

MINAMATA CONVENTION ON MERCURY

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES - 1

24 to 29 September 2017, Geneva - Switzerland

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PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY PRECEDING THE OPENING OF COP1 SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2017

Recognizing the importance of regional consultations, as well as the opportunity for informal interaction on technical issues and policy in advance of the opening of the COP1, time provision has been made for regional meetings, bilateral and inter-regional consultations as well as a meeting of the outgoing INC Bureau on Saturday 23 September 2017, the day prior to the start of COP1.

Regional meetings

Conference rooms will be available at the Geneva International Conference Centre from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. for regional meetings for the following regional groupings:

Africa – Room 3
Asia and the Pacific – Room 2
Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) – Room 16
European Union – Room 5 and 6

Latin America and the Caribbean (GRULAC) - Room 4

JUSSCANNZ (Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Switzerland and the United States of America) – Room 18

Conference room will also be available for consultations among non-governmental organizations – Room 13

Bilateral and inter-regional consultations

Conference rooms may be available for governments or regional groups who wish to have informal bilateral or inter-regional consultations with other governments or groups. Please contact the interim secretariat to facilitate access to rooms or should you need any assistance in contacting participants from other delegations registered to attend COP1.

INC Bureau (Outgoing)

A meeting of the outgoing Bureau of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee will take place from 1p.m. to 3 p.m. in Room 14 at the Conference Centre.

Other information

REGISTRATION

On Saturday, 23 September 2017, registration will be open from 12.00 p.m. until 6 p.m. at the Registration Desk in the main entrance hall of the Conference Centre.

DSA

Payment of daily subsistence allowances (DSA) to sponsored participants is planned to take place already on Saturday 23 September 2017 and will commence as of 12.30 p.m. (to be confirmed) in the "Espace Motta". Please check the screens at the Conference Centre for the location and times for the payment of DSA.



EXHIBITIONS

Final exhibitions may be set up by exhibitors from 8.00 a.m. on Saturday.

Reception

The Swiss Government is hosting a reception on Saturday evening starting from 6.00 p.m. Further information on the reception location and other logistical information will be provided on the screens at the Conference Centre.

Note: Please check on the display screens located in the Conference Centre in case of changes in any of the pre-allocated rooms. A list of all meetings and their respective schedules and locations will be displayed on the screens located in the Conference Centre throughout the course of the week.

Tentative Timetable

Saturday, 23 September 2017		
TIME	MEETING	LOCATION
12.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.	Registration	Registration Desk – Main entrance
1.00 p.m. − 3.00 p.m.	Bureau meeting (Outgoing Bureau of the INC)	Room 14
3.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.	Regional meetings:	
	AFRICA	Room 3
	ASIA-PACIFIC	Room 2
	CEE	Room 16
	EU	Room 5 and 6
	GRULAC	Room 4
	JUSSCANNZ	Room 18
3.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.	NGOs (TBC)	Room 13
6.00 p.m	Swiss Reception	TBC

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