

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Eastern European States regional preparatory meeting for the fifth meeting of the
Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury
18 and 19 September 2023
Yerevan, Armenia

The Eastern European States 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 18 and 19 September 2023, from 9:30 to 17:00 (UTC +4), in Yerevan, Armenia. The meeting will be hosted by the Government of Armenia. The working language of the meeting will be English. 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 Eastern European 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 COP-5 Bureau members from the Eastern Europe States region: Claudia-Sorina Dumitru, President of COP-5 (Romania) and Anahit Aleksandryan (Armenia).

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 a Q&A session and discussion, as appropriate, led by the Co-chairs.



MONDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2023

9:30 – 10.00	REGISTRATION
OPENING OF THE MEETING	
10.00 – 10.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening remarks from the Co-chairs, host country and the Secretariat • Adoption of the provisional agenda and overview of the programme of the regional meeting
Item 1: Organization of work at COP-5	
10.15 - 10.45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the tentative schedule of work, information on regional statements, credentials and other aspects of participation and organization of work at COP-5 • Status of registration, travel of sponsored delegates, information on online events, knowledge labs, exhibitions and other events
Item 2: Matters for consideration or action by COP-5	
10:45 – 11:00	Matters related to COP-5 agenda item 2(c): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election of officers
COFFEE BREAK	
11:30 – 12:15	Matters related to COP-5 agenda item 4: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Phase-out deadlines which COP-4 decided to consider at COP-5 ○ Matters related to Annex B ○ The proposals for amendment of Annex A
LUNCH BREAK	
13.30 - 14.15	Matters related to COP-5 agenda item 4: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emissions of mercury • Releases of mercury • Mercury waste: consideration of the relevant thresholds • Effectiveness evaluation
14:15 – 15:00	Matters related to COP-5 agenda item 4: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National reporting • Implementation and Compliance Committee • Mercury supply sources and trade
COFFEE BREAK	
15:30 – 16:45	Break out group/discussion
16:45 – 17:00	Wrap-up of DAY 1
END OF DAY1	



TUESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2023

Item 2: Matters for consideration or action by COP-5 (continued)	
9:30 – 10:15	Matters related to COP-5 agenda item 4 (continued): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Financial resources and mechanism• Capacity building, technical assistance and technology transfer• Artisanal and small-scale gold mining
10:15 – 10:45	Matters related to COP-5 agenda item 6: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Programme of work and budget• Information on the status of contributions by Parties to the general trust fund of the Minamata Convention• Financial rules of the COP
<i>COFFEE BREAK</i>	
11:30 – 12:00	Matters related to COP-5 agenda item 4: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gender• Knowledge management• Mercury and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework
<i>LUNCH BREAK</i>	
13:30 – 14:15	Matters related to COP-5 agenda item 5: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• International cooperation and coordination• Updates from the Chemicals and Waste Cluster, including the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions
Item 3: Closed session for preparation of regional position	
14:15 – 14:45	Election of officers (discussion by Parties only)
<i>COFFEE BREAK</i>	
15:15 - 16:15	Preparation of the regional statement (discussion by Parties only)
Item 4: Any other business	
16:15 -16:45	Any other business
Item 5. Closure of the meeting	
16.45 – 17.00	Conclusions and closure of the meeting
END OF THE REGIONAL PREPARATORY MEETING	



Annex – 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
10:00-13:00 Morning Session	Item 1: Opening of the meeting Item 2: Organizational matters (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 Item 3: Rules of procedure for the Conference of the Parties: consideration of rule 45 Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties (l) Financial Rules Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties: (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>Report(s) of contact group(s)</i> Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties (j) National reporting (i) Implementation and Compliance Committee (a) Mercury supply sources and trade Item 6: Programme of work and budget	<i>Consideration of outcomes, reports of contact groups</i> Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties (m) Gender (n) Knowledge management (o) Mercury and Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework Item 5: International cooperation and coordination	<i>Consideration of outcomes, adoption of report on credentials and adoption of decisions</i> Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties (cont.)	<i>Consideration of remaining outcomes and adoption of remaining decisions</i> Item 6: Programme of work and budget (cont.) <i>Adoption of the budget decision</i> Item 7: Venue and dates of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties Item 8: Other matters
13:00-15:00	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
15:00-18:00 Afternoon Session	Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties (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	Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties (d) Emissions of mercury (e) Releases of mercury (f) Mercury waste: consideration of the relevant thresholds (k) Effectiveness evaluation	<i>Consideration of outcomes</i> Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties (cont.)	<i>Consideration of outcomes, and adoption of remaining decisions</i>	Item 9: Adoption of the report of the meeting Item 10: Closure of the meeting