



**Conference of the Parties to the
Minamata Convention on Mercury
Sixth meeting**
Geneva, 3–7 November 2025
Item 6 of the provisional agenda**
Programme of work and budget

Progress in the implementation of the programme of work for the biennium 2024–2025***

Note by the secretariat

I. Introduction

1. In decision MC-5/20, the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury took note of the programmes of work and budgets for the Minamata Convention for 2024 and 2025, respectively, and approved the budget for the general trust fund for the biennium 2024–2025 of \$8,401,554. The details of the programme of work were provided in budget activity fact sheets submitted to the Conference of the Parties at its fifth meeting (UNEP/MC/COP.5/INF/36) and subsequently updated to reflect the decision taken at that meeting.¹
2. The *Minamata Convention Progress Report 2024*² was published in March 2025 to provide an overview of developments under the Minamata Convention, including activities by the secretariat during the biennium 2024–2025. The publication is available at <https://minamataconvention.org/en/resources/minamata-convention-mercury-progress-report-2024>.
3. The annex to the present note provides an overview of the participation of secretariat staff in national and international events from January 2024 to June 2025.

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¹ The updated activity sheets are available at <https://minamataconvention.org/en/documents/programme-work-and-budget-biennium-2024-2025-budget-activity-fact-sheets>.

² UNEP/MC/2025/3.

Annex

International and national meetings and events at which the secretariat represented the Minamata Convention on Mercury, January 2024–June 2025 (only events with active participation are included)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Attended by</i>
2024		
22–25 January 2024	Bern III Conference on synergies among MEAs, Bern, Switzerland	M. Stankiewicz, M. P. de Miranda
5–9 February 2024	66 th GEF Council meeting, Washington, USA	M. Stankiewicz, M. Bailey
6–8 February 2024	OECD Chemicals and Biotechnology Committee, Paris, France	E. Toda
7 February 2024	UNEP Townhall, Nairobi, Kenya (online)	M. Stankiewicz
7–8 February 2024	Green Customs Initiative Partners Meeting, Brussels, Belgium	E. Toda, L. Ognibene
26 February – 1 March 2024	Sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-6), Nairobi, Kenya	M. Stankiewicz, M. P. de Miranda, M. I. Rizzo, A. G. Sans
1 March 2024	GEF Chemicals and Waste Task Force Meeting (online)	R. Gutierrez
11 March 2024	Global Mercury Partnership Waste Management Area Meeting (online)	E. Toda
19–21 March 2024	Inter-organization programme for sound management of chemicals (IOMC) meeting, Vienna, Austria (online)	E. Toda
21 March 2024	Global Mercury Partnership meeting on non-ferrous metals (online)	E. Toda
8–10 April 2024	Ninth meeting of the Executive Board of the Special Programme to support institutional strengthening at the national level for the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, the Minamata Convention and the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management, Geneva, Switzerland	M. Bailey M. I. Rizzo
9 April 2024	Information session for the members of the Executive Board of the Special Programme and the Executive Board of the Global Framework on Chemicals Fund, Geneva, Switzerland	M. Bailey
25 April 2024	Celebration on the occasion of 50th anniversary of the signing of the Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission (HELCOM), back-to-back with HELCOM Ministerial Meeting, Riga, Latvia.	M. Stankiewicz
13–18 May 2024	Twenty-sixth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-26), Nairobi, Kenya	M. P. de Miranda
14–15 May 2024	GEF #10716: Phasing Out Mercury Measuring Devices in Healthcare Global Kick-off Meeting, Geneva, Switzerland	E. Toda
21 May 2024	Second meeting of the Eliminating Mercury Skin Lightening Products project stakeholder group (online)	E. Toda
3–8 June 2024	PlanetGOLD Global Forum on ASGM and Delivery of a Workshop on Managing Mercury Trade, Batangas, Philippines	M. Stankiewicz, R. Gutierrez, A. G. Sans
4–6 June 2024	Kick-off Meeting on Project Strengthening Ocean Health for Sustainable Development: A Global Approach Using Nuclear and Isotopic Techniques, International Atomic Energy Agency, Monaco (online)	E. Toda

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5 June 2024	World Environment Day Celebration 2024 International Geneva Accelerating Action on Land Restoration and Drought Resilience”	M. P. de Miranda
11 June 2024	Geneva Environment Network Chemicals and Waste Negotiations Briefing, Geneva, Switzerland	M. Bailey
11–13 June 2024	14th InforMEA Initiative Steering Committee, Montreux, Switzerland	A. G. Sans
17–20 June 2024	67 th GEF Council meeting, Washington, USA	M. Stankiewicz M. Bailey
17–21 June 2024	OEWG 3: Science-Policy Panel to Contribute Further to the Sound Management of Chemicals and Waste and to Prevent Pollution, Geneva, Switzerland	E. Toda
18–20 June 2024	World Customs Organization Operation Demeter X meeting, Port Louis, Mauritius (online)	L. Ognibene
2–4 July 2024	World Customs Organization Operation Demeter X meeting, Shanghai, China (online)	R. Gutierrez
9 July 2024	CLASP webinar on compliance pathways to Minamata Convention decision on lighting (online)	E. Toda
17 July 2024	GEF-funded national advocacy workshop for the ratification of the Minamata Convention, Tunis, Tunisia (online)	E. Toda
21–26 July 2024	16th International Conference on Mercury as a Global Pollutant (ICMGP 2024), Cape Town, South Africa	M. Stankiewicz, E. Toda, M. Bailey
29 August 2024	Global Mercury Partnership Area Co-leads Meeting (online)	E. Toda
5–6 September 2024	3rd Berlin Forum on Chemicals and Sustainability - Implementing the Global Framework on Chemicals (online)	M. Stankiewicz
12 September 2024	Forum On Combating Illegal in Mercury “Enhancing Synergies and Strengthening Strategies to Combat Illegal Mercury Trade”, Jakarta, Indonesia (online)	M. Stankiewicz
18 September 2024	GEF #10716: Phasing Out Mercury Measuring Devices in Healthcare Inception Meeting, Tirana, Albania (online)	E. Toda
4 October 2024	Multidisciplinary Expert Panel of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES MEP) webinar on mercury pollution and biodiversity (online)	M. Stankiewicz, M. P. de Miranda, M. Bailey,
9–11 October 2024	Joint Workshop of Global Mercury Observation Training Network (GMOS Train) and Multi-Compartment Mercury Modelling and Analysis Project, Portoroz, Slovenia	E. Toda
14 October 2024	IOMC Mercury Group (online)	E. Toda
15 October 2024	Dialogue with international organizations and compliance bodies of other multilateral environmental agreements, 16 th meeting of the Basel Convention Implementation and Compliance Committee (online)	L. Ognibene
24 October – 2 November 2024	15th meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity Cali, Colombia	M. Stankiewicz, M. P. de Miranda, A. G. Sans
29 October 2024	BRS Taller regional sobre Marcos Legislativos, Tráfico y Comercio Ilicito de Productos Químicos y Desechos Peligrosos para países de habla hispana de la región GRULAC (online)	L. Ognibene
5–7 November 2024	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Chemicals and Biotechnology Committee, Paris, France (online)	E. Toda
12 November 2024	Yale University guest panel - Discussing role of Comms in Int. Conferences (online)	A. G. Sans
14 November 2024	Global Mercury Partnership Waste Management Area Meeting (online)	E. Toda

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19–20 November 2024	GEF #10526 project “Eliminate mercury use and adequately manage mercury and mercury wastes in the chloralkali sector in Mexico” inception workshop, Monterrey, Mexico	E. Toda
20 November 2024	Global Roundtable on Pollutant Releases and Transfer Registers, Geneva, Switzerland	R. Gutierrez
2–4 December 2024	Expert Group Meeting on the rights of Indigenous Peoples, including those in voluntary isolation and initial contact in the context of the extraction of critical minerals (online)	M. P. de Miranda
9 December 2024	Global Mercury Partnership webinar on waste from dental amalgam and medical devices (online)	E. Toda
10 December 2024	Global Mercury Partnership Advisory Group (online)	M. Bailey, E. Toda
16–20 December 2024	68 th GEF Council meeting (online)	M. Stankiewicz, M. Bailey, A. Romanov
2025		
20–21 January 2025	GEF #10810 “Eliminating mercury skin lightening project” workshop, Libreville, Gabon (online)	M. Stankiewicz, E. Toda
30 January 2025	Third meeting of the Eliminating Mercury Skin Lightening Products project stakeholder group (online)	E. Toda
3–7 February 2025	BRS Global chairs' trainings (2 three-day trainings within one week), Geneva, Switzerland	L. Ognibene
17–22 February 2025	GEF-9 Technical Advisory Group Meeting, Washington, DC, United States of America	M. Stankiewicz, A. Romanov
19–20 February 2025	Green Customs Initiative Partners Meeting, The Hague, The Netherlands	M. I. Rizzo
3–4 March 2025	GEF Chemicals and Waste Focal Area Task Force, Washington, DC, United States of America	A. Romanov
8 March 2025	INTOSAI Working Group on Environmental Auditing podcast on the nexus between environmental issues and gender inequality	L. Ognibene
12 March 2025	Inception workshop of GEF project ID 11047 “Accelerate Minamata Convention compliance through improved understanding and control of mercury trade in Latin America”, Bogota, Colombia (online)	L. Ognibene
17–19 March 2025	Tenth meeting of the Executive Board of the Special Programme on institutional strengthening at the national level for the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, the Minamata Convention, and the Global Framework on Chemicals, Geneva, Switzerland	A. Romanov M. I. Rizzo
19 March 2025	Joint meeting of the Executive Board of the Special Programme and the Executive Board of the Global Framework on Chemicals Fund, Geneva, Switzerland	A. Romanov M. I. Rizzo
19–21 March 2025	Third Meeting of the Executive Board of the Global Framework on Chemicals Fund, Geneva, Switzerland	A. Romanov M. I. Rizzo
21 March 2025	Global Mercury Partnership Information exchange on phasing out fluorescent lamps, Lusaka, Zambia (online)	E. Toda
21 March 2025	Global Mercury Partnership Waste Management Area Meeting (online)	E. Toda
March 2025	Regional preparatory meetings for the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention (BC COP-17), the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention (RC COP-12) and the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention (SC COP-12), (online)	L. Ognibene and B. Koekkoek
2–3 April 2025	Inter-organization programme for sound management of chemicals (IOMC) meeting, Rome, Italy (online)	E. Toda
8 April 2025	Africa Institute’s Webinar “the Children’s Amendment to the Minamata Convention”, online	E. Toda

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16 April 2025	Youth Briefing on the 2025 UN Chemicals, Waste and Pollution Negotiations	M. Stankiewicz, R. Gutierrez
28 April – 9 May 2025	Seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention (BC COP-17), the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention (RC COP-12) and the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention (SC COP-12), Geneva, Switzerland	Secretariat representatives
14–15 May 2025	GEF Chemicals and Waste Focal Area Task Force, Geneva, Switzerland	B. Koekkoek A. Romanov
20–21 May 2025	First GEF-9 replenishment meeting, Paris, France	M. Stankiewicz, B. Koekkoek
26 May 2025	Training of national custom and law enforcement officers in Sri Lanka, Japan-funded project for promoting the Minamata Convention on Mercury by making the most of Japan’s knowledge and experiences, online	L. Ognibene
2–6 June 2025	69 th GEF Council meeting, Washington, DC, United States of America	M. Stankiewicz, B. Koekkoek, A. Romanov (online)
4–5 June 2025	Strengthening National Capacity in Sound Chemicals and Waste Management for Implementation of the Stockholm, Basel, Rotterdam, Minamata Conventions”, Green customs training for regulatory and enforcement authorities, Yerevan, Armenia, online	L. Ognibene, E. Toda, A. Romanov, R. Gutierrez
17–19 June 2025	Capacity building workshop “Advancing effective Multilateral Environmental Agreements implementation in Central Asia: Promoting synergies and rights-based approaches”, Almaty, Kazakhstan	A. Romanov