



Specific International Programme - 2018 Round

Capacity Building Programme for the implementation of the Minamata Convention

PROJECT OBJECTIVE

The objective of the project is to improve the management framework of mercury-containing products and their wastes.

PROJECT SUMMARY

Argentina's Minamata Initial Assessment (MIA) has identified the country priorities and main challenges to implement the Minamata Convention. In terms of priorities, mercury added products (MAP) are at the top of the list as they remain part of daily life and industrial activities. The MIA also shed light on all the challenges regarding country capacity to implement the Minamata Convention. It is based on these findings that the project focuses its activities on the improvement of technical capacity at a national and subnational level and focuses on MAP.

The MIA also shed light on the fact that the sampling and monitoring capacity of mercury and mercury compounds in different matrices is low and national and sub-national governments lack capacity to identify and evaluate potentially contaminated sites and exposed populations. To respond to that, this project will develop and strengthen a laboratory network and its measuring capacities and will implement a mercury surveillance unit, among other activities, in order to tackle the lack of monitoring capacity at the national and sub-national level.

BUDGET



USD 250,000

Applicant contribution
USD 201,111

DURATION



15 June 2019 -
14 June 2021

RELEVANT ARTICLES



Article 4 - mercury-added products
Article 12 - contaminated sites
Article 18 - public information, awareness and education
Article 19 - research, development and monitoring

IMPLEMENTATION ENTITY



National Institute of Industrial Technology through the Basel Convention Regional Centre for Training and Technology for South America

PARTNERS



Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship
Ministry of Production

PROJECT RESULTS



MEASURE 1

Improve the capacity to implement obligations under Article 4 of the Minamata Convention



MEASURE 2

Enhance capacities for research and mercury surveillance, in accordance with article 12 and 19 of the Minamata Convention



MEASURE 3

Monitoring, evaluation and financial audit

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

In order to ensure the successful implementation of the project, an Executive Committee will be set up to assist and supervise it. It will consist of: the Directorate of Substances and Chemical Products, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development; the Basel Convention Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for South America (Argentina); and the Directorate of Environmental Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship. The Committee will be responsible for supporting the activities established in the project's work plan, looking into the availability of the required financial and technical resources, arbitrating in case of controversies and monitoring the progress of the project.

Simultaneously, to reach local environmental authorities the project will work jointly with the COFEMA (Federal Environmental Council) and other coordination organisms. At the national level, the project will work closely with the Inter-ministerial Working Group.

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RELEVANT SDGs



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