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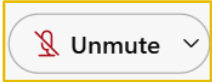
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Today's Minamata Online

Opening remarks



Monika Stankiewicz
Executive Secretary, Minamata
Convention on Mercury



Astrid Schomaker
Executive Secretary,
Convention on Biological
Diversity



Diego Mesa Puyo
CEO and Chairperson, Global
Environment Facility



Isabel Martinez
Deputy Executive Secretary,
Basel, Rotterdam and
Stockholm Conventions

Closing remarks



Jacqueline Alvarez
Chief of Branch, Industry and
Economy Division, UNEP

Updates and recent progress



Marianela Araya Quesada
CBD Secretariat

COP 17: what will be considered in relation
to pollution and biodiversity



Olha Furman
Minamata Convention OESG

Linking effectiveness evaluation and biota
monitoring to KMGBF targets: insights from
the OESG



Anahit Aleksandryan
Representative of Armenia

COP 17: importance of chemicals and
waste, how it impacts biodiversity and the
need for global commitment and action



Daniel Rodriguez
FENAMAD

Safeguarding Amazonian Biodiversity and
Indigenous Rights: Grassroots Action
through Indigenous-Led Mercury Monitoring



Brenda Koekkoek
Minamata Convention Secretariat

Progress and gaps in co-benefits between
the Minamata Convention and Global
Biodiversity Framework



Agustin Harte
BRS Secretariat

Recent COP decisions contributing to the
KMGBF, new GMP initiatives, preparation for
COP 17



Allison Aldous
The Nature Conservancy

Impacts of pollution on nature and people,
with an emphasis on mercury

Open discussion

Sharing national experiences,
including on progress and
complementarity between the
conventions

National representatives



**Anne Lillian
Nakafeero**
Uganda



Niklaus Wagner
Switzerland



Ledama Meshack
Kenya

Roadmap for enhancing co-benefits from implementation of the Minamata Convention and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework by 2030 (MC-6/18)

Scan to explore the Roadmap



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ROAD MAP FOR ENHANCING CO-BENEFITS

from implementation of the Minamata
Convention and the Kunming-Montreal
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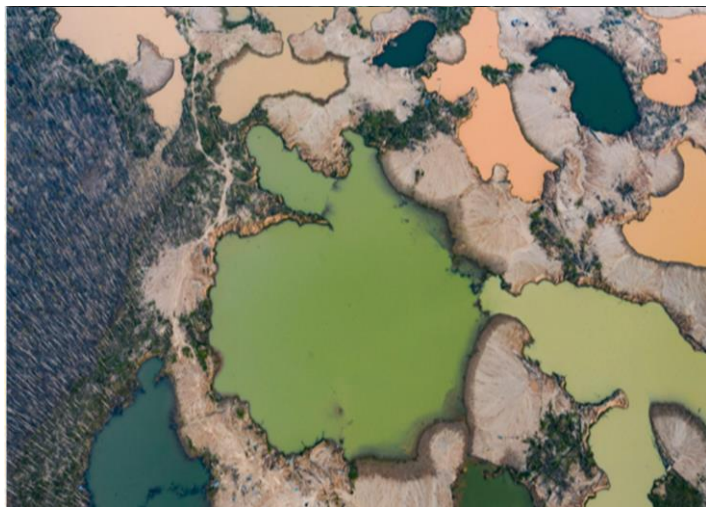
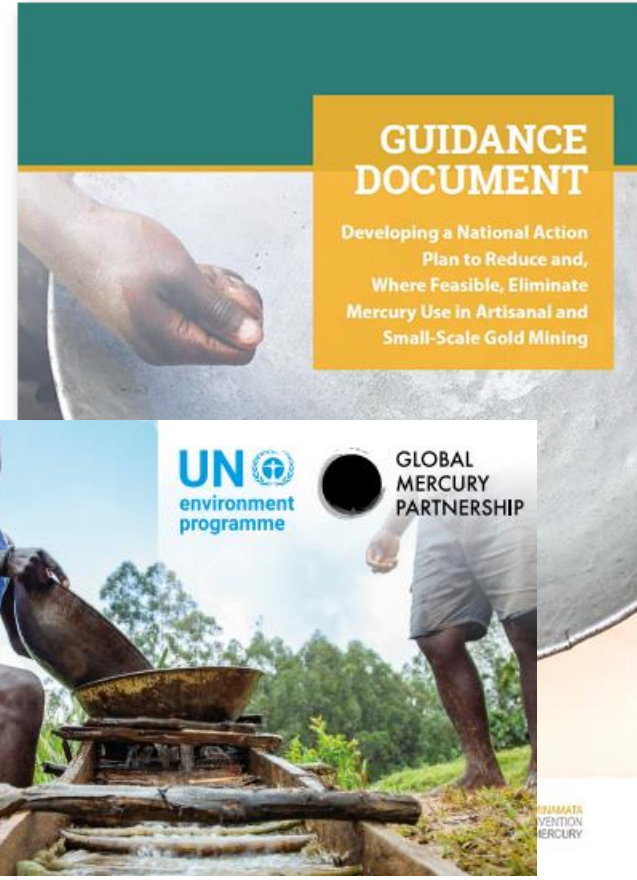


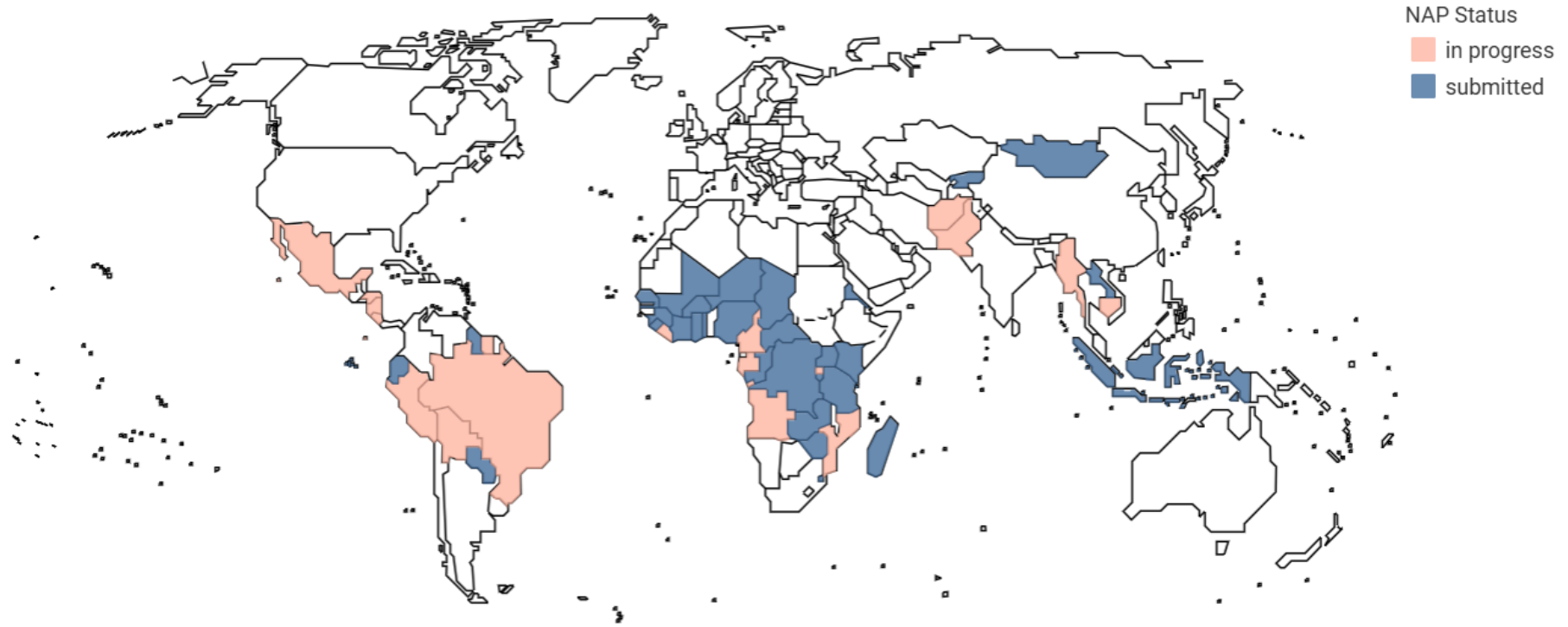
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Article 7: Artisanal and Small-Scale Gold Mining

- Largest mercury use and source of mercury emissions globally
- ASGM a complex socio-economic issue, direct impacts on Indigenous Peoples
- Flexible approach based on country-driven strategies under the National Action Plans
 - Focus on:
 - Reducing mercury use
 - Elimination of worst practices
 - Engaging affected communities
 - Reviewed regularly



Artisanal and small-scale gold mining development of National Action Plans (NAP) under the Minamata Convention



Source: *Global Mercury Partnership dashboard*

Linking ASGM into NBSAPs

Technical Support Document

Integrating action to reduce mercury pollution from artisanal and small-scale gold mining into the Kunming-Montréal Global Biodiversity Framework National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans



Guidance document

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THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

13H00-14H00

Mercury Wastes

TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

11H00-12H00

Digital innovation for
MEAs: Knowledge
platforms and AI

TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER

13H00-15H00

Chemicals and waste
on the road to CBD
COP17

THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER

13H00-14H00

Programme of Work and
Budget for 2026-2027 &
Status of Contributions
(Parties only)

TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER

13H00-14H00

Addressing the supply
and trade of mercury not
in compliance with the
Convention

THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER

13H00-14H00

Review of
implementation of
article 7 on artisanal
and small-scale gold
mining

TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER

13H00-14H00

Towards a mercury-free
dentistry

THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER

13H00-14H00

Financing mercury
action: GEF, SIP and
country experiences

Tentative calendar. Geneva time.
Last update: 2 September 2026



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