

# Hg WEEK IN GENEVA

22-29 September 2017

#MakeMercuryHistory



## 27 SEPTEMBER - GOLD

### MAKE MERCURY HISTORY ALONG THE GOLD SUPPLY CHAIN

#### GRADUATE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

Maison de la Paix (Chemin Eugène-Rigot 2)  
Auditorium Ivan Pictet

13:00 - 14:45

*Since the earliest time of gold mining, mercury was used to extract gold. This practice is still ongoing in more than 70 countries, where 10 to 15 million artisanal and small-scale gold miners use mercury to recover gold. It is the world's largest source of mercury pollution, emits toxic vapours and releases large quantities of mercury, harming the miners, their communities, and the environment.*

*Artisanal and small-scale gold mining produces about 12 to 15% of the world's gold. It is a complex global development issue, however exposure of miners and their communities to the terrible effects of mercury can be reduced in simple and cost effective ways.*

*The session will explore how each actor of the gold supply chain - many of which are represented in Switzerland – has a responsibility and a role to play towards mercury-free gold production and the sustainable development of the artisanal and small-scale gold mining sector.*

#### **Welcome**

Liliana ANDONOVA, Academic Co-Director, Centre for International Environmental Studies, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies

#### **Introduction**

Erik SOLHEIM, Executive Director, UN Environment

#### **Discussion**

Daniela COLAIACOVO, Co-founder and Director of Goldlake Group, Italy

Wilfried HOERNER, former co-CEO - Argor Heraeus, Switzerland

Laurent FAVRE, Founder A. Favre & Fils, Switzerland

Laura GERRITSEN, Value-chain Manager, Fairphone, Netherlands

Jean LAVILLE, Deputy CEO, Swiss Sustainable Finance

Marc HUFTY, Programme Lead, Centre for International Environmental Studies, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies

#### **Q&A**

**Moderator:** Nawal AÏTHOCINE, Sustainability and Impact Director, Transparence SA

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