

Buenos Aires, September 6, 2023

Subject: Expression of Interest to Join UNEP Global Mercury Partnership

Dear Global Mercury Partnership,

We, the Basel Convention Regional Centre for South America (CRBAS), hereby express our interest in becoming a member of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership. Our organization is dedicated to the promotion of best practices in the management of hazardous and other wastes, with a strong emphasis on waste prevention and minimization. We operate under the authority of the Conference of the Parties, which serves as the decision-making body of the Basel Convention and comprises all the countries that are parties to the Convention.

The CRBAS has been hosted by the National Institute of Industrial Technology since 1999 and serves as a pivotal technological hub for the South American region. Our primary objective is to provide training and strengthen the regulatory and production structures in South America, encompassing countries such as Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Venezuela, and Uruguay. Through close collaboration with the focal points and relevant authorities in these countries, we work towards the effective implementation of the Basel Convention by acting as a liaison and facilitating knowledge exchange.

Our Regional Centre has been actively engaged in numerous activities both within our host country and internationally, aligned with the Stockholm Convention, the Minamata Convention, and other relevant agreements. Presently, we are involved in several technical and environmental projects directly related to Basel Convention objectives.

By seeking membership in the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership, we aim to further enhance our capacity and collaboration on various fronts. Given the problems, challenges, and needs identified by the countries served by the BCRC, our participation in the Partnership will play a pivotal role in improving the implementation of the Basel Convention. This will enable us to establish synergies with the Minamata, Rotterdam, and Stockholm Conventions, aiding countries in developing comprehensive inventories and national management or implementation plans. Our approach will be informed by the pressing concerns of the triple environmental crisis, resource efficiency, energy transition, and traceability, particularly in the context of electronic passports.

We believe that our active involvement in the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership will not only benefit our region but also contribute significantly to the global efforts to address environmental challenges effectively. We look forward to the opportunity to collaborate closely with the Partnership and its member organizations.

Thank you for considering our application, and we are eager to engage in further discussions regarding our potential membership.

Best regards,



Leila Devia  
Director  
BCRC Argentina



# UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP

## 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/](http://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 2005<sup>1</sup>, 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.

<sup>1</sup> 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:

**Head, Chemicals and Health Branch  
Industry and Economy Division  
United Nations Environment Programme**  
Palais des Nations  
8-14 avenue de la Paix  
CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland  
E-mail: [metals@un.org](mailto: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 releases from coal combustion
- Mercury cell chlor-alkali production
- Mercury waste management
- Mercury air transport and fate research
- Mercury supply and storage
- Mercury in products
- 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	Industry / private sector
Intergovernmental Organization	Academia / scientific institution
Non-governmental Organization	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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