

# Hg WEEK IN GENEVA

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#MakeMercuryHistory



## 26 SEPTEMBER - SCIENCE & POLICY

### SCIENCE AND POLICY INTERFACE: MERCURY EMISSIONS, RELEASES & EFFECTS IN THE ENVIRONMENT

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Uni Carl Vogt (66 boulevard Carl-Vogt) - Room 001

18:30 - 20:00

The Minamata Convention is a global treaty to protect the human health and the environment from the anthropogenic emissions and releases of mercury and mercury compounds. Its negotiations process was initiated in 2010 after more than a decade of active engagement from the global community in bringing the science of mercury contamination to policy implementation. In shaping the obligations of the Convention, the intergovernmental negotiating committee that was established was continuously supplied with the latest scientific, technical, economical, and legal developments.

At the interface between science and policy, the Convention, which entered into force on 16 August 2017, will continue to require the active involvement of a wide range of actors from the scientific world in a broad spectrum of disciplines as it moves through actual implementation of its provisions.

The session will explore how members of the scientific community may support the implementation of the Convention around the world, be it in the further development of knowledge and its dissemination, in the exchange of information, in the quest for mercury-free alternatives or in the evaluation of the Convention's effectiveness.

#### Welcome

Vera SLAVEYKOVA, Professor, Faculty of Science and Institute for Environmental Sciences, University of Geneva

#### A Scientific Perspective on Mercury as a Global Contaminant

Noelle E. SELIN, Associate Professor, Department of Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

#### A Scientific Perspective on Environmental Effects of Mercury

Vera SLAVEYKOVA, Professor, Faculty of Science and Institute for Environmental Sciences, University of Geneva

#### Minamata Convention and International Efforts on Mercury Management

Henrik SELIN, Associate Professor, The Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies, Boston University

#### Discussion / Q&A

**Moderator:** Susan KEANE, Deputy Director, Health program, Natural Resources Defense Council



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