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Latest news from the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership – January 2023

This first edition of the new year will take you through insights from the Thirteenth Meeting of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership Advisory Group (PAG-13), as well as a number of recent and upcoming events. You will also learn more about our new members, as well as recent mercury-related publications, initiatives and opportunities.

With our very best wishes for the New Year!

The Secretariat of the Global Mercury Partnership



HIGHLIGHTS



Thirteenth Meeting of the Partnership Advisory Group

PAG-13 on 9 and 10 November 2022 in Paris, back-to-back with the OECD Global Forum on Environment dedicated to mercury, looked into recent and upcoming activities of the Partnership and allowed exchanges on potential issues for future work, including trade and flow, technical and scientific capacity enhancement, management of mercury stocks, biodiversity, climate change and mercury and disposal of mercury-added products at the national level. The meeting considered next steps to the study reports on mercury from non-ferrous metals mining and smelting, and from oil and gas. The PAG also discussed areas of cooperation with the Secretariat of the Minamata Convention.



The resumed first session of the **ad-hoc open-ended working group (OEWG 1.2) on a science-policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution** will take place in Bangkok from **30 January to 3 February 2023**. Further information, including meeting documents, may be found on the [event page](#).



Submission of comments and input is invited by **17 February 2023** on the draft guidance on **“Best Available Techniques and Best Environmental Practices to control mercury releases to land and water”**, developed by the group of technical experts under the Minamata Convention. [More information and commenting form](#).



for tenders until **1 April 2023** with up to EUR120,000 for projects that stimulate, accelerate, and (financially) support sustainable non-profit projects towards sustainable and valuable impact on physical living environment, including reductions in mercury use, release, emission, and bioavailability.

UPCOMING EVENTS



On **24 January 2023**, ahead of **OEWG 1.2 on a science-policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution**, UNEP-organized **webinar will discuss the scope** of the panel. To get more insights and register, visit the **event page**.



The annual meeting of the **Mercury releases from the Cement Industry Partnership Area** will be held on **13 February 2023**, from 14:00 to 15:30 CET. It will be an opportunity to welcome new partners, review the Area's business plan, and present recent and upcoming activities. Registration link and further details will be available **here**.



Mercury cell Chlor-alkali Production and **Mercury Waste Management** Partnership areas will host on **16 February 2023** a **joint webinar on the sound management and elimination of mercury and mercury waste in the chlor-alkali sector**. The event will explore techniques, innovative tools and best technologies for the phase-out of mercury-based technologies and the sound management of wastes.



Area will hold its annual meeting on **15 March 2023** in an online setting. The session will feature the introduction of new partners, as well as exchanges on ongoing work of the Partnership Area's working groups. Further information will be made available [here](#).

RECENT EVENTS

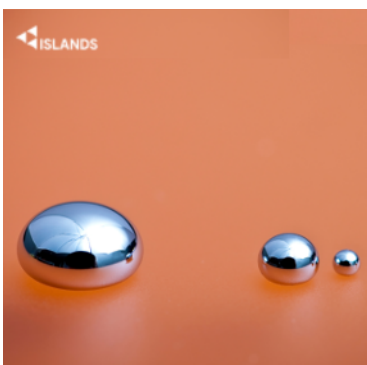


The **Mercury releases from Coal Combustion Partnership Area** held its annual meeting on 16 January 2023, in an online setting. Among others, the meeting welcomed new partners and shared recent and upcoming activities. Partners' input and contribution were also called for by the co-leads on key ongoing projects. More information may be found [here](#).



WEBINAR
Managing Mercury
contaminated soils and sites

On 14 December 2022, the **Secretariat of the Minamata Convention**, the Common Forum on Contaminated Land in Europe and the Latin American Network for the Prevention and Management of Contaminated Site jointly held a **webinar on the management of mercury contaminated sites and soils**, focusing on remediation tools and sharing case studies.



Webinar on Small Islands Developing States (SIDS) experiences on the Minamata Convention on 14 - 15 December 2022 under the GEF-funded ISLANDS Programme explored key sources of mercury in SIDS and featured national approaches and experiences to phase-out mercury-containing products. Check the [event page](#) and the [meeting recording](#) for more insights.

14H00-15H30
**Health risk
communication**

and the [International Conference on Mercury as a Global Pollutant](#) co-hosted [Minamata Online session on health risk communication](#) on 7 December 2022 to discuss opportunities and challenges in communicating health risk to the public and professionals.



OECD held its [Global Forum on Environment](#) on 7 and 8 November 2022 in Paris with a specific focus on mercury. The Conference featured presentations and discussions aiming at enhancing effective engagement, collaboration and action towards eliminating or reducing mercury from the supply chain.

LATEST RESOURCES



Get further insights on recent and upcoming activities under the Global Mercury Partnership with the [2022 Activities Report](#), which provides latest updates on mercury related work under the different Partnership Areas.



[Mercury from non-ferrous metals mining](#) report aims to elucidate the fate of mercury within commercial smelters and refiners, estimate the magnitude of potential emissions and releases from the sector, and illustrate various technologies for controlling them.



[Mercury from oil and gas](#) report aims to present a compilation of available knowledge on the life cycle of mercury in crude oil and natural gas, to better understand the behaviour, emission and release pathways of mercury, and to illustrate technologies for controlling these releases.

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