs identified for the Convention's effectiveness evaluation.

## WELCOME OUR NEW PARTNERS

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- [University of Geneva \(UNIGE\)](#)
- [BlackForest Solutions GmbH](#)

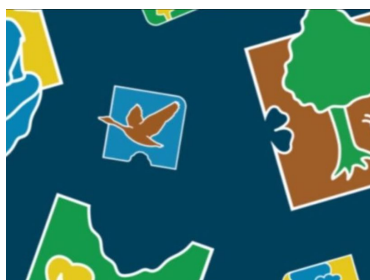
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## LATEST PUBLICATIONS / RESOURCES

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Zero Mercury Working Group (ZMWG) launched an **online database** on mercury findings in skin-lightening products. The database compiles results from the ZMWG's past sampling and testing as well as data from official sources. Discover also new ZMWG 2022 Skin sampling report **Skin Lighteners Still Online Despite Mercury Findings**.



Listen to Monika Stankiewicz, **Minamata Convention** Executive Secretary, on the occasion of the International Day for Biological Diversity on the **importance of mercury pollution on global biodiversity loss**, and read **exploratory study on the interlinkages between the chemicals and waste MEAs and biodiversity**.



Read WHO March 2022 first briefing note on oral health focusing on **Prevention and treatment of dental caries with mercury-free products and minimal intervention** and 2021 **Report on the informal global WHO consultation with policymakers in dental public health**.



online courses on [waste management and circular economy](#), [sound management of chemicals and wastes](#) and fundamentals on the [Basel, Rotterdam, Stockholm and Minamata conventions](#).

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**Artisanal and small-scale  
gold mining**

**Mercury releases from  
coal combustion**

**Mercury air transport  
and fate research**

**Mercury waste management**

**Mercury cell chlor-alkali  
production**

**Mercury supply and storage**

**Mercury in products**

**Mercury releases from  
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