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Geneva, 22 May 2023

**Subject:** Invitation to the Africa regional preparatory meeting for the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury, 12-13 September 2023, Nairobi, Kenya

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite your Government to the Africa regional preparatory meeting for the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury (COP-5), scheduled to be held on 12 and 13 September 2023, in Nairobi, Kenya. The working language of the meeting will be English and French. Documents for the meeting, including practical information about the venue, will be made available to registered participants.

The provisional agenda for the meeting will be developed in cooperation with the COP-5 Bureau members for the region and will be posted on the [COP-5 webpage](#) in due course. It is expected that the agenda will include presentations of the documents for COP-5 (to be held from 30 October to 3 November 2023 in Geneva, Switzerland) followed by discussions among Governments and possible development of positions for the various issues to be addressed at COP-5.

We would be glad if your Government could take part in this important meeting and we look forward to receiving an email from the National Focal Point or Permanent Mission to the United Nations Office at Geneva, containing information and contact details of nominated participants from your Government, to the following email address: [mea-minamatameetings@un.org](mailto:mea-minamatameetings@un.org) by **28 July 2023**.

Thanks to the donor contributions, financial assistance may be available to support the participation of **one delegate per eligible developing country Party and Party with economy in transition**. The sponsored delegate must be clearly specified in the above-mentioned nomination email and a copy of the sponsored participant's national passport identification page must be enclosed.

We encourage that the required information be provided to the Secretariat at your earliest convenience, and no later than the above-mentioned deadline. Participants are responsible for making their own arrangements to participate in the meeting, including visa and hotel arrangements in addition to ensuring that they comply with all applicable travel and COVID-19 restrictions.

In the nomination process of delegates to the meeting, Parties are strongly encouraged to ensure balanced gender representation within their delegations.

For further information, please contact the Secretariat of the Minamata Convention at: [mea-minamatameetings@un.org](mailto:mea-minamatameetings@un.org)

We look forward to seeing you in Nairobi.



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To: National Focal Points for the Minamata Convention on Mercury

Cc: Permanent Missions to the United Nations Environment Programme and to the United Nations Office at Geneva

Bureau members for Africa region