



## **Managing Mercury Trade: Experience from Parties with an ASGM sector**

6 June 2024

Club Balai Isabel, Taal Hall  
Talisay, Batangas, Philippines

### **PROGRAMME**

The Conference of the Parties, in decision MC-5/2, requested the Secretariat to support Parties in better understanding Article 3 trade provisions, their interrelation with other articles of the Convention, and the use of trade forms adopted by the Conference of the Parties, in particular with respect to imports from non-parties. Furthermore, it requested the Secretariat to develop guidance to assist Parties in identifying, managing, and reducing trade of mercury from primary mercury mining.

Article 3 of the Minamata Convention addresses sources of supply and trade in mercury, laying down measures on primary mercury mining, excess mercury from the decommissioning of chlor-alkali plants as well as on mercury export and import. Article 3 requires Parties to take measures to control trade of mercury with other Parties as well as with non-Parties.

The measures required reflect several key principles, namely:

- mercury to be traded must not be from sources not allowed under the Convention;
- the consent of the importing country, regardless of whether it is a Party or non-Party, must be obtained before an export; and
- trade with non-Parties is allowed, provided the non-Party can provide a certification that it has certain measures in place equivalent to those required of a Party.

With the artisanal and small-scale gold mining (ASGM) sector identified as a major mercury use sector by the United Nations Environment Programme's 2018 Global Mercury Assessment, the experience of participants to the planetGOLD Global Forum on artisanal and small-scale gold mining will be invaluable in contributing to these efforts.

The workshop entitled *Managing Mercury Trade: Experience from Parties with an ASGM sector*, has been organized by the Minamata Convention Secretariat with the following objectives:

- Facilitate knowledge sharing among the invited government officials and miner representatives attending the planetGOLD Forum on their experiences with mercury trade in their countries, including from primary mercury mining.
- Support participating governments in managing their mercury trade in accordance with the Minamata Convention and with their ASGM National Action Plans.
- Utilize information generated from the workshop as one of the sources of information in the development of guidance in identifying, managing, and reducing primary mercury mining, and in the development of other capacity-building activities with respect to mercury trade.

Workshop outcomes will contribute to the Secretariat's intersessional work including the development of guidance to assist Parties in identifying, managing, and reducing trade of mercury from primary mercury mining.

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Time	Topic	Speakers
8:30 - 9:00	Registration	
9:00 - 9:15	Opening Remarks	<p>Atty. Juan Miguel Cuna Undersecretary for Field Operations Department of Environment and Natural Resources Philippines</p> <p>Monika Stankiewicz, Executive Secretary Minamata Convention on Mercury</p> <p>Rodica Ivan, Industrial Development Officer United Nations Industrial Development Organization</p>
9:15 - 9:30	Introduction to trade-related obligations under Article 3	Lara Ognibene, Legal Officer Minamata Convention Secretariat
9:30 - 10:00	Panel Presentation	<p>Yunik Purwandari, Ministry of Environment and Forestry Republic of Indonesia</p> <p>Geri-Geronimo R. Sañez, Section Chief Department of Environment and Natural Resources Philippines</p> <p>Ramon Jimenez Galicia Project Manager, Latin America Trade United Nations Environment Programme</p>
10:00 - 10:15		Q&A
10:15 - 10:40		<p>Marcena Hunter, Director of Extractives Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime</p> <p>Jashaf Shamir Lorenzo BAN Toxics (Philippines)</p>
10:40 - 10:50		Q&A
10:50 - 11:00	Break	
11:00 - 11:45	Break out session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Africa</li> <li>Asia-Pacific</li> </ul>	Each regional group will have a facilitator and rapporteur: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TBD - Africa</li> <li>TBD - Asia-Pacific</li> </ul>
11:45 - 12:15	Report back from groups and Sharing of Experience and Recommendations	Each regional group will report back on questions discussed during the breakout sessions. Regional report back will be documented, and results shared with the group.
12:15 - 12:30	Closing Remarks	Monika Stankiewicz, Executive Secretary Minamata Convention on Mercury
12:30	END OF WORKSHOP	