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Latest news from the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership - April 2020 (Newsletter #1)

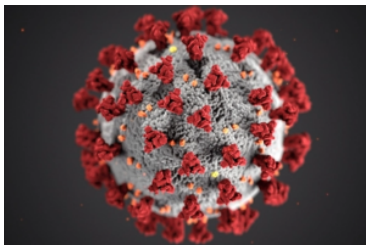
As the world is facing an unprecedented crisis, we would like to express our heartfelt thoughts to all affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

We are pleased to share with you the first edition of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership Newsletter, which will provide you with latest highlights, upcoming events - such as the launch this month of experts consultations on mercury from oil and gas as well as non-ferrous metals mining and smelting - new partners and resources developed by Partnership areas and partners.

With our best wishes,

The Secretariat of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership

HIGHLIGHTS



Monitoring the impacts of Covid-19 on Artisanal and Small-Scale Gold Mining (ASGM)

Covid-19 is having profound impacts throughout the world. What's happening to ASGM miners, their communities, and the country project teams of the GEF-funded planetGOLD programme?



Partnership Advisory Group 10th meeting (Geneva, November 2019)

discussed amongst others future priority actions, outreach, awareness-raising, and the revision of the Partnership Overarching Framework.



NEW CO-CHAIRS OF THE PARTNERSHIP ADVISORY

Group Ms. Teeraporn Wiriwutikorn (Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Thailand) and Mr. Rodges Ankrah (Environmental Protection Agency, USA) have been appointed for the next 2-year term.



Minamata Convention COP3 (Geneva, November 2019) called for cooperation with the Partnership on customs codes and ASGM tailings, and invited submissions in preparation for COP4 (Indonesia, November 2021). In view of Covid-19, certain deadlines have been extended.



ASGM Partnership area reviewed outcome of Minamata Convention COP3 including in relation to the revision of the ASGM national action plans guidance and ASGM tailings, and discussed GEF-funded planetGOLD programme.



4th round of applications under the Special Programme to support institutional strengthening for the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, Minamata Convention and SAICM. Deadline for submission is extended to 4 September 2020.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



gas – online kick off meeting on 23 April 2020 (1.00 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. CET) Interested partners and stakeholders are invited to initiate discussions with the overall objective to identify potential useful contributions from the Partnership.



Expert consultations on mercury from non-ferrous metals mining and smelting – online kick off meeting on 29 April 2020 (1.00 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. CET) Interested partners and stakeholders are invited to initiate discussions with the overall objective to identify potential useful contributions from the Partnership.



Themes for upcoming information-sharing webinars: Please take a few minutes to **respond to our online survey and tell us more about your interest and priority topics for future information-sharing webinars** to be convened by the Partnership.

LATEST PUBLICATIONS / RESOURCES



PlanetGOLD programme platform now available to learn more about the 45-million USD collaborative effort funded by the GEF to develop innovative models and support artisanal and small-scale gold miners improve their livelihoods while reducing mercury use.



Defining the road ahead: challenges and solutions for developing and implementing national action plans to reduce mercury use in ASGM Insightful report by UNEP on African countries experiences shared at 2019 regional workshop in Eswatini.



2020 Catalogue of technologies and services on mercury waste management prepared by the Partnership area on Mercury Waste Management, selection of solutions by partners for the sound management of mercury waste.

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