First Meeting Of The Conference Of The Parties To The Minamata Convention On Mercury

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75 ratifications as of 6 September 2017

First Conference of the Parties 24-29 September 2017
Geneva, Switzerland
Status Of Ratifications

As of 6 September 2017: 128 signatories, 75 future Parties
First Conference Of The Parties To The Minamata Convention On Mercury

From 24 to 29 September 2017 at the International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG)
Schedule for COP1

**Registration:**
- Picture ID needed
- Badge mandatory

**Regional meetings:**
- Facilities available

**Official opening:**
- Sunday 24 September
  - 3 p.m.

**Formal sessions and Smaller groups:**

- **Formal sessions:**
  - Monday 25 to Friday 29 September
    - 10 am - 1 pm
    - 3 pm - 6 pm

- **Smaller groups:**
  - Sunday 24 to Friday 29 September
  - To convene as established.

**High-Level Segment:**
- Thursday 28 September
  - 3 pm to Friday 29 September
  - 1 pm

**Dates and Times:**
- **Saturday 23 September:**
  - 12 pm - 6 pm
- **Sunday 24 September - Friday 29 September:**
  - 8 am to 6 pm
- **Sunday 24 to Friday 29 September:**
  - 10 am - 1 pm
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*Contact groups and other smaller groups may be convened at any time.*
Preparations for COP1 - logistics

- **COP1 invitations to Governments** (dated 1 May 2017), IGOs & NGOs, with online pre-registration platform

- Review of **credentials** for Parties

- Organization of **travel** for funded participants

- Review of requests for admission of **observers** to COP1

- **Logistical matters** in relation to the meeting venue as well as **conference services support, High-Level Segment, Hg week, exhibition, thematic sessions**
Current status of registrations (as of 5 September)

• **1090** in Total

• **613** Government representatives

• **74** Ministerial level (out of Government representatives)

• **222** NGOs

• **121** IGOs

• **60** Others
First meeting of the Conference of the Parties

Geneva International Conference Centre (CICG)
15.00 on Sunday, 24 September to 18.00 on Friday, 29 September

• Plenary opening at **3:00 p.m. on Sunday** 24 September
• **Substantive work** from 24 to 29 September
• High-Level Segment “Make Mercury History” (28-29 September)
PREPARATIONS FOR COP1
Forms and guidance provisionally adopted or agreed upon forms and guidance

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Forms and guidance

As mandated in the resolution on arrangements in the interim period adopted by the Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Minamata Convention on Mercury, the intergovernmental negotiating committee on mercury established pursuant to Governing Council decision 20/5 will meet during the period between the date on which the Convention was opened for signature and the date of the opening of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention as may be necessary to facilitate the rapid entry into force of the Convention and its effective implementation upon its entry into force.

The intergovernmental negotiating committee has considered a number of forms and guidance documents required for the effective implementation of the Convention, and has adopted a number of relevant documents on a provisional basis pending formal adoption by the Conference of the Parties. These forms and guidance are presented below.

Guidance on completing the forms required under article 3 related to trade in mercury

ARABIC  CHINESE  ENGLISH  FRENCH  RUSSIAN  SPANISH
Preparations for COP1 – Technical matters

Following INC7, information submitted by Governments and others on:

• Guidance on developing a national action plan on artisanal and small-scale gold mining (article 7)

• Guidelines on the environmentally sound interim storage of mercury and mercury compounds as well as nomination of experts (article 10)

• The use of mercury waste thresholds (article 11)

• Guidance on the management of contaminated sites (article 12)

• Effectiveness evaluation (article 22)

➢ Technical work undertaken by the secretariat and forwarded for consideration by COP1
Preparations for COP1 - Regional consultations

- **Asia-Pacific:** 5-7 July 2017 in Bangkok
- **Africa:** 11-13 July 2017 in Johannesburg
- **Central and Eastern Europe:** 12-13 July 2017 in Brno, Czech Republic
- **Latin America and the Caribbean:** 25-28 July 2017 in Buenos Aires
Structure of COP1 agenda

• Matters for action by COP1:

1. stipulated by the Convention
2. stipulated by the Conference of Plenipotentiaries
3. recommended by the INC
4. programme of work of the secretariat and budget

• Matters stipulated by the Convention for action by the COP
Structure of COP1 agenda

*Relevant documents: UNEP/MC/COP.1/1 and UNEP/MC/COP.1/1/Add.1*

1. Opening of the meeting

2. Organizational Matters
   (a) Adoption of the rules of procedure;
   (b) Election of officers;
   (c) Adoption of the agenda;
   (d) Appointment of the credentials committee;
   (e) Organization of work.

3. Credentials Committee

4. Report on activities of the INC
Structure of COP1 agenda (2)

Relevant documents: UNEP/MC/COP.1/1 and UNEP/MC/COP.1/1/Add.1

5. Matters for action by the Conference of the Parties at its first meeting

6. Matters stipulated by the Convention for action by the Conference of the Parties

7. Venue and date of the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties

8. Other matters

9. Adoption of the report

10. Closure of the meeting
COP1 agenda Item 2(d) and 3 – Credentials

- Originals to be submitted by **3 p.m. on 25 September 2017**

- Advance copy preferably by **15 September 2017** to the Interim Secretariat (mercury.chemicals@unep.org)

- Models of credentials in the six official UN languages available at:

  [http://mercuryconvention.org/Negotiations/COP1/ParticipantsInformation/](http://mercuryconvention.org/Negotiations/COP1/ParticipantsInformation/)
COP1 agenda Item 2(e) – Organization of work

**Relevant document: UNEP/MC/COP.1/2**

- COP1 will be held from 3 p.m. on Sunday 24 September until 6 p.m. Friday 29 September, with 2 sessions per day (except on 24 September).

- Committee of the Whole – if established, will cover substantive discussions of issues, and prepare decisions for adoption in the plenary of the Conference of the Parties.

- Smaller groups – contact groups and drafting groups may be established by the COW. Informal groups may be used for certain issues.

- High Level Segment – from Thursday 3 p.m. until Friday 1 p.m.
HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT “Make Mercury History”

15.00 on Thursday, 28 September to 13.00 on Friday, 29 September
Hosted by the President of Switzerland:

• The objective is to provide a specific platform at the highest level for the celebration of the entry into force of the Minamata Convention on Mercury.

• Plenary opening at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday by Her Excellency Doris Leuthard, President of the Swiss Confederation and Minister for the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communication

• Roundtables for Ministers in the afternoon. It will provide a platform for an interactive and dynamic discussion around the themes of mercury in air, land and water.
HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT “Make Mercury History” (2)

- Thursday evening, Special Celebratory Event “United Nations Uniting for Minamata” at the UN Palais Assembly Hall.

  Interventions and questions from ministers and other participants to the panel will be expected on the issue of action on the implementation of the Minamata Convention.

- Friday morning, Keynote Talk and Action Messages from Ministers
  
  **Keynote talk** by Dr. M. Sanjayan, Chief Executive Officer, Conservation International
  
  **Action Messages** emanating from the roundtable discussions

  The floor will be opened for comments, firstly from ministers who may wish to add further information

- **Closing** of the High-Level Segment

  A closing statement with Key Take-home Messages will be made by Mr. Chardonnens, President of COP1.
Additional events and showcase opportunities

Thematic Sessions on Air, Land, and Water.

The thematic sessions on:
- **Land** (Monday, 25 September)
- **Air** (Tuesday, 26 September) and
- **Water** (Wednesday, 27 September)

They will delve deeper into mercury emissions and releases, the transport of mercury between land, air and water, and the potential for exposure to humans, fish and animal life throughout this journey.

The outcomes of these interactive discussions will be forwarded to the Ministerial Roundtables as background to the Ministers’ discussions

MIA (Minamata Convention Initial Assessment) Clinics

Countries and agencies will showcase their MIA work, including lessons learned.

Three MIA Clinics will take place at lunch time Monday 25 to Wednesday 27 on experiences of small island development states (SIDS), experiences of countries with artisanal and small-scale gold mining (ASGM) activities, and experiences of emerging economies with industrial sources of mercury.
Additional events and showcase opportunities (2)

Show Case Events

Stakeholders can showcase particular work.
During lunchtime on Sunday 24 September and Friday 29 September

Exhibition area with some Knowledge Labs
Features the implementation of the Minamata Convention through a mercury life cycle journey.
The Knowledge Labs on the life cycle of mercury and the Minamata Convention will take place following end of plenary on the evenings of Sunday 24, Monday 25 and Wednesday 27.

Hg-(mercury) week
In parallel to COP1, a week of activities will be organized in different places of the Geneva city to raise the awareness of stakeholders and the public about mercury, its uses, its effects, and how the Minamata Convention contributes to the global solution.
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