



Minamata Initial Assessment Clinics

Context

Minamata Convention Initial Assessment (MIA) are underway in more than 100 countries around the world, funded by the Global Environment Facility, to enable countries to ratify and implement the Minamata Convention. The MIA projects consist of developing national mercury inventories, the review of existing legislative framework, and assessments of institutional and capacity needs for the implementation of the Convention.

The first Conference of the Parties provides the timely opportunity for countries to showcase the progress of their MIA projects, exchange information on their findings, and discuss their experiences and future opportunities for MIAs and for the implementation of the Convention.

In this context, three MIA Clinics (90 minute sessions) will be convened during the lunch hours, on Monday, 25 September, Tuesday, 26 September and Wednesday, 28 September. The MIA Clinics are envisaged as a platform to share the experiences from different regions so as to allow the successes, the approaches and the lessons learned to contribute to future work. The sessions aim to be interactive with the audience to the extent possible.

With the Global Environment Facility, MIA Clinics will be run by the implementing agencies of the MIA, namely the UN Development Programme (UNDP), the UN Environment Programme (UN Environment), and the UN Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO). Each MIA Clinic will convene around 3-4 country representatives and representatives from executing partners to present on the progress achieved, lessons learned, and reflect on recommended actions in the development of MIAs and more broadly on implementing the Minamata Convention.

Timetable

Monday 25 September: MIA Clinic 1:

Experiences of small island development states (SIDS) and other small countries

Tuesday 26 September: MIA Clinic 2:

Experiences of countries with artisanal and small-scale gold mining (ASGM) activities

Wednesday 27 September: MIA Clinic 3:

Experiences of emerging economies with industrial sources of mercury

Discussion

The clinics may address the following key questions:

- What are the challenges faced in the development of MIAs?
- How were these challenges overcome?
- What are the institutional and capacity needs identified by MIAs?
- What are the opportunities for international cooperation to address these needs?
- How has the MIA contributed to your country becoming a Party to the Convention?
- Is the MIA helpful in setting and institutional framework in your country to respond to the Convention in the long term?



Programme

MIA Clinic 1: Experiences of small island development states and other small countries Monday, 25 September 2017

<i>Organized by</i>	UNDP, UN Environment and UNIDO
<i>Moderated by</i>	Kasper Koefoed (UNDP)
<i>Presentations</i>	Jakob Maag (UNITAR/UNDP): Main sources of mercury and challenges in developing inventories.
<i>Country interventions</i>	Cabo Verde, Costa Rica, St. Lucia, Seychelles

During this clinic bringing together representatives from small island development states (SIDS) and other small countries the following questions will be discussed:

- What are the main mercury sources to be addressed?
- What are the main challenges encountered by these countries in developing their inventories?

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MIA Clinic 2: Experiences of countries with artisanal and small-scale gold mining-activities Tuesday, 26 September 2017

<i>Organized by</i>	UN Environment, UNIDO and UNDP
<i>Moderated by</i>	Ludovic Bernaudat (UN Environment)
<i>Presentations</i>	Kevin Telmer (Artisanal Gold Council): Overview of the sector Bally Dominique Kpokro (Centre Africain pour la Santé Environnementale): How ASGM can be accounted for in the MIA exercise
<i>Country interventions</i>	Guyana, Lao PDR, Senegal

During this clinic bringing together representatives of countries with artisanal and small-scale gold mining (ASGM) activities, the following questions will be discussed:

- Was sufficient information made available to establish the baseline information on ASGM?
- How do MIA implementation facilitated the initiation of the National Action Plans?

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MIA Clinic 3: Experiences of emerging economies with industrial sources of mercury
Wednesday, 27 September 2017

Organized by **UNIDO, UNDP and UN Environment**

Moderated by **Ms. Ozunimi Iti (UNIDO)**

Presentations **Jindrich Petrlík (IPEN):** Experiences from emerging economies with industrial sources of mercury
Jakob Maag (UNITAR): Tools for estimating industrial sources of mercury

Country interventions **Mauritania, Nigeria, Russian Federation, Vietnam**

During this clinic bringing together representatives of emerging economies with industrial sources of mercury, the following questions will be discussed:

- What were the challenges in estimating emissions and releases from industrial sources?
- What were the institutional and capacity needs identified for industrial sources of mercury?

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