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DESCRIPTION

Despite the Minamata Convention's ban on production and trade, hazardous mercury-added skin lightening products continue to be sold both in local markets and on the internet, posing significant health risks around the world for consumers and their households. During this session, Uganda, the Philippines, the Zero Mercury Working group (ZMWG) and a health expert from Pakistan will explain why additional measures banning advertising and sales are needed. ZMWG will also present the latest report, showing the magnitude of this global mercury crisis.

SPEAKERS

- **Charline Cheuvar**, Policy Officer for Mercury at the European Environmental Bureau/ZMWG
- **Anne Nakafeero**, National Focal Point for Minamata Convention on Mercury, National Environment Management Authority, Uganda
- **Michael Bender**, Co-coordinator of the Zero Mercury Working Group
- **Razia Safdar**, Health Policy Advisor, Lead Centre for Health Policy & Innovation, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Pakistan
- **Engr. Ana Trinidad F. Rivera**, Director IV, Center for Cosmetic and Household Urban Hazardous Substances Regulation and Research, FDA Philippines

