Restricting the International Mercury Trade: A Critical Measure for Protection of Indigenous Peoples’ Human Rights

THURSDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2023 | 13h00-14h00 CEST

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**DESCRIPTION**

The IPEN side-event will highlight the growing impacts on the human rights of indigenous populations, particularly in Latin America, from the ongoing trade in mercury for ASGM. The ASGM gold extraction industry is resulting in the destruction of indigenous lands, social impacts, contamination of the food chain and mercury health impacts on indigenous communities. These impacts underscore the need to amend the Minamata Convention to prohibit the global trade in mercury and end the allowable use of mercury in ASGM.

**SPEAKERS**

- **Jitka Strakova**  
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- **Yuyun Ismawati**  
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- **Marcos A. Orellana**  
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  International Pollutants Elimination Network (IPEN) Advisor on Mercury and POPs

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