



## WORKSHOP PROCEEDINGS

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### SOUTH EAST ASIAN SUB-REGIONAL WORKSHOP IN SUPPORT FOR THE RATIFICATION AND EARLY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MINAMATA CONVENTION ON MERCURY 19 TO 21 MARCH 2014 – KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA

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1. The first workshop in support for the ratification and early implementation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury was held from 19 to 21 March 2014 at the Grand Millennium Hotel in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The workshop preceded the fourth Asia-Pacific regional meeting on the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) and related consultations held from 23 to 27 March 2014 in Kuala Lumpur at the same venue. Convened by the Interim Secretariat of the Minamata Convention thanks to the generous support from the Government of China, this workshop gathered representatives from eleven South East Asian countries, IGOs and NGOs active in the sub-region.
2. The workshop was attended by 56 participants, including 39 Government representatives, 10 representatives from intergovernmental organizations and 7 from non-governmental organizations. The following countries were represented in the workshop: Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor Leste and Viet Nam. The Government of Japan attended the workshop as observer. The full list of participants is available in annex 2.
3. The objectives of the workshop were to further enhance participants' knowledge of the Minamata Convention and the processes for its signature, ratification and early implementation. It also aimed at providing participants with information on the available sources of support and at creating opportunities for exchange and action at the sub-regional level. By the end of the workshop, each participating country had prepared a draft national roadmap for the ratification and early implementation of the Convention. The programme of the workshop is available in annex 1. Additional information, including UNEP presentations for download, will be available at [www.mercuryconvention.org](http://www.mercuryconvention.org).

#### Background information:

*In its resolution on arrangements in the interim period, the Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Minamata Convention on Mercury held from 10 to 11 October 2013 in Kumamoto, Japan called upon States and regional economic integration organizations to take, as soon as possible, the domestic measures necessary to enable them to meet their obligations upon ratification and thereafter to ratify, accept, approve or accede to the Convention with a view to its entry into force as soon as possible. The Conference further requested the Executive Director of UNEP to facilitate activities at regional and country level to support implementation during the interim period in an effective and efficient manner. In response to this request, UNEP is conducting a series of workshops in the interim period until the Convention enters into force to assist countries in their process towards ratification and early implementation of their obligations under the Convention.*



## ANNEX 1 – WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

### Wednesday, 19 March 2014

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| <b>8.30 a.m.</b>   | <b>REGISTRATION</b>   |
| <b>Item 1. Opening of the workshop and introduction</b>  |   |
| 9.00 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.  | Opening remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Representative of UNEP</li> <li>➤ Representative of the Government of China</li> <li>➤ Representative of the Government of Malaysia</li> </ul>  |
| 9.30 a.m. – 10.15 a.m.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Workshop objectives, expected outcomes and organization of work</li> <li>➤ Tour de table - Introduction of participants, identified needs and expectations</li> </ul>  |
| <b>10.15 a.m.</b>  | <b>COFFEE BREAK</b>   |
| <b>Item 2. Overview of the Minamata Convention</b>   |   |
| 10.45 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Overview of the negotiations process and upcoming INC related activities (UNEP)</li> <li>➤ Overview of the Convention and its key concepts (UNEP)</li> <li>➤ <i>Questions &amp; Answers</i></li> </ul>   |
| 11.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Break out groups – focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Identified key priorities at the national level</li> <li>○ Pros and cons of becoming a Party</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |
| <b>12.30 p.m.</b>  | <b>LUNCH BREAK</b>  |
| <b>Item 2. Overview of the Minamata Convention (continued)</b>   |   |
| 1.30 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Report back from break out groups discussion and summary of main conclusions</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Item 3. Implementation of the Minamata Convention</b>   |   |
| <b>Item 3.1 Implementation of the Minamata Convention – Emissions and releases</b>                       |   |
| 2.00 p.m. – 2.45 p.m.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Key provisions of the Convention on emissions and releases (UNEP)</li> <li>➤ Introduction to the UNEP mercury toolkit (UNEP)</li> <li>➤ Mercury emissions and releases in South East Asia – overview from available data<sup>1</sup> (UNEP)</li> <li>➤ <i>Questions &amp; Answers</i></li> </ul> |
| 2.45 p.m. – 3.15 p.m.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Presentation on emissions and releases control measures (China)</li> <li>➤ Presentation on mercury inventory (Cambodia)</li> <li>➤ <i>Questions &amp; Answers</i></li> </ul>   |
| <b>3.15 p.m.</b>   | <b>COFFEE BREAK</b>   |
| <b>Item 3.2 Implementation of the Minamata Convention - Artisanal and small-scale gold mining (ASGM)</b> |   |
| 3.45 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Key provisions of the Convention on artisanal and small-scale gold mining (UNEP)</li> <li>➤ <i>Questions &amp; Answers</i></li> </ul>  |
| 4.00 p.m.– 4.30 p.m.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Presentation on the development of a national strategic plan for ASGM (Philippines)</li> <li>➤ Presentation on technical alternatives to mercury in ASGM (UNIDO)</li> <li>➤ <i>Questions &amp; Answers</i></li> </ul>  |
| 4.30 p.m.– 5.30 p.m.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Break out groups – focus on Items 3.1 and 3.2</li> </ul>   |
| 5.30 p.m.– 6.00 p.m.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Report back from break out groups discussion and summary of main conclusions</li> </ul>  |
| <b>6.00 p.m.</b>   | <b>END OF DAY 1</b>   |
| <b>6.30 p.m.</b>   | <b>RECEPTION</b>  |

<sup>1</sup> Global Mercury Assessment 2013


**Thursday, 20 March 2014**

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| <b>9.00 a.m.</b>   | <b>START</b>   |
| 9.00 a.m. – 9.15 a.m.  | ➤ Recap from Day 1 discussions   |
| <b>Item 3.3 Implementation of the Minamata Convention - Supply, trade and storage</b>    |  |
| 9.15 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.  | ➤ Key provisions of the Convention on supply, trade and storage (UNEP)<br>➤ <i>Questions &amp; Answers</i>   |
| 9.30 a.m.– 10.00 a.m.  | ➤ Presentation on storage of mercury as well as national consideration on the management of chlor-alkali plant using mercury (Indonesia)<br>➤ Presentation on import and export of mercury in Singapore (Singapore)<br>➤ <i>Questions &amp; Answers</i>  |
| <b>Item 3.4 Implementation of the Minamata Convention - Waste and contaminated sites</b> |  |
| 10.00 a.m.– 10.15 a.m.   | ➤ Key provisions of the Convention on waste and contaminated sites (UNEP)<br>➤ <i>Questions &amp; Answers</i>  |
| 10.15 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.  | ➤ Presentation on separate collection of mercury wastes (Thailand)<br>➤ Presentation on management of contaminated sites (China)<br>➤ <i>Questions &amp; Answers</i>   |
| <b>10.45 a.m.</b>  | <b>COFFEE BREAK</b>  |
| <b>Item 3.5 Implementation of the Minamata Convention - Products and processes</b>       |  |
| 11.00 a.m. – 11.15 a.m.  | ➤ Key provisions of the Convention on products and processes (UNEP)<br>➤ <i>Questions &amp; Answers</i>  |
| 11.15 a.m. – 11.45 a.m.  | ➤ Presentation on mercury phase out in the healthcare sector (WHO)<br>➤ Presentation on phase out and phase down of mercury-added products and manufacturing processes in which mercury or mercury compounds are used (China)<br>➤ <i>Questions &amp; Answers</i>  |
| 11.45 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.   | ➤ Break out groups – focus on items 3.3, 3.4 and 3.5   |
| <b>1.00 p.m.</b>   | <b>LUNCH BREAK</b>   |
| <b>Item 3. Implementation of the Minamata Convention (continued)</b>                     |  |
| 2.00 p.m. – 2.45 p.m.  | ➤ Report back from break out groups discussion and summary of main conclusions   |
| <b>Item 4 Getting ready for ratification and early implementation</b>                    |  |
| 2.45 p.m.– 3.30 p.m.   | ➤ Steps and technical modalities to follow for the deposit of the instrument of ratification and signature (UNEP)<br>➤ <i>Questions &amp; Answers</i>  |
| 3.30 p.m. – 4.45 p.m.  | ➤ Presentation on stakeholders identification and involvement<br>➤ Presentation on how to address the general public and particular audiences<br>➤ <i>Questions &amp; Answers</i>  |
| <b>4.45 p.m.</b>   | <b>COFFEE BREAK</b>  |
| 5.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.  | ➤ Break out groups – focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Development of some general steps and priorities for the ratification and early implementation of the Convention</li> <li>○ Development by each country of its draft national roadmap for the ratification and early implementation of the Convention</li> </ul> |
| <b>6.00 p.m.</b>   | <b>END OF DAY 2</b>  |


**Friday, 21 March 2014**

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| <b>8.30 a.m.</b>  | <b>START</b>  |
| <b>Item 5. Mobilizing resources for the implementation</b>                    |   |
| 8.30 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Presentation on the sources of funding and timelines and on UNEP's support for the ratification, including activities under the Global Mercury Partnership (UNEP)</li> <li>➤ Presentation on GEF support in the interim period (GEF Secretariat)</li> <li>➤ Presentation on regional activities relating to mercury and MEAs enforcement (UNEP)</li> <li>➤ Interventions by other stakeholders on available support (Government of Japan, UNDP, UNEP, UNIDO, UNITAR, WHO, IPEN, ZMWG)</li> <li>➤ <i>Questions &amp; Answers</i></li> </ul> |
| <b>10.00 a.m.</b>   | <b>COFFEE BREAK</b>   |
| 10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Break out groups continued – focus on draft national roadmap</li> </ul>  |
| <b>12.30 p.m.</b>   | <b>LUNCH BREAK</b>  |
| <b>Item 6. Draft national roadmaps prepared by each participating country</b> |   |
| 1.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Presentation by each country of its draft national roadmap</li> <li>➤ <i>Questions &amp; Answers</i></li> </ul>  |
| <b>4.30 p.m.</b>  | <b>COFFEE BREAK</b>   |
| <b>Item 7. Opportunities for information exchange and cooperation</b>         |   |
| 4.45 p.m. – 5.15 p.m.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Tour de table on opportunities for future needs and cooperation</li> <li>➤ <i>Questions &amp; Answers</i></li> </ul>   |
| <b>Item 8. Closure of the workshop</b>  |   |
| 5.15 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Evaluation of the workshop</li> <li>➤ Final remarks</li> </ul>   |
| <b>6.00 p.m.</b>  | <b>END OF THE WORKSHOP</b>  |



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