

## **PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME**

Asia Pacific regional preparatory meeting for the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury  
23-24 September 2025  
United Nations Conference Centre, Bangkok, Thailand

The Asia Pacific 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 23-24 September 2025 from 9:00 to 17:00 (UTC+7), at the United Nations Conference Centre, Bangkok, Thailand (Rajdamnern Nok Avenue, Bangkok 10200, Thailand. <https://www.unescap.org/uncc>). The working languages 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 Asia Pacific 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 Asia Pacific region: Mr. Saeed A. Alzahrani (Saudi Arabia) and Ms. Aisha Humera Moriani (Pakistan).

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 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.



## DAY 1 (Tue 23 September)

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>Welcoming remarks from the UNEP Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific</li> <li>Adoption of the provisional agenda and overview of the programme of the regional meeting</li> </ul>	Open to 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 Observers
<b>Item 3: Logistic preparations for COP-6</b>		
9.50 – 10.00	Information on online side events, knowledge labs, exhibitions and other events	Open to Observers
<b>Item 2: Matters for consideration or action by COP-6</b>		
10.00 – 10.30	<p><b>COP-6 agenda 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> <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>	Open to Observers
<i>BREAK (20-30 minutes)</i>		
11.00 – 12.00	<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>(c) Artisanal and small-scale gold mining</li> <li>(d) Mercury waste</li> <li>(h) National reporting</li> </ul>	Open to Observers
12.00 – 12.10	<p><b>COP-6 agenda item 2 (c): Organizational matters</b></p> <p>Election of officers</p>	Open to Observers
12.10 – 12.30	Introduction of matters for consideration – election of officers, development of regional statement and any other matters	Open to Observers
<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>		
13:30 – 14.15	<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>(g) Implementation and Compliance Committee</li> </ul>	Open to Observers
14:15 – 14:45	<b>COP-6 agenda item 6: Programme of work and budget</b>	Open to Observers
<i>BREAK (20-30 minutes)</i>		
15.15 – 16:45	<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>(e) Financial resources and mechanism <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> </li> </ul>	Open to Observers



	(f) Capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer (i) Effectiveness evaluation	
16.45 – 17.00	<b>Wrap-up of DAY 1</b>	Open to Observers
<b>END OF DAY 1</b>		

## DAY 2 (Wed 24 September)

<b>Item 2: Matters for consideration or action by COP-6 (continued)</b>		
9.00 – 10.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Election of officers (discussion by Parties only)</li> <li>• Preparation of the regional statement (discussion by Parties only)</li> </ul>	
<i>BREAK (20-30 minutes)</i>		
11:00 – 12.30	Special session: Effective negotiation and chairing of COP contact groups. Training material developed with funding from Germany. (Parties only)	
<i>LUNCH BREAK</i>		
13.30 – 14.30	<b>COP-6 agenda item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties</b> (j) Cross-cutting matters: (i) Implementation of decision MC-5/1 (ii) Implementation of decision MC-5/15 (l) Mercury and Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (k) Knowledge management	Open to Observers
14.30-14.45	<b>COP-6 agenda item 7: Venue and date of COP-7</b>	Open to Observers
<i>BREAK (20-30 minutes)</i>		
15.15 – 16.30	<b>COP-6 agenda item 5: International cooperation and coordination</b> This session includes the following updates <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>	Open to Observers
<b>Item 4: Any other business</b>		
16.30 – 16.45	Any other business	Open to Observers
<b>Item 5. Closure of the meeting</b>		
16.45 – 17.00	Conclusions and closure of the meeting	Open to Observers
<b>END OF THE REGIONAL PREPARATORY MEETING</b>		
17:00-	Reception hosted by UNEP mercury project funded by Japan (UNESCAP Delegates Lounge)	Open to Observers



## 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
1–3 p.m.	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
3–6 p.m. Afternoon session	<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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