

## PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Latin America and the Caribbean regional preparatory meeting for the sixth meeting of  
the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury  
3 and 4 September 2025  
Santiago, Chile

The Latin America and the Caribbean regional preparatory meeting for the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury (COP-6) will be held on 3 and 4 September from 9:00 to 17:00 (UTC-4), at the headquarters of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, in Santiago, Chile. The working languages of the meeting will be English and Spanish. The regional preparatory meeting is being organized thanks to the generous financial support provided by Switzerland and Germany.

The objective of the regional preparatory meeting is to provide Parties in the Latin America and the Caribbean region with the possibility to hear briefings, exchange views and consult each other on the agenda items of COP-6.

The preparatory meeting will be chaired by COP-6 Bureau members from the Latin America and the Caribbean region: Osvaldo Patricio Álvarez Pérez (Chile) and Linroy Christian (Antigua and Barbuda), as well as the current GRULAC Environment Coordinator, Miriam G. Medel García (Mexico).

Organizations approved to participate as Observers in the previous meetings of the COP have been invited to participate in the regional preparatory meeting. Upon request by Parties, the Co-chairs may decide to hold certain sessions without the presence of Observers.

Participants are invited to consult relevant meeting documents of COP-6, which will be posted as they become available on the Convention's [website](#), in advance of the regional preparatory meeting.

The provisional programme for the regional preparatory meeting has been developed in consultation with the Bureau members and the GRULAC-Environment Coordinator and is presented below. The tentative schedule of COP-6 is presented in the annex to this document. Presentation of each of the matters under the agenda items will be followed by a Q&A session and discussion, as appropriate, led by the Co-chairs.



## Wednesday, 3 September 2025

8:30 – 9:00	REGISTRATION	
<b>OPENING OF THE MEETING</b>		
9:00 – 9:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opening remarks from the Co-chairs and the Secretariat</li> <li>Adoption of the provisional agenda and overview of the programme of the regional meeting</li> </ul>	Open to Secretariat and Observers
<b>Item 1: Organization of work at COP-6</b>		
9:30 – 9:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation of the tentative schedule of work, information on regional statements, credentials and other aspects of organization of work at COP-6</li> <li>Status of registration and travel of sponsored delegates</li> </ul>	Open to Secretariat and Observers
<b>Item 2: Matters for consideration or action by COP-6</b>		
9:50 – 10:30	<p><b>COP-6 agenda item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties</b></p> <p>(a) Mercury supply, sources and trade</p> <p>(b) Mercury-added products and manufacturing processes in which mercury or mercury compounds are used:</p> <p>(i) Amendments to annex A</p> <p>(ii) Consideration of the feasibility of mercury-free alternatives for manufacturing vinyl chloride monomer</p> <p>(iii) Cosmetics listed in part I of annex A</p> <p>(iv) Extensions for exemptions</p>	Open to Secretariat and Observers
<i>BREAK (20-30 minutes)</i>		
11:00 – 12:50	<p><b>COP-6 agenda item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties</b></p> <p>(d) Mercury waste</p> <p>(g) Implementation and Compliance Committee</p> <p>(h) National reporting</p> <p>(i) Effectiveness evaluation</p>	Open to Secretariat and Observers
12:50 – 13:00	<p><b>COP-6 agenda item 2 (c): Organizational matters</b></p> <p>Election of officers</p>	Open to Secretariat and Observers
<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>		
14:00 – 15:00	<p><b>COP-6 agenda item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties</b></p> <p>(c) Artisanal and small-scale gold mining</p> <p>(j) Cross-cutting matters:</p> <p>(i) Implementation of decision MC-5/1</p> <p>(ii) Implementation of decision MC-5/15</p> <p>(l) Mercury and Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework</p> <p>(k) Knowledge management</p>	Open to Secretariat and Observers
15:00 – 15:15	<b>Venue and date of COP-7</b>	Open to Secretariat and Observers
<i>BREAK</i>		
15:30 – 16:30	<b>COP-6 agenda item 6: Programme of work and budget</b>	Parties and Secretariat
16:30 – 17:50	Special session: Co-chair and negotiators' training	Parties and Secretariat
17:50 – 18:00	<b>Wrap-up of DAY 1</b>	
<b>END OF DAY 1</b>		



## Thursday, 4 September 2025

Item 2: Matters for consideration or action by COP-6 (continued)		
9:00 – 9:15	Introduction of matters for consideration – election of officers, development of regional statement and any other matters	Open to Secretariat and Observers
9:15 – 10:45	<b>COP-6 agenda item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties</b> (e) Financial resources and mechanism (i) Global Environment Facility (ii) Specific International Programme to Support Capacity-Building and Technical Assistance (iii) Review of the financial mechanism (f) Capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer	Open to Secretariat and Observers
BREAK (20-30 min)		
11:15 – 12:45	<b>COP-6 agenda item 5: International cooperation and coordination</b> (i) <b>Updates from the Chemicals and Waste Cluster, including:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions</li> <li>• UNEP Global Mercury Partnership</li> <li>• Global Framework on Chemicals (GFC)</li> <li>• Science-policy Panel on Chemicals, Waste and Pollution (SPP)</li> </ul> (ii) <b>Other relevant updates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)</li> <li>• World Health Organization (WHO)</li> <li>• Escazú Agreement</li> </ul>	Open to Secretariat and Observers
Item 3: Logistic preparations for COP-6		
12:45 – 13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information on online side events, knowledge labs, exhibitions and other events</li> </ul>	Open to Secretariat and Observers
LUNCH BREAK		
Item 4: Closed session among Parties for regional consultations		
14:00-15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Election of officers</li> <li>• Preparation of the regional statements</li> </ul>	Parties to the Convention only
BREAK		
15:50-17:00	(cont.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Election of officers</li> <li>• Preparation of the regional statements</li> </ul>	Parties to the Convention only
Item 5: Any other business		
17:00-17:15	Any other business	Open to Secretariat and Observers
Item 6. Closure of the meeting		
17:15-17:30	Conclusions and closure of the meeting	Open to Secretariat and Observers
END OF THE REGIONAL PREPARATORY MEETING		



## Annex – Tentative schedule of COP-6

	Monday, 3 November 2025	Tuesday, 4 November 2025	Wednesday, 5 November 2025	Thursday, 6 November 2025	Friday, 7 November 2025
<p><b>10 a.m.–1 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>Morning session</b></p>	<p><b>Item 1: Opening of the meeting</b></p> <p><b>Item 2: Organizational matters</b></p> <p>(a) Adoption of the agenda</p> <p>(b) Organization of work</p> <p>(c) Election of officers</p> <p>(d) Report on the credentials of representatives</p> <p><b>Item 3: Rules of procedure and financial rules for the Conference of the Parties</b></p> <p><b>Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties</b></p> <p>(e) Financial resources and mechanism</p> <p>(i) Global Environment Facility</p> <p>(ii) Specific International Programme to Support Capacity-Building and Technical Assistance</p> <p>(iii) Review of the financial mechanism</p>	<p><i>Reports of contact groups</i></p> <p><b>Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties</b></p> <p>(c) Artisanal and small-scale gold mining</p> <p>(d) Mercury waste</p> <p>(f) Capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer</p> <p><b>Item 6: Programme of work and budget</b></p>	<p><i>Consideration of outcomes and reports of contact groups</i></p> <p><b>Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties</b></p> <p>(j) Cross-cutting matters:</p> <p>(i) Implementation of decision MC-5/1</p> <p>(ii) Implementation of decision MC-5/15</p> <p>(k) Knowledge management</p> <p>(l) Mercury and Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework</p> <p><b>Item 5: International cooperation and coordination</b></p>	<p><i>Consideration of outcomes, adoption of report on credentials and adoption of decisions</i></p> <p><b>Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties (cont.)</b></p>	<p><i>Consideration of remaining outcomes and adoption of remaining decisions</i></p> <p><b>Item 6: Programme of work and budget (cont.)</b></p> <p>Adoption of the budget decision</p> <p><b>Item 7: Venue and dates of the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties</b></p> <p><b>Item 8: Other matters</b></p>



	Monday, 3 November 2025	Tuesday, 4 November 2025	Wednesday, 5 November 2025	Thursday, 6 November 2025	Friday, 7 November 2025
<b>1–3 p.m.</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>3–6 p.m. Afternoon session</b>	<p><b>Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties</b></p> <p>(b) Mercury-added products and manufacturing processes in which mercury or mercury compounds are used:</p> <p>(i) Amendments to annex A</p> <p>(iii) Consideration of the feasibility of mercury-free alternatives for manufacturing vinyl chloride monomer</p> <p>(ii) Cosmetics listed in part I of annex A</p> <p>(iv) Extensions for exemptions</p> <p>(a) Mercury supply sources and trade</p>	<p><b>Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties</b></p> <p>(g) Implementation and Compliance Committee</p> <p>(h) National reporting</p> <p>(i) Effectiveness evaluation</p>	<p><i>Consideration of outcomes</i></p> <p><b>Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties (cont.)</b></p>	<p><i>Consideration of outcomes and adoption of remaining decisions</i></p>	<p><b>Item 9: Adoption of the report of the meeting</b></p> <p><b>Item 10: Closure of the meeting</b></p>

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