

Latin America and the Caribbean regional preparatory meeting for the fifth meeting of  
the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury  
5 and 6 October 2023  
Brasilia, Brazil

## **PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME**

The Latin America and the Caribbean **regional preparatory meeting** for the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury (COP-5) will be held **on 5 and 6 October 2023, from 9:00 to 18:00** (UTC -3), in Brasilia, Brazil. The meeting will be hosted by the Government of Brazil. The working languages of the meeting will be English and Spanish. The regional preparatory meeting is being organized thanks to the generous financial support provided by Switzerland and Sweden.

The objective of the regional preparatory meeting is to provide Parties in the Latin America and the Caribbean region the possibility to hear briefings, exchange views and consult each other on the agenda items of COP-5.

The preparatory meeting will be chaired by the COP-5 Bureau members from the Latin America and the Caribbean region, **Oswaldo Patricio Álvarez Pérez (Chile)** and **Cheryl Eugene-St.Romain (Saint Lucia)**, as well as the current GRULAC-Environment Coordinator, **Ana Elizabeth Valdés de Sperisen (Guatemala)**.

Organizations approved to participate as observers in the previous meetings of the COP have been invited to participate in the regional preparatory meeting. Upon request by Parties, the Co-chairs may decide to hold certain sessions without the presence of observers.

Participants are invited to consult relevant meeting documents of COP-5, which will be posted as they become available on the Convention's [website](#), in advance of the regional preparatory meeting.

The provisional programme for the regional preparatory meeting has been developed in consultation with the Bureau members and is presented below. The tentative schedule of COP-5 is presented in the annex to this document. Presentation of each of the matters under the agenda items will be followed by Q&A session and discussion, as appropriate, led by the Co-chairs.

The Secretariat is organizing **a meeting of Indigenous organizations of the Latin America and the Caribbean region** in preparation for the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention, which will be held in Brasilia, on **4 October 2023**, and will be hosted by the Government of Brazil. The meeting will focus on the use of mercury in artisanal and small-scale mining and processing, pursuant to decision MC-4/4. A briefing on the outcome of the meeting will be done on the first day of the regional preparatory meeting, including an opportunity for exchange among Indigenous Peoples' representatives and GRULAC delegates on the needs and priorities of Indigenous Peoples in the region.



THURSDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2023		
8:30 – 09.00	Registration	
Opening of the meeting		
9.00 – 9.45	Opening remarks from the Co-chairs, Host Country, and the Secretariat Adoption of the provisional agenda	Secretariat, Parties, observers
Item 1: Organization of work at COP-5		
9.45 – 10.00	Presentation of the tentative schedule of work, information on regional statements, credentials and other aspects of organization of work at COP-5.	Secretariat, Parties, observers
Item 2: Matters for consideration or action by COP-5		
10.00 – 10.40	<b>Matters related to COP-5 agenda item 4:</b> Mercury-added products and manufacturing processes in which mercury or mercury compounds are used: Amendment to Annexes A and B, and consideration of feasibility of mercury-free alternatives for manufacturing processes listed in Annex B <i>Presentation by the Secretariat will be followed by a presentation of the proposals for amendments to Annexes A by a representative from the African region</i>	Secretariat, Parties, observers
10.40 – 11.00	<b>Matters related to COP-5 agenda item 4:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mercury waste: consideration of the relevant thresholds</li> </ul>	Secretariat, Parties, observers
Break		
11:20 – 11:50	<b>Matters related to COP-5 agenda item 4:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Artisanal and small-scale gold mining</li> </ul>	Secretariat, Parties, observers, selected participants of the meeting on 4 October
11.50 – 12.45	<b>Briefing and dialogue session on the needs and priorities of Indigenous Peoples and local communities regarding the use of mercury in ASGM</b>	Secretariat, Parties, observers, selected participants of the meeting on 4 October
Lunch break		
14.00 – 14.30	<b>Matters related to COP-5 agenda item 4:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National reporting</li> <li>Implementation and Compliance Committee</li> <li>Mercury supply sources and trade</li> </ul>	Secretariat, Parties, observers
14:30 – 15.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gender</li> <li>Knowledge management</li> <li>Mercury and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework</li> <li>Rules of procedure</li> <li>Financial rules</li> <li>Venue and dates for COP-6</li> </ul>	Secretariat, Parties, observers



<i>Break</i>		
15.30 – 18.00	Break-out session among Parties for regional consultations	Parties only
END OF DAY 1		
FRIDAY, 6 OCTOBER 2023		
9.00 – 09.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summary of day 1 and introduction to day 2</li> </ul>	Co-chairs and the Secretariat
Item 2: Matters for consideration or action by COP-5 (continued)		
9:15 – 9:30	<b>Matters related to COP-5 agenda item 4 (cont.):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emissions</li> <li>Releases of mercury</li> </ul>	Secretariat, Parties, observers
9.30 – 09.45	<b>Matters related to COP-5 agenda item 2(c):</b> Election of officers	Secretariat, Parties, observers
9.45 – 10.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Financial resources and mechanism</li> <li>Capacity building, technical assistance and technology transfer</li> </ul>	Secretariat, Parties, observers
10:15 – 10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Effectiveness evaluation</li> </ul>	Secretariat, Parties, observers
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Matters related to COP-5 agenda item 6:</b> Programme of work and budget Information on the status of contributions by Parties to the general trust fund of the Minamata Convention	Secretariat, Parties, observers
<i>Break</i>		
11:20 – 12:00	<b>Matters related to COP-5 agenda item 5:</b> International cooperation and coordination Updates from the Chemicals and Waste Cluster, including the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions	Secretariat, Parties, observers
Item 3: Logistic preparations for COP-5		
12:00 – 12:15	Status of registration, travel of sponsored delegates, information on online side events, knowledge labs, exhibitions and other events.	Secretariat, Parties, observers
<i>Lunch break</i>		
Item 4: Closed session among Parties for regional consultations		
14:00 – 17.45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Election of officers</li> <li>Preparation of regional statements</li> </ul>	Parties to the Conventions only
Item 5: Closure of the meeting		
17:45 – 18.00	Conclusions and closure of the meeting	Secretariat, Parties, observers



## Annex I – Tentative schedule for COP-5

COP-5	Monday, 30 October 2023	Tuesday, 31 October 2023	Wednesday, 1 November 2023	Thursday, 2 November 2023	Friday, 3 November 2023
<p><b>10:00-13:00</b></p> <p><b>Morning Session</b></p>	<p><b>Item 1: Opening of the meeting</b></p> <p><b>Item 2: Organizational matters</b>            (a) Adoption of the agenda            (b) Organization of work            (c) Election of officers for the intersessional period and the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties            (d) Report on the credentials of representatives to the fifth meeting</p> <p><b>Item 3: Rules of procedure for the Conference of the Parties: consideration of rule 45</b></p> <p><b>Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties</b>            (l) Financial Rules</p> <p><b>Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties:</b>            (b) Mercury-added products and manufacturing processes in which mercury or mercury compounds are used: Amendment to Annexes A and B, and consideration of feasibility of mercury-free alternatives for manufacturing processes listed in Annex B</p>	<p><i>Report(s) of contact group(s)</i></p> <p><b>Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties</b>            (j) National reporting            (i) Implementation and Compliance Committee            (a) Mercury supply sources and trade</p> <p><b>Item 6: Programme of work and budget</b></p>	<p><i>Consideration of outcomes, reports of contact groups</i></p> <p><b>Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties</b>            (m) Gender            (n) Knowledge management            (o) Mercury and Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework</p> <p><b>Item 5: International cooperation and coordination</b></p>	<p><i>Consideration of outcomes, adoption of report on credentials and adoption of decisions</i></p> <p><b>Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties (cont.)</b></p>	<p><i>Consideration of remaining outcomes and adoption of remaining decisions</i></p> <p><b>Item 6: Programme of work and budget (cont.)</b>  <i>Adoption of the budget decision</i></p> <p><b>Item 7: Venue and dates of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties</b></p> <p><b>Item 8: Other matters</b></p>
<p><b>13:00-15:00</b></p>	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
<p><b>15:00-18:00</b></p> <p><b>Afternoon Session</b></p>	<p><b>Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties</b>            (g) Financial resources and mechanism            (i) Global Environment Facility            (ii) Specific International Programme to Support Capacity-Building and Technical Assistance            (iii) Review of the financial mechanism            (h) Capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer            (c) Artisanal and small-scale gold mining</p>	<p><b>Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties</b>            (d) Emissions of mercury            (e) Releases of mercury            (f) Mercury waste: consideration of the relevant thresholds            (k) Effectiveness evaluation</p>	<p><i>Consideration of outcomes</i></p> <p><b>Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties (cont.)</b></p>	<p><i>Consideration of outcomes, and adoption of remaining decisions</i></p>	<p><b>Item 9:</b> Adoption of the report of the meeting</p> <p><b>Item 10:</b> Closure of the meeting</p>

