

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Africa regional preparatory meeting for the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury
7 to 9 October, 2025
Nairobi, Kenya

The Africa regional preparatory meeting for the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury (COP-6) will be held from 7 to 9 October 2025 in the UN Gigiri Complex, in Nairobi, Kenya. The working languages of the meeting will be English and French. 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 Africa region with the possibility to hear briefings, exchange views and consult each other on the agenda items of COP-6. Additionally, training to enhance capacity of delegates to effectively prepare for and participate in the meetings of the Conference of the Parties is offered to the delegates from Parties. The training has been prepared by the Secretariat thanks to the generous financial support provided by Germany. The training sessions have been integrated into the programme of the meeting.

The preparatory meeting will be chaired by COP-6 Bureau members from the Africa region: Sidi Ould Aloueimine (Mauritania) and Mohamed Abdulai Kamara (Sierra Leone).

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 tentative schedule of COP-6 is presented in the annex to this document.

The provisional programme for the regional preparatory meeting has been developed in consultation with the Bureau members 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.



TUESDAY, 7 OCTOBER 2025

8.30 – 09.00	REGISTRATION
OPENING OF THE MEETING	
09.00 – 09.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening remarks from the co-chairs and the Secretariat• Adoption of the provisional agenda, purpose of the meeting and overview of the programme of the regional meeting, including the training component
Item 1: Organization of work at COP-6	
09.30 – 10.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation of the tentative schedule of work, information on regional statements, credentials and other aspects of organization of work at COP-6• Status of registration and travel of sponsored delegates• Information on online events, knowledge labs, exhibitions and other events
Item 2: Negotiating and Chairing Training	
10.00 – 11.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Panel: National and Regional Preparations for the COP (Lead trainer/ Regional representative)
11.00 – 12.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Refresher on key institutions of the Minamata Convention and mechanics of the Conference of the Parties (COP) meetings (Secretariat/Lead trainer)
LUNCH 12.00 – 13.30	
Item 3: Matters for consideration or action by COP-6	
13.30 – 14.45	COP-6 agenda item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties (a) Mercury supply, sources and trade (b) Mercury-added products and manufacturing processes in which mercury or mercury compounds are used: (i) Amendments to annex A (ii) Consideration of the feasibility of mercury-free alternatives for manufacturing vinyl chloride monomer (iii) Cosmetics listed in part I of annex A
14.45 – 15.15	(d) Mercury waste (g) Implementation and Compliance Committee (h) National reporting (i) Effectiveness evaluation
15.15 – 16.00	COP-6 agenda item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties (cont.) (c) Artisanal and small-scale gold mining (j) Cross-cutting matters: (i) Implementation of decision MC-5/1 (ii) Implementation of decision MC-5/15 (k) Knowledge management (l) Mercury and Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework
16.00 – 16.30	(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
16.30 – 16.45	Wrap-up of DAY 1
END OF DAY 1	



WEDNESDAY, 8 OCTOBER 2025

Item 3: Matters for consideration or action by COP-6

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| 9.00 – 10.00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction of matters for consideration – election of officers |
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Item 2: Negotiating and Chairing Training

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| 10.00 – 11.00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How to Negotiate Effectively in a Contact Group (Lead Trainer) |
| 11.00 – 12.00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chairing Basics (Lead Trainer) |

LUNCH 12.00 – 13.30

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| 13.30 – 14.15 | COP-6 agenda item 5: International cooperation and coordination <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) Updates from the Chemicals and Waste Cluster, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions• UNEP Global Mercury Partnership• Global Framework on Chemicals• Science-policy Panel on Chemicals, Waste and Pollutionii) Other relevant updates:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (TBC)• World Health Organization (TBC) |
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14.15 - 14.30	COP-6 Agenda item 7: Venue and dates for COP-7
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14.30 - 15.00	COP-6 agenda item 6: Programme of work and budget
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| 15.00 – 16.00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction of matters for consideration – development of common regional positions on selected issues (Co-chairs) |
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Item 2: Negotiating and Chairing Training

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| 16.00 – 16.15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to the Negotiating and Chairing Simulation (International cooperation and coordination) (Lead trainer) |
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16.15 – 16.30	Wrap-up of DAY 2
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THURSDAY, 9 OCTOBER 2025

Item 3: Matters for consideration or action by COP-6

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| 9.00 – 11.00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction of matters for consideration – preparation of regional statement (Co-chairs)• Introduction of matters for consideration – continuation of development of common regional positions as needed (Co-chairs)• Introduction of matters for consideration – any other matters (Co-chairs) |
| 11.00 – 12.00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Negotiating and Chairing Simulation |

LUNCH BREAK 12.00 – 13.30

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| 13.30-16.00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Negotiating and Chairing Simulation |
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Item 4: Any other business

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| 16.00 -16.15 | Any other business |
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Item 5. Closure of the meeting

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| 16.15 - 16.30 | Conclusions and closure of the meeting |
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Annex – Tentative schedule of COP-6

COP-6	Monday, 3 November 2025	Tuesday, 4 November 2025	Wednesday, 5 November 2025	Thursday, 6 November 2025	Friday, 7 November 2025
10:00-13:00 Morning session	Item 1: Opening of the meeting Item 2: Organizational matters (a) Adoption of the agenda (b) Organization of work (c) Election of officers (d) Report on the credentials of representatives Item 3: Rules of procedure and financial rules Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties (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	<i>Reports of contact groups</i> Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties (c) Artisanal and small-scale gold mining (d) Mercury waste (f) Capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer Item 6: Programme of work and budget	<i>Consideration of outcomes and reports of contact groups</i> Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties (j) Cross-cutting matters: (i) Implementation of decision MC-5/1 (ii) Implementation of decision MC-5/15 (k) Knowledge management (l) Mercury and Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework Item 5: International cooperation and coordination	<i>Consideration of outcomes, adoption of report on credentials and adoption of decisions</i> Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties (cont.)	<i>Consideration of remaining outcomes and adoption of remaining decisions</i> Item 6: Programme of work and budget (cont.) Adoption of the budget decision Item 7: Venue and dates of the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties Item 8: Other matters
13:00-15:00	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
15:00-18:00 Afternoon session	Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties (b) Mercury-added products and manufacturing processes in which mercury or mercury compounds are used: (i) Amendments to annex A (iii) Consideration of the feasibility of mercury-free alternatives for manufacturing vinyl chloride monomer (ii) Cosmetics listed in part I of annex A (iv) Extensions for exemptions (a) Mercury supply sources and trade	Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties (g) Implementation and Compliance Committee (h) National reporting (i) Effectiveness evaluation	<i>Consideration of outcomes</i> Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties (cont.)	<i>Consideration of outcomes and adoption of remaining decisions</i>	Item 9: Adoption of the report of the meeting Item 10: Closure of the meeting