

Chemicals and Waste Briefing

Ahead of First Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury

**Tuesday, 12 September 2017, 10:00-12:00
International Environment House II (7-9 ch. de Balexert)**

You are cordially invited to attend a Chemicals and Waste briefing focusing on preparations for the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury. The event will also provide an update on the implementation of the workprogrammes of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions after the recent meetings of the conferences of the Parties in May 2017 and on the intersessional process for SAICM and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020.

Following the deposit of the 50th instrument of ratification on 18 May 2017, the Minamata Convention on Mercury entered into force on 16 August 2017. You are cordially invited to attend a Chemicals and Waste briefing organized within the framework of the Geneva Environment Network at the International Environment House II, on Tuesday, 12 September in preparation of the First Meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Minamata Convention (COP1).

Minamata COP1 will take place in Geneva, from Sunday, 24 September to Friday, 29 September. The Minamata High Level Segment, hosted by the President of the Swiss Confederation convenes from Thursday, 28 September to Friday, 29 September to ***Make Mercury History***. The Minamata COP1 will be preceded by regional and other preparatory meetings on Saturday, 23 September and the morning of Sunday, 24 September. In addition, alongside Minamata COP1 a number of mercury-related activities and events will form part of Mercury Week that begins on Friday, 22 September at the World Health Organisation.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

10:00
Coffee & Tea

10:15
Welcome

Jan DUSIK, Director, Europe Office, UN Environment

10:20

Preparations towards the First Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury (Geneva, 24-29 September 2017)

Jacob DUER, Principal Coordinator, Interim Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, Chemicals and Health Branch, UN Environment

Claudia TEN HAVE, Senior Programme Coordination Officer, Interim Secretariat of the Minamata Convention

Sheila LOGAN, Programme Officer, Interim Secretariat of the Minamata Convention

Remarks from the host country

Felix WERTLI, Head, Global Affairs Section, Swiss Federal Office for the Environment

Followed by questions and comments

11:15

Update on the implementation of the work programmes of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions and upcoming meetings

Rolph PAYET, Executive Secretary, Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions Secretariat

David OGDEN, Chief, Conventions Operations Branch, Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions Secretariat

11:30

SAICM regional meetings (January-February 2018) and Second meeting of the intersessional process for SAICM and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 (March 2018)

Brenda KOEKKOEK, Programme Officer, Chemicals and Health Branch, UN Environment

Followed by questions and comments

12:00

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Registration form

You are cordially invited to participate in this event.

We would be grateful if you could indicate your participation in advance by completing this form and returning it by 8 September 2017 to the address below by email (gen.secretary@unep.org) or register online. Please note that English is the working language of this event.

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Organization: _____

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