



OPENING CEREMONY

Master of Ceremony: Jacob Duer, Principal Coordinator, Interim Secretariat of the Minamata Convention

Programme

Sunday, 24 September 2017

*Plenary
room,
Conference
Center*

14.45

All delegates requested to take their seats

14.50

VIPs to enter Plenary and take their seats at the podium

15.00

Cultural event by the Government of Switzerland

15.15

Curtain raiser by the Interim Secretariat of the Minamata Convention

15.20

Master of Ceremony welcomes the delegates

15.25

Welcome remarks by His Excellency Marc Chardonens, Vice Minister, Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland

15.30

Welcome remarks by Ibrahim Thiaw, UN Environment Deputy Executive Director and Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations

15.40

Master of Ceremony announces the closure of the opening ceremony

15.45

VIPs leave the podium

16.00

COP-1 starts with Item 2) Organizational matters