Strengthening the legal framework and institutional capacities of ECOWAS countries (Senegal, Togo and Burkina Faso) for the implementation of Articles 3 and 4 of the Minamata Convention

**PROJECT OBJECTIVE**

To strengthen legal and institutional capacity at the regional and national levels to implement the provisions of Article 3, on mercury supply sources and trade, and Article 4, on mercury-added products, of the Minamata Convention

**PROJECT SUMMARY**

The project builds on the findings of the Minamata Initial Assessments (MIAs) and National Action Plans (NAPs) undertaken by Senegal, Togo and Burkina Faso, which indicate the need for strengthening legal frameworks and institutional capacities for managing the trade of elemental mercury and mercury-added products. Senegal, Togo and Burkina Faso will work together with the Basel and Stockholm Convention Regional Center and relevant West African regional economic integration organizations to advance implementation of Articles 3 and 4 of the Minamata Convention through development of strategic approaches at the national and regional levels and a standard model for mercury and mercury-added products trade regulation for official adoption by each of the three Parties.

**BUDGET**

USD 248,632

**DURATION**

14 July 2022 - 13 July 2025 (36 months)

**RELEVANT ARTICLES**

- Article 3 - Mercury Supply Sources and Trade
- Article 4 - Mercury Added Products
- Article 17 - Information Exchange
- Article 18 - Public Information, Awareness and Education

**PARTNERS**

Ministry of Environment, Sustainable Development and Nature Protection of Togo; Ministry of Environment, Green Economy and Climate Change of Burkina Faso; Regional Center of the Basel and Stockholm Conventions for French-speaking Countries of Africa (CRCBS-AF)

**PROJECT RESULTS**

**OUTPUT 1**
Regional coordination and exchange framework and monitoring and evaluation mechanism established and operationalized

**OUTPUT 2**
Standard model regulations on trade in elemental mercury and mercury-added products developed

**OUTPUT 3**
The control system of elemental mercury flows and mercury-added products trade strengthened

**OUTPUT 4**
Actors involved in monitoring and control of trade in elemental mercury and mercury-added products trained (including economic operators, customs officers and other authorities, technical services, professional actors, NGOs)

**OUTPUT 5**
Stakeholders sensitized on the risks associated with elemental mercury and mercury-added products

**PROJECT MANAGEMENT**

Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development of Senegal, Direction of Environment and Classified Establishments

**RELEVANT SDGs**

3 Good Health and Well-Being
5 Gender Equality
11 Sustainable Cities and Communities
12 Responsible Consumption and Production
14 Life on Land and Water

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