

Not displaying correctly? [View it in your browser](#)



Latest news from the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership – July 2023

This new edition of our newsletter will bring you the latest headlines, upcoming activities and recent events.

You will find more information about annual meetings of your Partnership Areas, such as recently of the Mercury Releases from Coal Combustion Area in Jakarta, latest events, such as the online session on managing mercury along the oil and gas value chains, or in-person workshops on mercury containing products.

We are also delighted to introduce our new members, as well as recent publications and ongoing initiatives.

With warm wishes,

The Secretariat of the Global Mercury Partnership

HIGHLIGHTS



The fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury (COP-5) will take place in Geneva from 30 October to 3 November 2023. Further information on plans for events, regional preparatory meetings and logistics for participants can be found on the [COP-5 webpage](#).



the **"Transitioning to Mercury-Free Lighting in Asia-Pacific Countries" workshop** organized in Geneva on **19 and 20 June 2023** by the Partnership Area on Mercury in Products, in collaboration with UNEP United for Efficiency (U4E) and the Clean Lighting Coalition, with the support of Switzerland.



GEF 7 phasing down dental amalgam project, implemented by UNEP and executed by WHO with technical assistance from the Global Mercury Partnership in Senegal, Thailand and Uruguay, was launched on **28 April 2023**. Further information on the [meeting webpage](#) and new [Knowledge Hub](#).



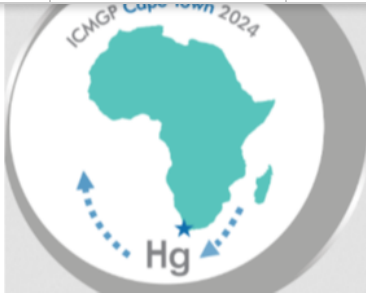
Virtual exhibition: Winners and finalists of #MakeMercuryHistory Photo Contest 2022

The virtual exhibition of the first photo contest recognizes compelling images that shed light on mercury pollution, the environment and the people working towards eliminating mercury. Watch the [photos here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS



The Global Mercury Partnership and its Area of work on Mercury in Products, in collaboration with the Clean Lighting Coalition and the Zero Mercury Working Group are pleased to invite you to an **online session on the transition to mercury-free lighting** scheduled to be held on **Thursday 31 August 2023**. The detailed agenda and registration link will be made available shortly on the [event page](#).



a Global Pollutant (ICMGP 2024) will be held from **21 to 26 July 2024** in Cape Town, South Africa. As part of identifying Mercury Workshops, **a call for proposals will be advertised in the next weeks**. More information and draft programme can be found on the [Conference website](#).

RECENT EVENTS



Watch recording and presentations from the information sharing session "**Managing mercury along the oil and gas value chains: sharing of experience and best practices**" organized on **18 July 2023** by the Partnership and its Areas of Work on Mercury Supply and Storage and Mercury Waste Management.



On **13 July 2023**, the **Partnership Area on Mercury Releases from Coal Combustion** held its **annual meeting** in the margins of the **MEC15 International Workshop**, in Jakarta, Indonesia. The meeting discussed latest updates on the Minamata Convention and ongoing project works. A **follow up discussion** took place on **19 July**.



Minamata Online: Mercury waste threshold
On **5 July 2023**, the co-chairs of the Minamata Convention expert group on mercury waste and the Convention Secretariat presented the report proposing the **threshold on waste management** to be considered at COP-5. Further details [here](#).



Small-scale Gold Mining held an online information sharing session on **26 June 2023** to showcase updates on ongoing U.S. Department of State granted ASGM related projects, and exchange on potential synergies. Meeting recordings are accessible on the [event page](#).



The Secretariat of the Minamata Convention organized an in-person workshop "**Implementing the Minamata Convention obligations on mercury-added products**", from **21 to 23 June 2023** in Geneva to support countries comply with their obligations to phase out mercury-added products and phase down dental amalgam. Further details are available on the [event page](#).

LATEST RESOURCES



[Listen to Anne Nakafeero, Uganda Minamata Convention focal point and Richard Gutierrez, Secretariat of the Minamata Convention](#) speak at the roundtable **Water and the protection of ecosystems, the dangers and inequalities raised by the practice of gold panning** at the first edition of the Africa 2050 Forum.



[Read more](#) about phasing out mercury products in the Caribbean and the related [Regional Caribbean Conference](#) held on **6 and 7 June 2023** in Port of Spain, gathering 14 countries to present ongoing efforts towards the elimination of mercury containing products.

Exploring how a natural capital approach may support the implementation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury



[approach may support the implementation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury](#)

highlights the urgent need for action at all levels. It emphasizes the importance of understanding the effects of mercury on fish populations, as well as the often overlooked social, environmental and economic costs associated with mercury pollution.

BEST PRACTICES IN CEM (CONTINUOUS EMISSION MONITORING)

SANJEV K KANCHAN
COUNCIL ON ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND WATER (CEEW), INDIA



[Check out this resource](#) intended to act as a single guidance document on **Best practices for the implementation of CEMS (Continuous Emissions Monitoring) in India**, regardless of which international approach is used. This should be a living document, to be updated by Indian stakeholders as the country moves towards establishing its own unified guidance documents.



The Biodiversity Research Institute would welcome your contributions to the Special Issue on **Global environmental mercury loads in biota and impacts on biodiversity**. Further information available on the [dedicated page](#).

[VIEW ALL RESOURCES >>](#)

WELCOME OUR NEW PARTNERS

[Development Indian Ocean Network](#)
[The impact facility](#)
[Dialogos](#)

[INFORMATION ON BECOMING A PARTNER >>](#)

READ MORE ABOUT THE PARTNERSHIP AREAS

Subscribe

Past Issues

Translate

gold mining

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
the cement industry**

[View this email in your browser](#)

Copyright © 2023 Secretariat of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership

[Manage your subscription](#) or [Unsubscribe](#)

For more information visit [our website](#) or contact us [by email](#)

Our mailing address is:
Secretariat of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership
Palais des Nations, 8-14 avenue de la Paix
Geneva 1211
Switzerland

[Add us to your address book](#)