



Mercury Waste Management Related Activities by UNEP Chemicals

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Coverage

- Negotiation for legally binding instrument ("UNEP mercury negotiation team");
- UNEP mercury waste partnership activities (part of UNEP's Gobal Mercury partnership activities; "UNEP mercury and metals team");
- Progress report on UNEP's mercury waste project





Mercury Negotiations

- At its 25th session, the Governing Council agreed to elaborate a legally binding instrument on mercury (decision 25/5);
- UNEP to convene an intergovernmental negotiating committee (INC) with the mandate to prepare the legally binding instrument, commencing its work in 2010;
- 1st INC Stockholm, Sweden, 7-11 June 2010;
- In preparation, a preparatory meeting was held in Bangkok from 19 to 23 October 2009;
- Regional meetings were held/are being held.
- Previously, two ad-hoc Open Ended Working Group meetings to address the global issue of mercury were held:
 - Bangkok, Thailand, November 2007
 - Nairobi, Kenya, 6 to 10 October 2008





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- 7-11 June 2010, Stockholm, Upplands Väsby at Scandic Infra City
 - http://www.respoint.se/itp/event/inc1/9475;
- Invitation letters and nomination forms have been sent out to official contact points;
- Options for regional consultations on Sunday, 6 June 2010;
- UNEP Chemicals to organize an information session on Sunday morning, 6 June 2010;
- WebSite established at <u>http://www.chem.unep.ch/mercury/INC/INC1/INC1 homepage</u>
 .htm





Background

- The Global UNEP Chemicals project on mercury waste management and the regional SBC projects on mercury waste management were jointly developed and will be implemented in close cooperation and consultation between Chemicals Branch and SBC;
- They contribute to the priority area on "harmful substances and hazardous waste" under UNEP's medium-term strategy (MTS).





Mercury Waste Management Partnership

- UNEP Global Mercury Partnership established the waste management partnership area;
- Lead country: Japan Mr. Takeshi Sekiya;
- Objectives:
 Minimize and, where feasible, eliminate unintentional mercury releases to air, water, and land from waste containing mercury and mercury compounds by following a lifecycle management approach;
- Partnership provides the framework for UNEP's global project on "Management of mercury and mercury-containing waste";
- Business Plan for Mercury Waste Partnership developed at 1st face-to-face partnership meeting (13 March 2009).



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http://www.chem.unep.ch/mercury/Sector-Specific-Information/Waste_management.htm

Waste management

The objective of this waste partnership is:

 Minimize and, where feasible, eliminate unintentional mercury releases to air, water, and land from mercury waste* by following a lifecycle management approach.

Activities within the partnership area and other useful information

Business plan

^{* &}quot;mercury waste" refers to obsolete mercury, waste containing or contaminated with mercury





Waste Management Project

ed by Government of Norway (NF 10) 8-06/2010; Budget: USD 499,000

he technical capacity to manage mercury waste in entally sound manner;

to the further development of the Draft Basel idelines (⇒ OEWG, May 2010)

veloping countries:

o, Cambodia, Pakistan, Philippines (NF), and Chile

in Latin America by SBC (Argentina, Costa Rica, BC presentation).