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

Dear UNEP Global Mercury Partnership,

We in Diálogos would like to join the partnership. Diálogos is a Danish NGO working with health and environment. We are doctors, geologist, philosophers, anthropologists, engineers, and public health specialist. We are all researchers and use our skills in Diálogos. We have projects where we work with integrating traditional medicine with more modern medicine, we have projects trying to minimise use of pesticides in agriculture. Most importantly though we work in partnership with local NGOs and gold miners to eliminate mercury use in small-scale gold mining.

We have worked in the Philippines, in Bolivia, in Mozambique and in Uganda. We implement the Benguet mercury-free method which is a technology which is showed to work very well for artisanal and small-scale gold miners. We have documented this in different scientific papers. In the project expert miners from Benguet in the Philippines train the miners, some of them to become miner trainers, in an effort to use the south-south exchange to promote a common mining community. Our dream is a training school to where miners can come to learn and exchange experiences and skills.

Our experience supports the education of health care professionals, teachers and local leaders which together with advocacy and collaboration at local, district and governmental level is an important and integrated part of our projects. We are mostly supported financially from the Danish Foreign Ministry.

Recently we organised an international meeting, the Tiira Summit in Uganda. We brought together international, national and local stakeholders to witness the Benguet method working in an artisanal small-scale mining setting. Several suggestions for projects came from this, among them one in Kenya where the mining community Osiri Masanga will be able to lease equipment using a leasing model from Impact Facilities, Kenya. After 18 month the miners acquire the equipment for 1US\$. This pilot project supports the partnership's goal of integrating the ASGM sector into the formal economy. Just like the other projects we have worked with, this aims to formalise ASGM, enabling the miners and the country to benefit from the mining.

We support the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership and are committed to make artisanal and small-scale gold mining safer, cleaner, and more profitable.

Yours sincerely

Margrethe Smidth



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Yellowfin Tuna, Courtesy NOAA Fisheries, © Photo by Jeff Muir

INFORMATION ON BECOMING A PARTNER

This information sheet provides an overview of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Global Mercury Partnership for prospective partners. Further information is available at:

www.unep.org/globalmercurypartnership/

GOAL OF THE PARTNERSHIP

The overall goal of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership is to protect human health and the global environment from the releases of mercury and its compounds by minimizing and, where feasible, ultimately eliminating global, anthropogenic mercury releases to air, water and land.

PARTNERSHIP AREAS

The UNEP Global Mercury Partnership is a voluntary and collaborative relationship between various parties, governmental, non-governmental, public and private, in which all participants agree to work together in a systematic way to achieve its goal.

Initiated in 2005¹, the Partnership today focuses its work on supporting timely and effective implementation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury; on providing state of the art knowledge and science on mercury; and on delivering outreach and awareness raising towards global action on mercury.

¹ UNEP Governing Council Decision 23/9

The Partnership is structured around eight areas:

- Artisanal and small-scale gold mining
- Mercury cell chlor-alkali production
- Mercury air transport and fate research
- Mercury in products
- Mercury releases from coal combustion
- Mercury waste management
- Mercury supply and storage
- Mercury releases from the cement industry

OUR PARTNERS

Over 240 partners from governments, IGOs, NGOs, private sector and academic institutions:

- Support the overall goal of the Partnership.
- Contribute resources or expertise to the development and implementation of Partnership activities.
- Network with other organizations, agencies, entities and individuals addressing mercury issues.

BECOMING A PARTNER

To become a partner, interested entities or individuals should submit a letter to UNEP signifying their support for the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership and their commitment to achieving its goal. The letter should also specify how they will contribute to meeting the goal of the Partnership.

Together with this letter, UNEP requests interested entities or individuals to also complete and submit the registration form (see reverse). Participation in the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership will be confirmed by UNEP. Partners' letters of support will be made public through the UNEP's website.

SUPPORT LETTER AND REGISTRATION FORM SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO:

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Palais des Nations
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CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland
E-mail: metals@un.org

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PARTNERSHIP AREAS

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

- Artisanal and small-scale gold mining
- Mercury cell chlor-alkali production
- Mercury air transport and fate research
- Mercury in products
- Mercury releases from coal combustion
- Mercury waste management
- Mercury supply and storage
- 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:

Type of Organization:

- Government
- Intergovernmental Organization
- Non-governmental Organization
- Industry / private sector
- Academia / scientific institution
- Other, please specify

Mailing Address:

Postcode: City: Country:

E-mail:

Telephone: Website:

ORGANIZATION'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP

Mr. Ms.

First Name: Last Name:

Functional Title:

Section / Department:

E-mail:

* 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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