

REPORT OF THE FIRST MEETING

BUREAU OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE MINAMATA CONVENTION ON MERCURY

Tuesday, 28 January 2025, by teleconference

Participants

Present: Mr. Osvaldo Patricio Álvarez Pérez (Chile, for Latin America and the Caribbean, President), Mr. Linroy Christian (Antigua and Barbuda, for Latin America and the Caribbean), Mr. Sidi Aloueimine (Mauritania, for Africa), Mr. Muhamed Abdulai Kamara (Sierra Leone, for Africa), Mr. Syed Mujtaba Hussain (Pakistan, for Asia Pacific), Mr. Saeed Ahmed Al-Zahrani (Saudi Arabia, for Asia Pacific), Ms. Irma Gurguliani (Georgia, for Eastern European States), Ms. Claudia Dumitru (Romania, for Eastern European States), Ms. Rachel Burgess (Australia, for the Western European and Others), Ms. Tuulia Toikka (Finland, for the Western European and Others).

Ms. Anik Beaudoin, Chair of the Implementation and Compliance Committee, Ex officio member, could not attend the meeting.

1. Opening of the meeting

- Osvaldo Patricio Álvarez Pérez, the President of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention (COP-6), welcomed the members of the Bureau and thanked them for joining the online meeting.
- Monika Stankiewicz, Executive Secretary of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, added her warm welcome to the members of the Bureau.
- The agenda of the meeting was adopted without change.

2. Election of the Rapporteur

- The President proposed to elect a Bureau member from the Asia Pacific region for COP-6, based on principle of rotation of the regional groups and noting that the previous term was served by a representative from the Western European and other States (WEOG) group.
- The Bureau agreed to elect the rapporteur for COP-6 from the Asia Pacific region by silent procedure before the next meeting of the Bureau.

3. Updates from the Secretariat

- The Secretariat presented the ongoing intersessional work including: mercury supply sources and trade, mercury added products and processes using mercury, ASGM, mercury waste, financial resources and mechanism, capacity building, technical assistance and technology transfer, the Implementation and Compliance Committee, national reporting, the first effectiveness evaluation of the Convention, priorities of Indigenous Peoples and of local communities, gender, knowledge management, and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. The Secretariat's presentation is available in the annex to this report.



4. Preparations for the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

a. Regional preparatory meetings

- The Secretariat explained the proposed organization of the in-person regional preparatory meetings in 2025, based on the note on this issue circulated in advance of the meeting, and invited Bureau members to note the request of the Secretariat to each of the UN regions to offer hosting regional preparatory meetings in their respective regions by 28 February 2025.
- The following schedule for regional preparatory meetings was agreed, with the understanding that exact dates would have to be discussed and agreed to with the Bureau members from each region:
 - week 8 -12 September: Asia-Pacific
 - week 15 -19 September: Eastern European States
 - week 22 - 26 September: Latin America and the Caribbean
 - week 6 -10 October: Africa

b. Important dates/deadlines related to COP-5

- The Secretariat recalled dates and deadlines related to the preparation of COP-6, as indicated in the Secretariat's presentation (slide 22) annexed to this report.
- One member of the Bureau asked about the overlap between the dates of COP-6 and those of the thirty-seventh Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (MOP37). The Secretariat responded that both Secretariats had been trying to find alternative dates and venues, but, to date, had not been able to find a way to avoid the overlap.

c. Offers for hosting COP-7

- The Secretariat presented the note on this issue circulated in advance of the meeting and invited Parties to consider the normal rotation of the presidency of the COP as they planned their offers to host future meetings. The Secretariat further pointed out that COP-7 was expected to be presided by WEOG.
- In response to a Bureau member inquiring about the possible dates of COP-7, the Secretariat informed the Bureau that it had made a tentative booking of conference facilities in Geneva for COP-7 from 14 to 18 June 2027 (the only available timeslot). If the Secretariat were to receive an offer to host COP-7 from a Party, arrangements could be made to move the dates to the fall of 2027 to avoid shortening the intersession period between COP-6 and COP-7.
- The Secretariat further clarified that the provisional agenda for COP-7 would be presented for consideration at the following meeting of the Bureau, and that all COP-6 meeting documents would be made available in the six UN languages at the latest by 22 September 2025.

5. Status of contributions to the Minamata Convention

- Upon invitation by the President, the Secretariat presented the status of contributions of the three trust funds as well as the fundraising status as of end of 2024. The percentage level of contributions to the general trust fund at the end of 2024 is at almost 95% and is at a slightly higher level compared to end of the 2022-2023 biennium.
- The president made a call for all those in a position to do so to contribute to the Special Trust fund to support the Secretariat's work on capacity building and technical assistance. He also invited Parties in a position to do so to contribute to the Specific Trust Fund to support the launch of a fifth round of applications to the Specific International Programme (SIP).



6. Next meetings

- The Bureau discussed the proposals for the second and third meetings of the Bureau and agreed to hold the second meeting of the Bureau online on Tuesday, 4 March 2025, 12.00-13.30 Geneva time, and the third meeting of the Bureau in-person, in Geneva, on Saturday, 26 April 2025, back-to-back with the BRS COPs.

7. Any other business

- The Executive Secretary informed the Bureau that Marianne Bailey, Senior Coordination Officer, was retiring from the Secretariat at the end of January 2025. Bureau members joined the Executive Secretary and the President in thanking Marianne Bailey for her outstanding service throughout her career with the Secretariat and, before that, as a negotiator of the Minamata Convention. The President also pointed out that Manoela Pessoa De Miranda had recently left her position of Programme Management Officer with the Secretariat and thanked her for her support and commitment to the implementation of the Convention.

8. Closure of the meeting


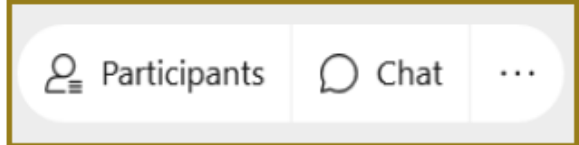


- Following his closing remarks, the President thanked the members of the Bureau and the Secretariat for their work and declared the meeting closed at 2:20 p.m. (Geneva time).

Annex: Secretariat's updated presentation



Bureau of the Conference of the Parties for its sixth meeting, first meeting (online)

28 January 2025

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Item 3. Updates from the Secretariat



Mercury supply sources and trade and mercury compounds

In response to [Decision MC-5/2](#) on mercury supply sources and trade, the Secretariat is undertaking the following work for consideration at COP-6:

- compiling information on experiences and **challenges faced in the implementation of Article 3** as well as information on activities undertaken in relation to the **Bali Declaration on Combating Illegal Trade in Mercury** (deadline for submission by Parties is **31 March 2025**)
- scoping for draft guidance on **controlling trade of mercury from primary mercury mining** (co-funded by EU)
- updating the **guidance on the identification of individual stocks and sources** of mercury to include types of action that could be taken to fulfil the continuing obligation to endeavour to identify stocks and sources.

In response to [Decision MC-5/3](#), recalling para. 13 of Article 3, the Secretariat is developing a study of the global supply, production, trade and use of **mercury compounds** (funded by Canada and Spain).

Article 3(13): The Conference of the Parties shall evaluate whether the trade in specific mercury compounds compromises the objective of this Convention and consider whether specific mercury compounds should, by their listing in an additional annex adopted in accordance with Article 27, be made subject to paragraphs 6 and 8.

Mercury added products and processes using mercury

The amendments to Annexes A and B

- COP-5 decided to amend Part I of Annex A to the Convention by adding the below products (Decision [MC-5/4](#)).
- The amendments were [communicated](#) by the Depositary to the Parties on 25 April 2024, and shall enter into force on 25 April 2025, pursuant to Article 27(4).
- Amendments have been incorporated in the Convention [booklets](#) in English, French and Spanish. Other language versions will be available later.

ANNEX A, PART I

Product	Phase-out date
Button zinc silver oxide batteries with a mercury content < 2% and button zinc air batteries with a mercury content < 2%	2025
Very high accuracy capacitance and loss measurement bridges and high frequency radio frequency switches and relays in monitoring and control instruments with a maximum mercury content of 20 mg per bridge switch or relay, except those used for research and development purposes	2025
Compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) for general lighting purposes that are >30 watts	2026
Compact fluorescent lamps with a non-integrated ballast (CFL.ni) for general lighting purposes that are ≤ 30 watts with a mercury content not exceeding 5 mg per lamp burner	2026
Linear fluorescent lamps (LFLs) for general lighting purposes: (a) Halophosphate phosphor ≤ 40 watts with a mercury content not exceeding 10 mg per lamp (b) Halophosphate phosphor > 40 watts	2026
Linear fluorescent lamps (LFLs) for general lighting purposes: (a) Triband phosphor < 60 watts with a mercury content not exceeding 5 mg/lamp (b) Triband phosphor ≥ 60 watts with a mercury content not exceeding 5 mg per lamp (c) Triband phosphor ≥ 60 watts with a mercury content exceeding 5 mg per lamp	2027
Non-linear fluorescent lamps (NFLs) (e.g., U-bend and circular) for general lighting purposes: (a) Triband phosphor, all wattages (b) Halophosphate phosphor, all wattages	2027 2026
Cosmetics, including skin-lightening soaps and creams, and not including eye area cosmetics where mercury is used as a preservative and no effective and safe substitute preservatives are available	2025

1/: The intention is not to cover cosmetics, soaps or creams with trace contaminants of mercury.

ANNEX A, PART II

Product	Provision
Dental amalgam	In addition, Parties that have not yet phased out dental amalgam shall: (i) Submit to the Secretariat a national action plan or a report based on available information with respect to progress they have made or are making to phase down or phase out dental amalgam every four years as part of national reporting

ANNEX B, PART I

Manufacturing process	Phase-out date
Production of polyurethane using mercury containing catalysts	2025

COP-5: also decided to consider the following amendments at COP-6

ANNEX A, PART I

Product	Phase-out date
[Dental amalgam]	[2030]

ANNEX A, PART II

Product	Provisions
Dental amalgam	In addition, Parties shall: (iv) [[Exclude or not allow] [Phase down], by taking measures as appropriate, the use of dental amalgam in government insurance policies and programmes.] (Alternative to (iv)) [Take measures, as appropriate, to exclude, not allow, [or phase down] dental amalgam in government policies or programmes]

Mercury added products and processes using mercury

Decision MC-5/5: Preparation of a report on mercury-added cosmetics

- COP invited Parties and relevant stakeholders to submit information to the Secretariat **by 30 June 2024** on challenges in preventing the manufacture, import and export of mercury-added cosmetics, as well as on current or proposed measures for addressing these challenges.
- **Submissions from 23 Parties and 8 organizations** were posted on the Convention [website](#).
- The draft report (funded by EU in cooperation with WHO and Global Mercury Partnership) will be posted on the website in **early February 2025 for comments by early April**. (An outline will be presented at GEF project [stakeholders meeting](#) on 30 January 2025.)

Decision MC-5/6: Information on the economic and technical feasibility of mercury-free catalysts in vinyl chloride monomer production

- COP invited Parties and relevant organizations to submit, **by 31 March 2025** information on technically and economically feasible alternatives to the use of mercury and mercury compounds in VCM production.
- COP requested the Secretariat to submit a report on this subject to COP-6.

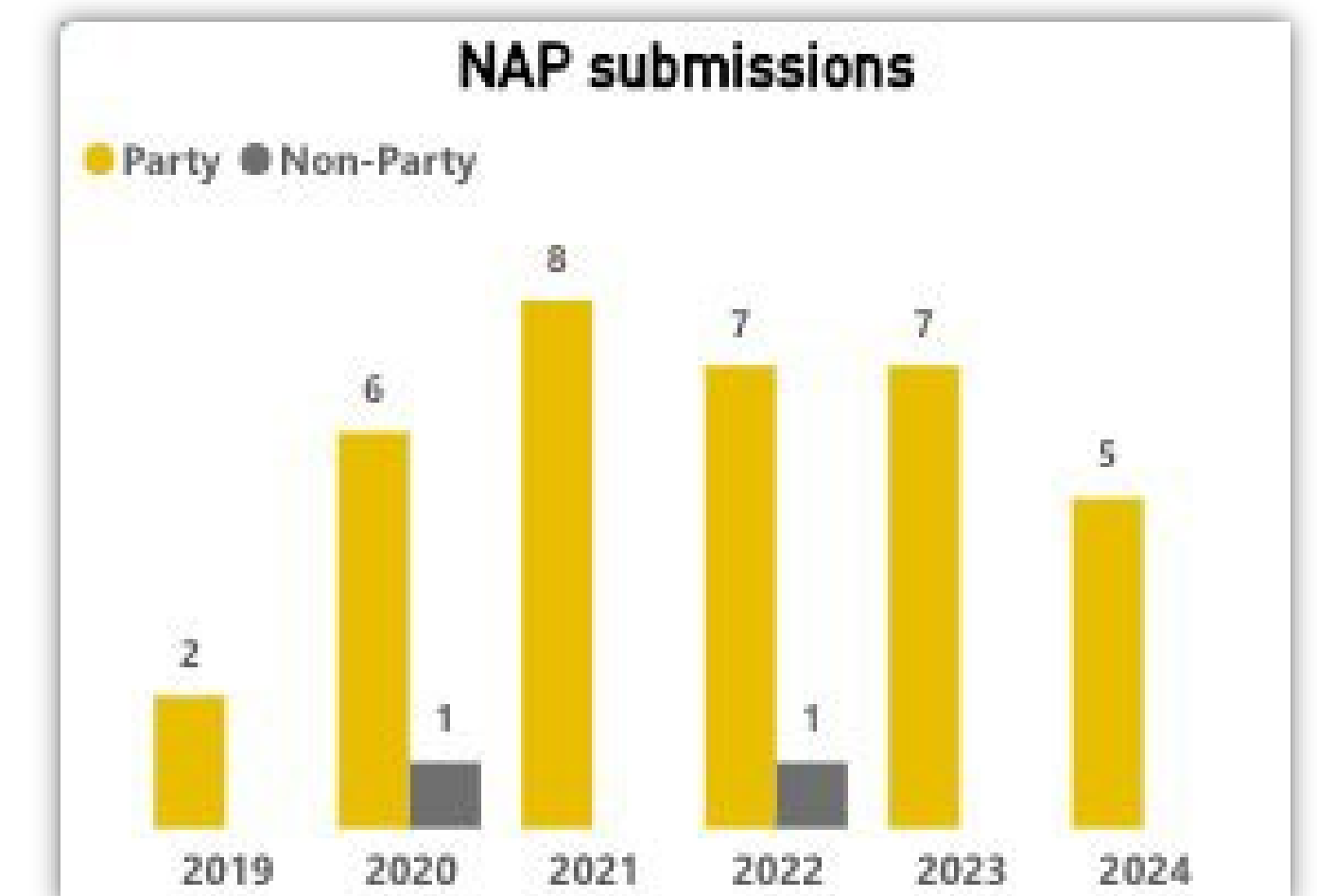
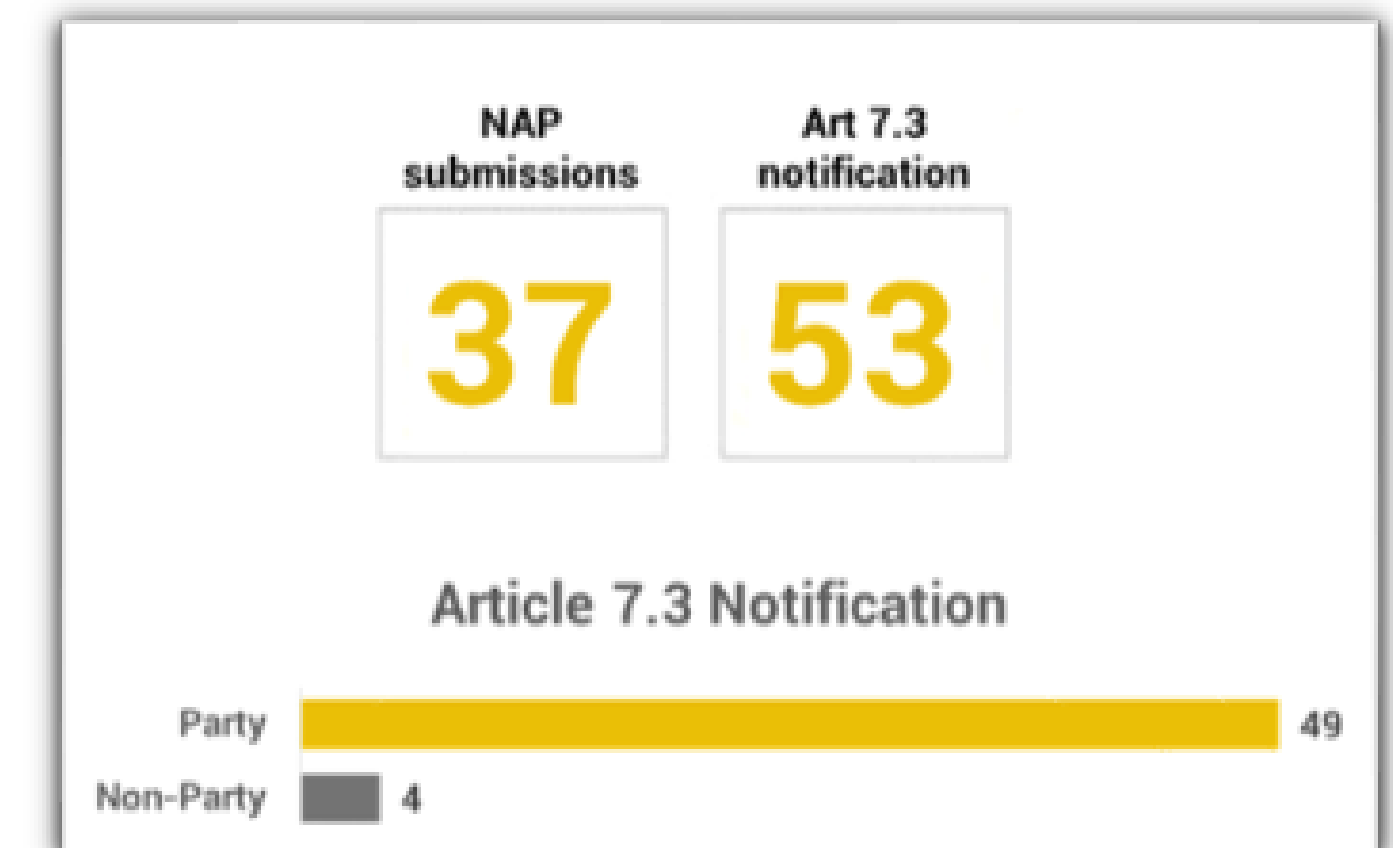


Sub-regional meeting - Elimination skin-lightening cosmetic products containing mercury in Africa region, 20 - 22 January 2025, Libreville, Gabon. See [Convention website](#) and [UNEP website](#).

Artisanal and small-scale gold mining

In response to Decision [MC-5/7](#), the Secretariat is undertaking the following activities on artisanal and small-scale gold mining for consideration at COP-6:

- Developing **draft guidance on the review of the implementation of Article 7**, as a supplement to the guidance document on developing a national action plan to reduce and, where feasible, eliminate mercury use in artisanal and small-scale gold mining. (**RIA supplement**), in cooperation with the Global Mercury Partnership.
 - The GEF Council approved in 2024 a new enabling activity window for the Reviews of the Implementation of Article 7 (RIAs).
- Developing **draft guidance on the effective engagement and participation of Indigenous Peoples and local communities** in the development and implementation of national action plans (funded by Norway and Australia).



Decision MC-5/8: Implementation of Article 8: emissions of mercury

- Parties with experience in using the guidance adopted by the COP pursuant to Article 8 (8) and (9) are encouraged to provide the Secretariat with information on such experience. Submissions will be posted on this web page. Information submitted by **31 March 2025** will be compiled for COP-6.

GUIDANCE ON BEST AVAILABLE TECHNIQUES AND BEST ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICES



Decision MC-5/10: Establishment of mercury waste thresholds

- COP invited Parties to submit to the Secretariat **by 31 October 2024** information regarding their waste management regulations and programmes as mentioned in subparagraph 3 (a) of article 11, with a focus on matters not addressed by the technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with mercury or mercury compounds.
- COP requested the Secretariat to collect and organize the information and distribute it to the Parties by 1 January 2025.
- 8 Parties submitted information. The submissions have been posted on the Convention [website](#).

Article 11(3): Each Party shall take appropriate measures so that mercury waste is:

(a) Managed in an environmentally sound manner, taking into account the guidelines developed under the Basel Convention and in accordance with requirements that the Conference of the Parties shall adopt in an additional annex in accordance with Article 27. In developing requirements, the Conference of the Parties shall take into account Parties' waste management regulations and programmes.

Specific International Programme

- SIP Governing Board launched the Fourth Round of applications in April 2024, and met in-person from 22-24 January 2025, co-chaired by Obed Baloyi (South Africa) and Andrew Clark (United States).
- Largest number of applications to date: 36 applications, of which 29 were eligible.
- Approved 10 projects for funding, totaling USD 2,061,813.
- Initial period of SIP ends 31 December 2027 and may be extended by the COP for a period not to exceed 7 years (planned for COP-7).
- Decision MC-5/11 requests the Secretariat to prepare an analysis of expected funding needs and related staffing needs for the initial period.



Global Environment Facility

- GEF-8 allocation for Convention activities of USD 269M needs to be drawn down by June 2026.
- To date nearly USD 200M remains to be obligated to projects and programmes.
- Planning for GEF-9 has begun; Technical Advisory Group meets for the first time 18-20 February 2025 in Washington, DC.

Review of the financial mechanism

- [Decision MC-5/11](#) requests the Secretariat to prepare draft TOR for the third review.

Capacity building, technical assistance and technology transfer

Study of alternative technologies

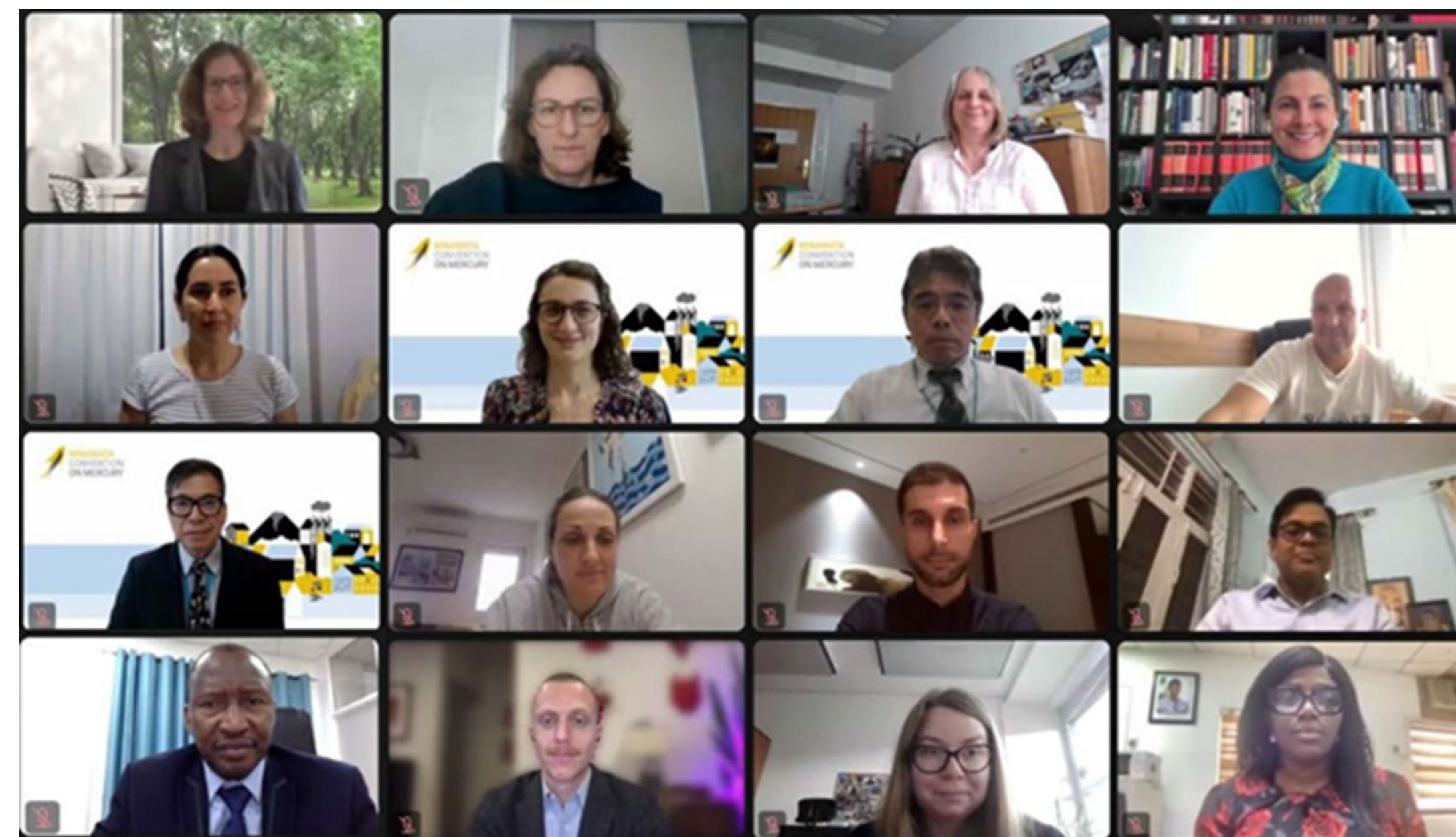
- [Decision MC-5/12](#) requests the Secretariat, subject to availability of resources, to undertake a desk study and case studies on alternative technologies, pursuant to paragraph 4 of article 14.
- Study will cover:
 - (a) Existing initiatives and progress made in relation to alternative technologies, including private-sector engagement;
 - (b) The needs of parties, particularly developing-country parties, for alternative technologies;
 - (c) Any challenges experienced by parties;
- Japan has provided funding for the study, the consultant is engaged, and information collection and outreach to Global Mercury Partnership, regional centres, ICMGP, Indigenous Peoples' organizations, and relevant international organizations are underway.

Enhancing cooperation with Global Mercury Partnership

- Decision MC-5/12 requests the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to continue and enhance cooperation with the GMP and to engage with the Partnership in the consideration of options for strengthening the capacity building, technical assistance and technology transfer programme of the secretariat and for enhancing support to parties as they cooperate pursuant to paragraph 1 of article 14.
- Cooperation ongoing and follow up to GMP PAG15 under discussion.

Implementation and Compliance Committee

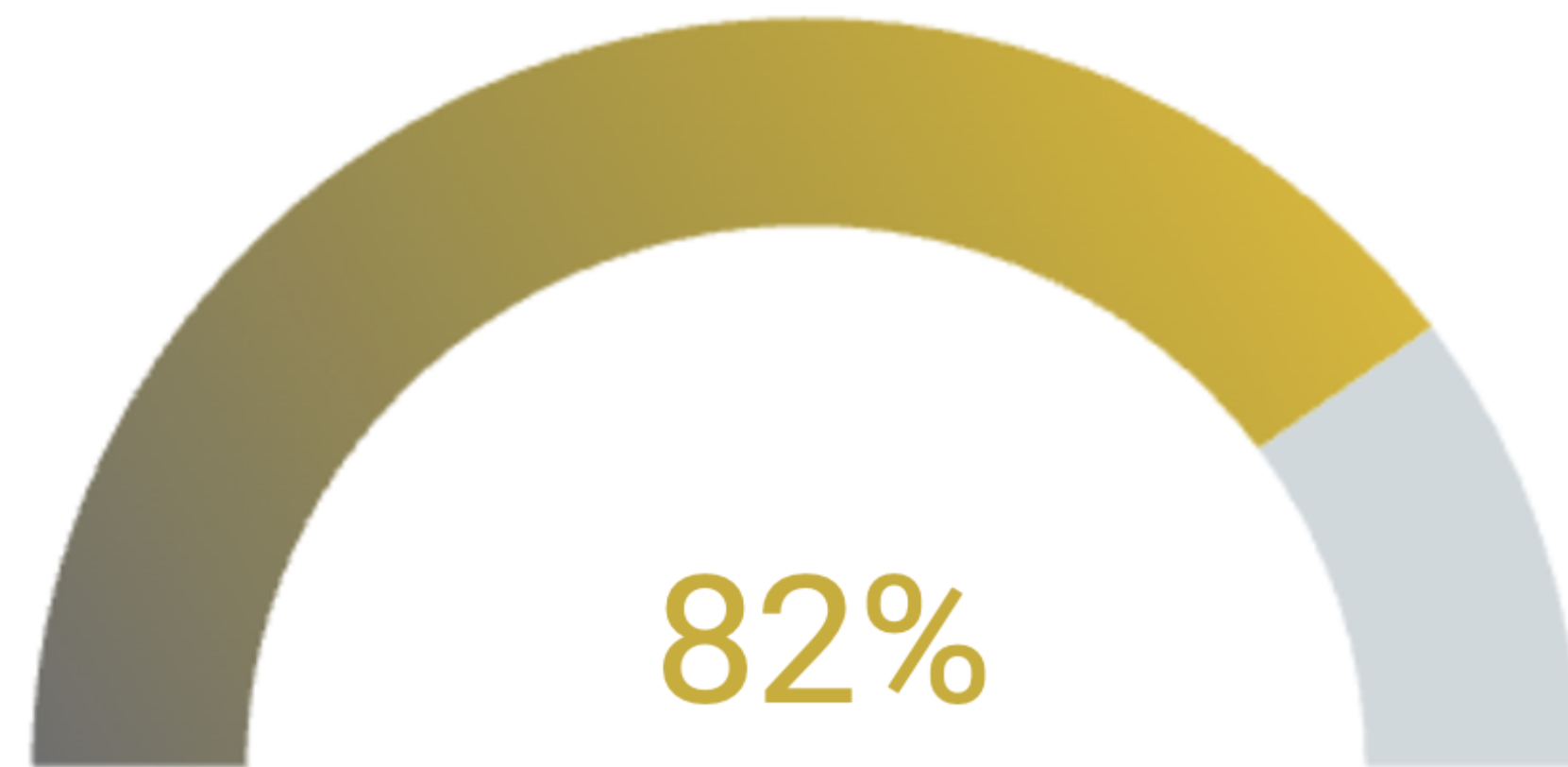
- The Committee held a meeting (online) in September 2024, chaired by Anik Beaudoin (Canada)
- The Committee reviewed responses of **second short national reports** submitted by Parties on implementation of Article 3 (supply sources and trade) and Article 11 (mercury wastes).
- Requested the Secretariat to collect information on best practices, possible approaches and **initiatives from other MEAs** regarding the functioning of their trade procedure.
- Will consider at its next in-person meeting on 18 to 20 February 2025 issues of implementation and compliance, including with respect to the trade procedure under Article 3



- Can identify **conclusions and recommendations** to be included in relevant COP-6 decisions (including on national reporting and trade).

National Reporting

Second short national reports – Reporting Rate (31/12/2024)



Parties required to submit report

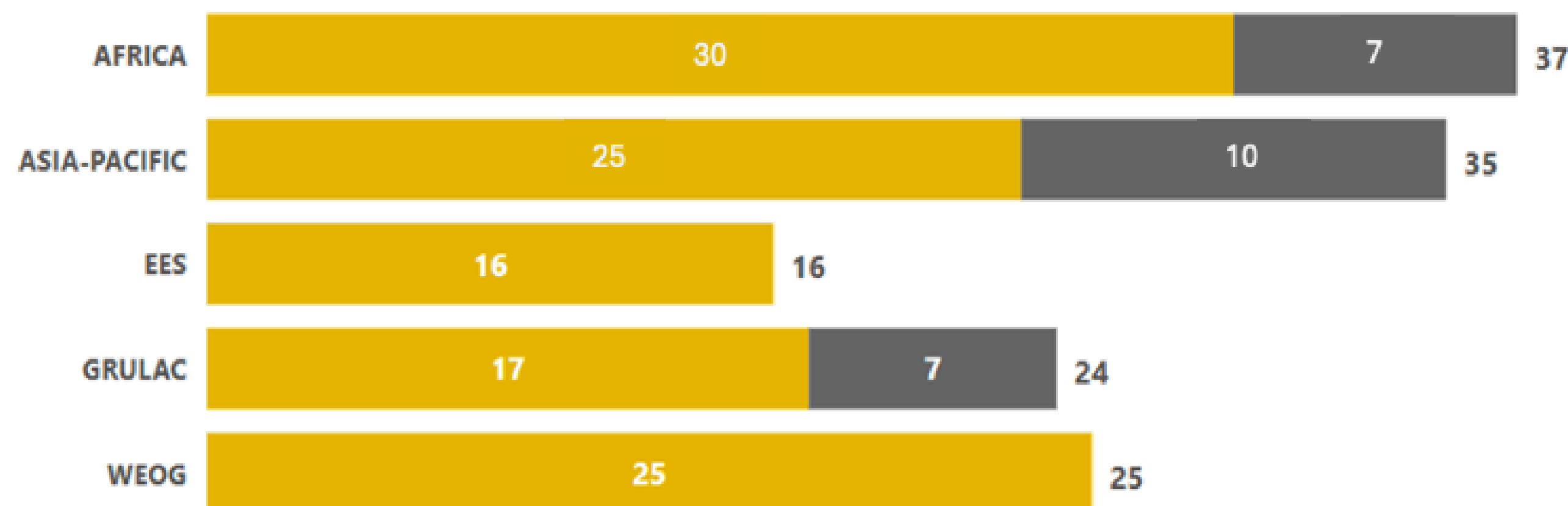
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Submitted Reports

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Submissions by deadline

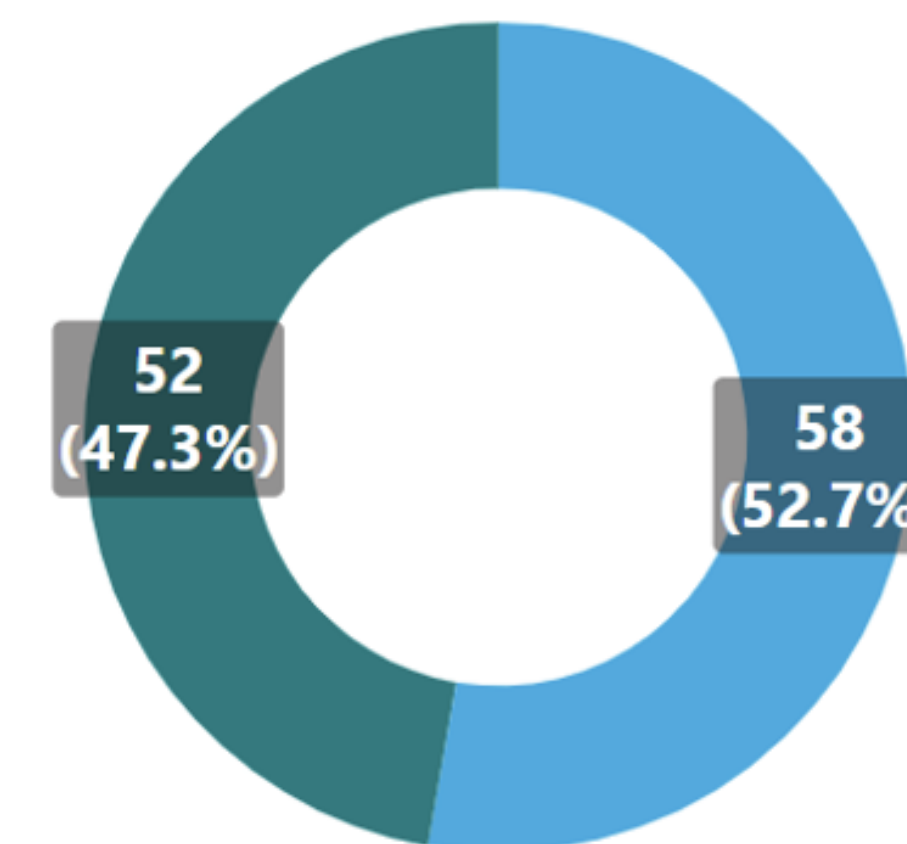
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- **24 Parties have not yet submitted** their 2nd short report as of 31 December 2024.
- Secretariat's **analysis of the second short reports available** at [Convention website](#).
- Second full national report **due by 31 December 2025**

Gender distribution of reporting officers

● Female ● Male



Effectiveness Evaluation Group (EEG)

- Established by Decision [MC-5/14](#). Five members nominated by Parties from each of the five UN regions (total 25 members). Member list available [here](#).
- EEG elected Linroy Christian (Antigua and Barbuda) and Itsuki Kuroda (Japan) as co-chairs.
- EEG met online three times. The 4th meeting will be held on 24 March 2025.
- The documents for the EEG meetings are available through its [online workspace](#).

Open-Ended Scientific Group (OESG)

- Established by Decision [MC-4/11](#). 42 members nominated by Parties. Supported by experts in the roster nominated by Parties and stakeholders. Member list available [here](#).
- Co-chaired by Dominique Bally Kpokro (Cote d'Ivoire) and Terry Keating (USA).
- Working to develop scientific reports based on available mercury monitoring, emission and release data.
- A global workshop on comparability of mercury emission and release data was held in Cape Town, South Africa, on 18-19 July 2024, funded by EU.
- Met online 15 times. Met in person in March 2023. **Second face-to-face meeting** to be hosted by Japan in Minamata city, **from 17 to 21 March 2025**.

Indigenous Peoples and local communities

In response to COP-5 requests, the Secretariat is undertaking the following activities for consideration by the Parties at COP-6:

- Pursuant to Decision [MC-5/1](#), the Secretariat sent out a survey to request information on **needs and priorities of Indigenous Peoples and local communities** with regard to the effects of mercury on their health, livelihoods, culture and knowledge.
- Pursuant to Decision [MC-5/7](#), the Secretariat is developing a supplemental **draft guidance on the effective engagement and participation of Indigenous Peoples and local communities** in the development and implementation of ASGM national action plans (funded by Norway and Australia).



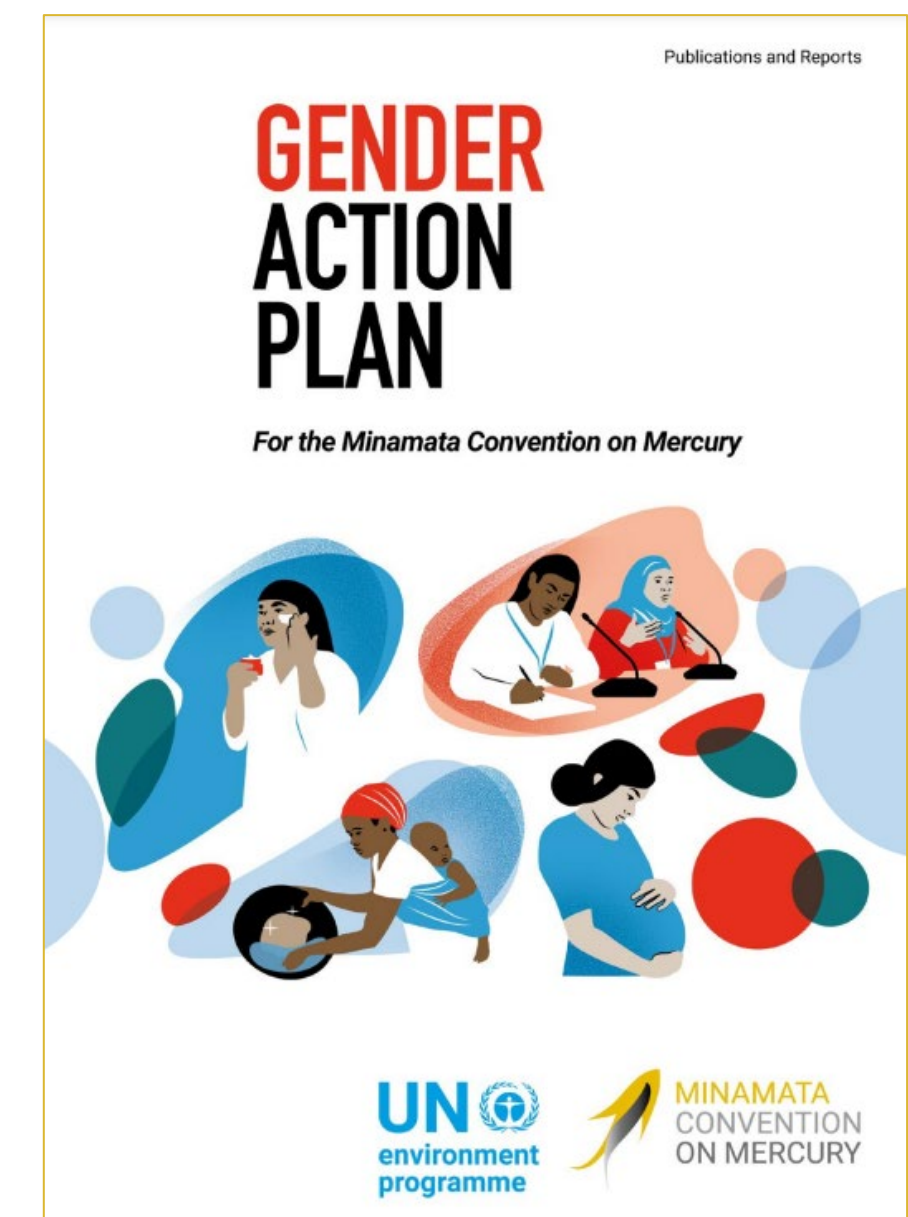
COP-5 adopted decision MC-5/15 which welcomed the [gender action plan](#) for the Minamata Convention on Mercury and invited Parties and the Secretariat to implement [priority activities](#) under the gender action plan as part of the Programme of Work and Budget for the biennium 2024-2025.

Priority activities currently being implemented by the Secretariat include:

- **Review of national reports** submitted by Parties
- Review of gender elements in existing **national action plans on ASGM** (funded by Finland)
- Development of **case studies** on the gender dimensions of **SIP** projects (funded by Finland)
- Delivery of **gender-sensitive training** in the development of proposals for SIP and GEF
- Incorporation of gender elements into **existing training** organized by the Secretariat in cooperation with partners, such as the BRS Secretariat and GEF.

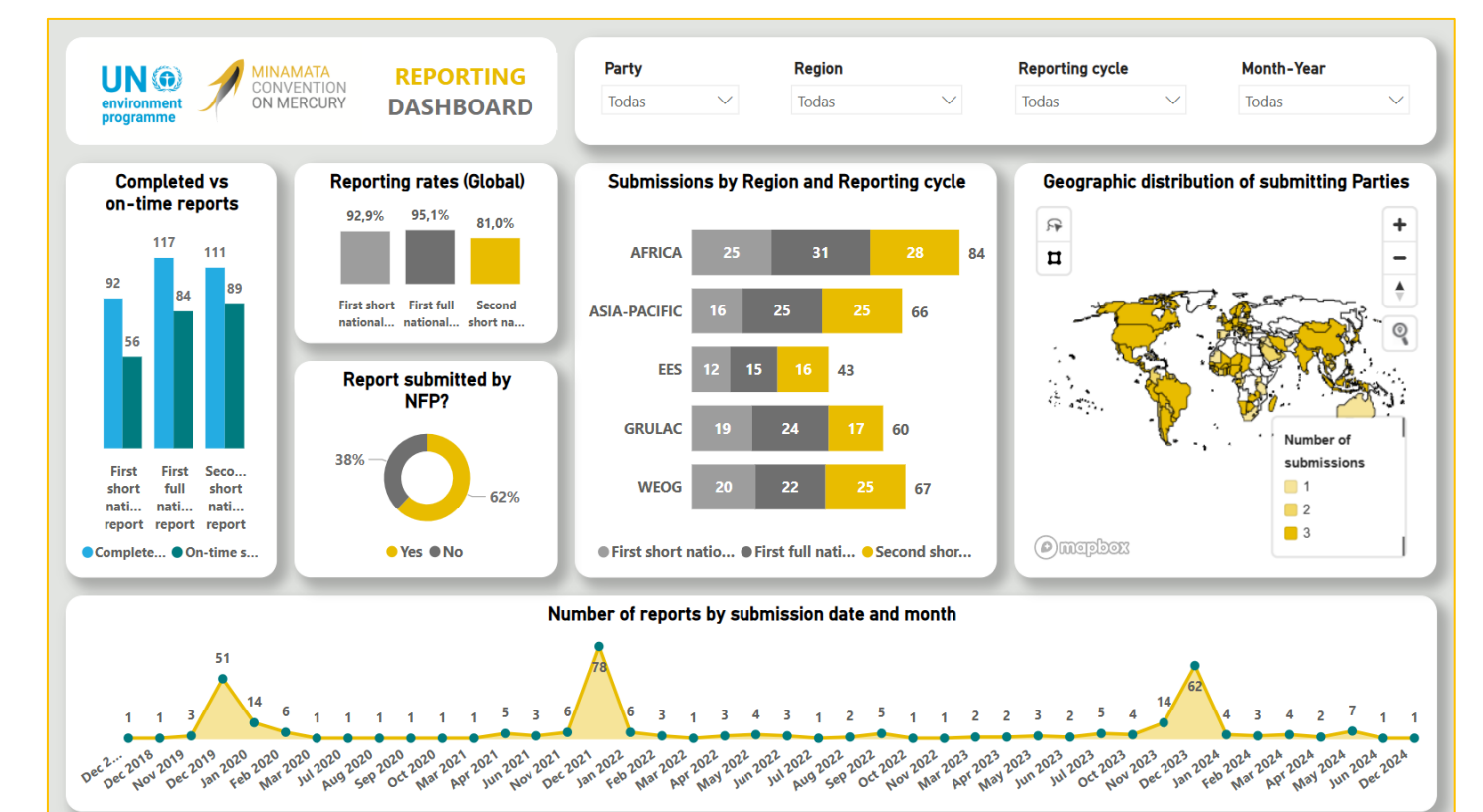
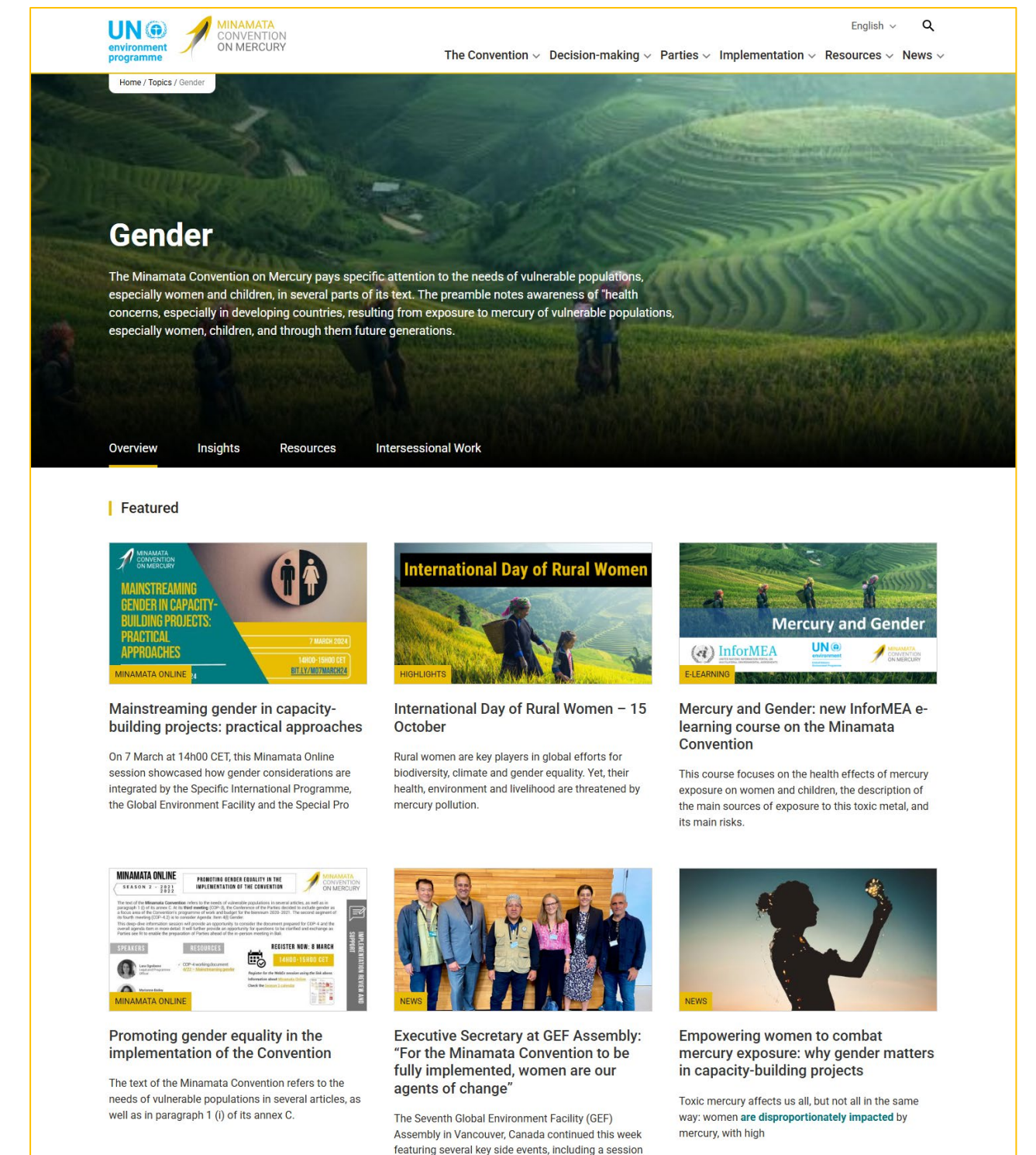
COP-6 is expected to identify a new set of priority activities for the 2026-2027 biennium.

The Secretariat is also developing and updating **communication material to raise awareness on the gender action plan**, including training material for Parties on operationalizing the action plan (funded by Sweden).



Knowledge management

- COP-5 [digital strategy](#) under implementation.
- **Website** in 3 working languages (EN, FR, ES) – 1,195 content created or updated (documents, events, news, resources...) in 2024.
- **New topics section** (semantic relationships, overview, insights, resources and intersessional work) – to be launched in March.
- **Projects database** – integrating SIP and GEF projects.
- Improved **Online Reporting Tool** – 2nd full national reporting, in 6 UN languages with amendments by COP-5, enhanced user interface.
- **Data visualizations and dashboards** – national reporting, GEF and SIP projects – to facilitate data analysis.
- **E-learning efforts** – Minamata Tools (co-funded by EU) + Minamata Online.
- **2024 digital metrics report:** 138k users (187% more than 2023) to the website. Newsletters: 16 issues, 3,884 views on LinkedIn and 69,964 email newsletters opened.



- ▶ In response to [Decision MC-5/17](#) on mercury and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, the Secretariat has been working on the following:
 - A draft roadmap, including possible actions and indicators, to support Parties in demonstrating and maximizing the co-benefits arising from the implementation of the Minamata Convention and the GBF for consideration by COP-6;
 - Technical guidance on integrating action to reduce mercury pollution from gold mining into National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) required under GBF; the draft will be available for review by Parties and stakeholders in March 2025 (funded by the Netherlands);
 - To bring the relevant decisions of the Minamata Convention COPs ([MC-4/12](#) and [MC-5/17](#)) to the attention of Parties and stakeholders at CBD COP-16, and the meetings of the CBD subsidiary bodies (SBSTTA and SBI) leading to it, and other meetings (UNEA-6, Bern III meeting), for their possible action.



Minamata Convention participants at the Bern III Conference on cooperation among the biodiversity-relevant conventions for the implementation of the GBF, organized by Switzerland and UNEP, 23-25 January 2024, Bern, Switzerland

Item 4. Preparations for the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties



4.a. Hosting COP-6 regional preparatory meetings



The Secretariat is planning **four regional meetings** to be held **in-person** in four different regions in preparation for COP-6. The regional preparatory meetings are generally expected to last **two days** and could be scheduled as follows:

- week 8 -12 September : Asia-Pacific
- week 15 -19 September : Eastern European States
- week 22 - 26 September : Latin America and the Caribbean
- week 6 -10 October : Africa

Exact dates would have to be discussed and agreed to with the Bureau members from each region. Parties are invited to consider hosting the regional meetings and inform the Secretariat accordingly by the end of February 2025.

4.b. Important deadlines related to COP-6

- **28 February 2025:** Parties to notify the Secretariat of offers to host regional preparatory meetings
- **3 May 2025:** According to Article 26 of the Convention, the text of any proposed amendment shall be communicated to the Parties at least six months before the COP. Therefore, the text of any proposed amendment should reach the secretariat at least eight months before the COP (**28 February 2025**)
- **3 May 2025:** COP-6 invitations will be sent 6 months before the COP;
- **July 2025:** registration of delegates will open
- **5 August 2025:** budget documents will be made available 90 days before the COP;
- **5 August 2025:** deadline for ratification to be a Party at COP-6 (90 days before COP-6)
- **8 September 2025:** Deadline for registration of Parties' nominations of sponsored participants (8 weeks before COP-6);
- **22 September 2025:** deadline for distributing COP-6 documents in all UN languages (at least 6 weeks before COP-6)
- **6 October 2025:** Secretariat's deadline for registration for observers

4.c. Offers for hosting COP-7

- According to rule 3 of the rules of procedure, the meetings of the COP shall take place **at the seat of the Secretariat, unless the COP decides otherwise** or other appropriate arrangements are made by the Secretariat in consultation with the Parties
- Governments hosting a meeting of the COP outside the seat of the Secretariat, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 40/243, would **bear the actual additional direct and indirect costs** of holding the meeting outside the seat of the Secretariat
- Parties interested in hosting future meetings are advised to consult the Secretariat, which will be ready to provide initial **estimates**
- Parties are invited to consider the **normal rotation of the presidency** of the COP as they plan their offers to host future meetings. COP-7 is expected to be presided by WEOG.
- **Expressions of interest to host COP-7** shall be submitted to the Secretariat preferably six months before COP-6 (**2 May 2025**)
- The Secretariat has made a tentative booking of conference facilities in Geneva for COP-7 from **14 to 18 June 2027** (the only available timeslot). If the Secretariat receives an offer to host COP-7 from a Party, arrangements can be made to move the dates to the fall of 2027 to avoid shortening the intersession period between COP-6 and COP-7.

Item 5. Status of Contributions to the Minamata Convention



Item 5. Status of Contributions for 2024

General Trust Fund

2024: USD 2,844,794 total assessed *contributions*
USD 681,212 *host country contribution*
USD 153,264 due as of 30.12.2024

Special Trust Fund

2024: USD 982,397 received in 2024
(including host country contribution of USD 453,220)

Specific Trust Fund

2024: USD 645,009 received



Overview of meetings and events, 2025

as of 27.01.2025



Date	Event	<input type="checkbox"/> Minamata Convention events	<input type="checkbox"/> Other international events
22-24 January	10 th meeting of the SIP Governing Board (Geneva)		
28 January	1st meeting of the COP-6 Bureau (online)		
3-7 February	BRS Global chairs' trainings (2 three-day trainings within one week), Geneva		
3-8 February	CITES 78th meeting of the Standing Committee		
18-20 February	7 th meeting of the Implementation and Compliance Committee (Geneva)		
18-20 February	GEF-9 Technical Advisory Group Meeting, Washington		
24-28 February	CBD COP16.2		
4 March	2nd meeting of the COP-6 Bureau (online)		
Week 10-14 March	BRS EES regional meeting, Warsaw, Poland		
17-21 March	OESG meeting, Minamata, Japan		
Week 17-21 March	BRS Africa regional meeting, Lusaka, Zambia (TBC)		
Week 24-28 March	BRS GRULAC regional meeting, Mexico (TBC)		
2-4 April	BRS Asia Pacific regional meeting, China		
21Apr - 2May	Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues at its twenty-fourth session		
26 April	3rd meeting of the COP-6 Bureau (Geneva)		
28 April – 9 May	BRS COPs		
Week 5-9 May	GEF-9 replenishment meeting, Paris		
2-6 June	Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries on Plastic Pollution Treaty, Ecuador (TBC)		
2-6 June	GEF Council		
21-27 June	Open-ended Working Group (OEWG) and First Conference of the Global Framework for Chemicals, Nairobi		
7-11 July	47 th Meeting of the Montreal Protocol OEWG		
23-31 July	COP15 Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, Zimbabwe		
3-4 September	Briefings on COP-5 documents (online)		
8-12 September	COP-6 Regional preparatory meeting: Asia-Pacific		
15-19 September	COP-6 Regional preparatory meeting: Eastern European States		
22-26 September	COP-6 Regional preparatory meeting: Latin America and the Caribbean		
22-25 September	21 st meeting of the Chemical Review Committee of the Rotterdam Convention (CRC-21) TBC Rome		
29-30 September	22 nd meeting of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee of the Stockholm Convention (POPRC-21), Rome		
6-10 October	COP-6 Regional preparatory meeting: Africa		
3-7 November	COP-6		
2-7 November	Ozone MOP-37		
10-21 November	UNFCCC COP-30, Brazil		
24 November – 5 December	24Nov - 5Dec: CITES CoP20, Uzbekistan		
1-5 December	7 th meeting of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives (OECPR-7), Nairobi		
8-12 December	UNEA-7, Nairobi		
15-19 December	70 th GEF Council		

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