

## **PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME**

**version 15 September 2025**

Eastern European States regional preparatory meeting for the sixth meeting of the  
Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury  
16-17 September 2025  
International Environment House  
Geneva, Switzerland

The Eastern European States 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 16-17 September 2025 from 9:00 to 17:00 (CEST), at the International Environment House in Geneva, Switzerland. The working language of the meeting will be English. The regional preparatory meeting is being organized thanks to the generous financial support provided by Switzerland.

The objective of the regional preparatory meeting is to provide Parties in the Eastern European States 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 Eastern European States region: Claudia-Sorina Dumitru (Romania) and Irma Gurguliani (Georgia).

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 have decided to hold certain sessions without the presence of Observers. These sessions are indicated in the provisional programme.

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 is presented below. Special training session on: **Negotiations in a Contact Group and a Refresher on key institutions of the Minamata Convention and mechanics of the Conference of the Parties (COP) meetings, was made possible through the financial support of Germany.** These special training sessions have been added to the draft provisional programme. 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.



## DAY 1: Tuesday, 16 September

8.30 – 9.00	REGISTRATION	
OPENING OF THE MEETING		
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
Item 1: Organization of work at COP-6		
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
Item 2: Matters for consideration or action by COP-6		
9.50 – 10.30	<p><b>COP-6 agenda item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Mercury supply, sources and trade</li> <li>(b) Mercury-added products and manufacturing processes in which mercury or mercury compounds are used: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Amendments to annex A</li> <li>(iii) Consideration of the feasibility of mercury-free alternatives for manufacturing vinyl chloride monomer</li> <li>(ii) Cosmetics listed in part I of annex A</li> <li>(iv) Extensions for exemptions</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Open to Secretariat and Observers
10:30 – 11:00 COFFEE/TEA BREAK (30 MINUTES)		
11.00 – 12.30	<p><b>COP-6 agenda item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(d) Mercury waste</li> <li>(g) Implementation and Compliance Committee</li> <li>(h) National reporting</li> <li>(i) Effectiveness evaluation</li> </ul>	Open to Secretariat and Observers
12.30 – 13.00	<p><b>COP-6 agenda item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(l) Mercury and Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework</li> <li>(k) Knowledge management</li> </ul>	Open to Secretariat and Observers
13:00 – 14:00 LUNCH BREAK		
14.00 – 14.30	<p><b>COP-6 agenda item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(c) Artisanal and small-scale gold mining</li> <li>(j) Cross-cutting matters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Implementation of decision MC-5/1</li> <li>(ii) Implementation of decision MC-5/15</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Open to Secretariat and Observers
14.30 – 15.30	<b>COP-6 agenda item 6: Programme of work and budget</b>	Open to Secretariat and Observers
15:30 – 16:00 COFFEE / TEA BREAK (30 minutes)		
16.00 – 16.15	<p><b>COP-6 agenda item 2 (c): Organizational matters</b></p> <p>Election of officers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction of matters for consideration – election of officers, development of regional statement and any other matters</li> </ul>	Open to Secretariat and Observers



16.15 – 18.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Election of officers</b></li> <li>• <b>Preparation of the regional statement</b></li> </ul>	<b>Closed Session</b> <i>(discussion by Parties only)</i>
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END OF DAY 1

## DAY 2: Wednesday, 17 September

### Item 2: Matters for consideration or action by COP-6 (continued)

9.00 – 9.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Preparation of the regional statement</b></li> </ul>	<b>Closed Session</b> <i>(discussion by Parties only)</i>
9.30 – 11:00	<p><b>COP-6 agenda item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties</b></p> <p>(e) Financial resources and mechanism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Global Environment Facility</li> <li>(ii) Specific International Programme to Support Capacity-Building and Technical Assistance</li> <li>(iii) Review of the financial mechanism</li> </ul> <p>(f) Capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer</p>	Open to Secretariat and Observers

11:00 – 11:30 COFFEE/TEA BREAK (30 minutes)

11:30 – 12.45	<p><b>COP-6 agenda item 5: International cooperation and coordination</b></p> <p>(i) <b>Updates from the Chemicals and Waste Cluster, including:</b></p> <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 prevention (SPP)</li> </ul> <p>(ii) <b>Other relevant updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Health Organization (WHO) - TBC</li> </ul>	Open to Secretariat and Observers
12:45 – 13:00	<b>Logistic preparations for COP-6</b>	

13:00 – 14:00 LUNCH BREAK

14:00 – 16:00	<p>Special training session for Parties: Key institutions briefing and Negotiator's training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Key institutions of the Minamata Convention and mechanics of the Conference of the Parties (COP) meetings</li> <li>- Preparing for COP-6 Negotiating Effectively in a Contact Group</li> </ul>	
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16:00 – 16:30 Coffee/Tea BREAK (30 minutes)

16:30 – 16:45	<b>COP-6 agenda item 7: Venue and dates for COP-7</b>	
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### Item 4: Any other business

16:45 – 17:00	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Montenegro - "Phasing out mercury measuring devices in healthcare"</li> </ul>	
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### Item 5. Closure of the meeting

17.00 – 17.20	<b>Conclusions and closure of the meeting</b>	
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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
<b>10 a.m.–1 p.m.</b>	<b>Item 1: Opening of the meeting</b>	<i>Reports of contact groups</i>	<i>Consideration of outcomes and reports of contact groups</i>	<i>Consideration of outcomes, adoption of report on credentials and adoption of decisions</i>	<i>Consideration of remaining outcomes and adoption of remaining decisions</i>
<b>Morning session</b>	<b>Item 2: Organizational matters</b>	<b>Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties</b>	<b>Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties</b>	<b>Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties (cont.)</b>	<b>Item 6: Programme of work and budget (cont.)</b>
	(a) Adoption of the agenda	(c) Artisanal and small-scale gold mining	(j) Cross-cutting matters:		Adoption of the budget decision
	(b) Organization of work	(d) Mercury waste	(i) Implementation of decision MC-5/1		
	(c) Election of officers	(f) Capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer	(ii) Implementation of decision MC-5/15		<b>Item 7: Venue and dates of the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties</b>
	(d) Report on the credentials of representatives		(k) Knowledge management		<b>Item 8: Other matters</b>
	<b>Item 3: Rules of procedure and financial rules for the Conference of the Parties</b>	<b>Item 6: Programme of work and budget</b>	(l) Mercury and Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework		
	<b>Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties</b>		<b>Item 5: International cooperation and coordination</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				



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<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>(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>