

African regional preparatory meeting for the second segment of the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury
Online, 8 February 2022

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

The Africa regional preparatory meeting for the second segment of the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury (COP-4.2) will be held online on **8 February 2022, from 11.00 to 15.30 Geneva time (CET)**. The working languages of the meeting will be English and French. The online regional preparatory meeting is being organized thanks to the generous financial support provided by the Government of Switzerland.

The objective of the online regional preparatory meeting is to give parties in the region the possibility to hear briefings, exchange views and consult each other on the items of the COP-4 agenda to be considered during COP-4.2, which will be held from 21 to 25 March 2022 in Bali, Indonesia.

COP-4.2 is expected to consider and/or resume consideration of all items on the agenda of COP-4. The meeting report of the online segment of COP-4, held on 1-5 November 2021, is available on the Convention's webpage. Matters for consideration during COP-4.2 are set out in part II of Annex I of the annotated agenda of COP-4 (UNEP/MC/COP.4/1/Add.1).

Participants are invited to consult relevant meeting documents of COP-4, available on the Convention's website, in advance of the online regional preparatory meeting.

The meeting will be co-chaired by the members who represent the region at the COP-4 Bureau, Mr. Roger Baro (Burkina Faso) and Ms. Oarabile Serumola (Botswana).

The programme for the online regional preparatory meeting has been developed, in consultation with the respective Bureau members, to reflect the schedule for COP-4.2 (annexed to this document) and is presented below.

Tentative programme for the online regional preparatory meeting, Geneva time (CET)		
11.00 – 11.15	Opening Overview of the programme of the regional meeting	Opening remarks from the co-chairs, COP-4 Presidency and the secretariat
Item 1. Introduction to the second segment of COP-4		
11.15 - 11.30	COP-4 Item 2: Organizational matters (b) Organization of work	Presentation by the secretariat, followed by Q&A
Item 2. Substantive items of the agenda of COP-4.2		
11.30 - 12.00	COP-4 Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties: (a) Mercury-added products and manufacturing processes in which mercury or mercury compounds are used: (i) Review of annexes A and B; (ii) Information on dental amalgam; (iv) Proposals for amendments to annexes A and B	Presentation by the secretariat, followed by updates on the Africa Proposal and Q&A

12.00 - 12.15	COP-4 Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties (i) Effectiveness evaluation	Presentation by the secretariat, followed by Q&A
12.15 - 12.40	COP-4 Item 4: Matters for consideration and/or action by the Conference of the Parties (h) National reporting (g) Implementation and Compliance Committee	Presentation by the secretariat, followed by Q&A
12.40 - 13.00	COP-4 Item 4: Matters for consideration and/or action by the Conference of the Parties (e) 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	Presentation by the secretariat, followed by Q&A
<i>Break</i>		
13.30 - 14.00	COP-4 Item 4: Matters for consideration and/or action by the Conference of the Parties (a) (iii) Customs codes; (b) Artisanal and small-scale gold mining (c) Releases of mercury (d) Mercury waste: consideration of the relevant thresholds	Presentation by the secretariat, followed by Q&A
14:00 - 14:30	COP-4 Item 4: Matters for consideration and/or action by the Conference of the Parties (f) Capacity-building and technical assistance and technology transfer (j) Secretariat (l) Gender COP-4 Item 5: International cooperation and coordination Item 3 (Rules of Procedure) and Item 4(k) (Financial Rules)	Presentation by the secretariat, followed by Q&A
14:30 - 14:40	COP-4 Item 2: Organizational matters (c) Election of Officers for the intersessional period and the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (d) Report on the credentials of representatives to the fourth meeting	Presentation by the secretariat, followed by Q&A
14:40 - 15:00	Bali declaration	Presentation by Indonesia, followed by Q&A
15:00 - 15:20	COP-4 Item 6: Programme of work and budget	Presentation by the secretariat followed by Q&A
15:20 - 15:30	Conclusions and closure of the meeting	Closing remarks from the co-chairs

Annex: COP-4.2 Overview and schedule

COP-4.2 Overview

Time	Saturday, 19 March	Sunday, 20 March	Monday, 21 March	Tuesday, 22 March	Wednesday, 23 March	Thursday, 24 March	Friday, 25 March
8:00-8:45				Bureau meeting	Bureau meeting	Bureau meeting	Bureau meeting
9:00-9:45			Regional meetings	Regional meetings	Regional meetings	Regional meetings	Regional meetings
10:00 - 13:00 Morning Session	Bureau Meeting	Regional Meetings	COP-4.2 Plenary	COP-4.2 Plenary	COP-4.2 Plenary	COP-4.2 Plenary	COP-4.2 Plenary
13:00-15:00	Break	COP-4 Secretariat Briefing	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
15:00-18:00 Afternoon Session	Regional Meetings	Regional Meetings	COP-4.2 Plenary	COP-4.2 Plenary	COP-4.2 Plenary	COP-4.2 Plenary	COP-4.2 Plenary
18:00 to 19:00			Break	Break	Break	Break	-----
19:00-22:00 Evening Session							-----

Schedule of agenda items as to be taken up in the plenary sessions

COP-4.2	Monday, 21 March 2022	Tuesday, 22 March 2022	Wednesday, 23 March 2022	Thursday, 24 March 2022	Friday, 25 March 2022
<p>10:00 - 13:00</p> <p>Morning Session</p>	<p>Item 1: Opening of the meeting</p> <p>Item 2: Organizational matters (b) Organization of work (c) Election of Officers for the intersessional period and the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (d) Report on the credentials of representatives to the fourth meeting</p> <p>Item 3: Rules of procedure for the Conference of the Parties: consideration of rule 45</p> <p>Item 4: Matters for consideration and/or action by the Conference of the Parties (k) Financial Rules</p> <p>Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties: (a) Mercury-added products and manufacturing processes in which mercury or mercury compounds are used: (i) Review of annexes A and B; (ii) Information on dental amalgam; (iv) Proposals for amendments to annexes A and B;</p>	<p><i>Reports of contact groups</i></p> <p>Item 4: Matters for consideration and/or action by the Conference of the Parties (h) National reporting (g) Implementation and Compliance Committee</p> <p>Item 4: Matters for consideration and/or action by the Conference of the Parties (e) 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</p>	<p><i>Consideration of outcomes</i></p> <p>Item 4: Matters for consideration and/or action by the Conference of the Parties (cont.)</p> <p>Item 6: Programme of work and budget</p>	<p><i>Consideration of outcomes, adoption of report on credentials and adoption of remaining decisions</i></p> <p>Item 4: Matters for consideration and/or action by the Conference of the Parties (f) Capacity-building and technical assistance and technology transfer (j) Secretariat (l) Gender</p> <p>Item 5: International cooperation and coordination</p>	<p><i>Consideration of remaining outcomes and draft decisions</i></p> <p>Item 6: Programme of work and budget (cont.) <i>Adoption of the budget decision</i></p> <p>Item 7: Venue and dates of the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties</p> <p>Item 8: Other matters</p>

Schedule of agenda items as to be taken up in the plenary sessions (cont.)

<p>15:00-18:00 Afternoon Session</p>	<p>Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties (i) Effectiveness evaluation</p>	<p>Item 4: Matters for consideration and/or action by the Conference of the Parties (a) (iii) Customs codes; (b) Artisanal and small-scale gold mining (c) Releases of mercury (d) Mercury waste: consideration of the relevant thresholds</p>		<p><i>Consideration of outcomes, adoption of report on credentials and adoption of remaining decisions</i></p>	<p>Item 9: Adoption of the report of the meeting Item 10: Closure of the meeting</p>
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