

**ADAPTATION OF THE BRS REPORTING TEMPLATE AS PART OF THE  
COLLECTION OF INFORMATION UNDER DECISION MC-1/21**

Information on the work of Regional Centres in delivering capacity-building and technical assistance to support parties in implementing their obligations under the Minamata Convention was requested, inter alia, by the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention in its First meeting in 2017 through decision MC-1/21.

The Minamata Convention Secretariat has adapted the “template for reporting requirements and the performance evaluation of regional centres under the Basel and Stockholm Conventions.” This adapted template is being circulated to Regional Centres as part of the collection of information under such decision.

Regional Centres are requested to kindly update this template by **Tuesday, 13 November 2018** for the reporting period between 01/01/2017 and 31/12/2018. Should the Regional Centre wish to include activities from 2016 or earlier, this should be clearly indicated in the submission.

**PART 1: THE ACTIVITY REPORTS**

Name of the Regional Centre submitting the report	Basel and Stockholm Conventions Regional Centre for French speaking countries in Africa based in Dakar/Senegal, (BSCRC-FA)	
Name of the person submitting the report	Ms Rokhaya Ndiaye DIOP	
Date of submission:	9/11/2018	
Reporting period	From: 09/07/2014	To: 24/10/2018

**List of the capacity building projects/activities undertaken (completed and/or ongoing)**

Activity/Project No.	Name of the project/activity	Planned for the Year	Implemented in the Year
<b>Workshop / Project N°: MC/4030-09-04-2201</b>	Sub-Regional Workshops For Francophone African Countries On The Ratification And Implementation Of The Minamata Convention On Mercury		2014
<b>Working Session / Project N°: 201-SVL-8248-2881-2644-2282</b>	African Region Working Session to Support The Ratification Effective And Implementation Of The Minamata Convention On Mercury		2017
<b>Multilateral environmental Agreements (MEAs) Project Africa Hub</b>	Annual workshop of Focal Point on Synergetic Implementation of MEAs Chemical Cluster and Best Practices		2018

<b>African Union Commission/ Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture</b>			
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(Add more rows if you have more projects/activities to the list)

**List of the technology transfer activities undertaken and  
or facilitated by the centre (completed and/or ongoing)<sup>1</sup>**

Activity ID if any	Name of the technology transfer activity	Planned for the Year	Implemented in the Year
Assist Countries in their Process Towards Ratification and Early Implementation of their Obligations Under the Convention.	<p>Technical assistance to process of Ratification and Implementation of Minamata Convention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Training on initial guidelines for enabling activities (see <a href="http://www.thegef.org/gef/node/10366">http://www.thegef.org/gef/node/10366</a>)</li> <li>- Training on the elaboration of National Action Plans (NAPs) for artisanal gold mining (ASGM), under the GEF-6 called "Strategy for Chemicals and Waste" (Cf. <a href="http://www.thegef.org/gef/replenishment_docs/1043/40">http://www.thegef.org/gef/replenishment_docs/1043/40</a>)</li> <li>- UNEP Inventory Tool and Toolkit Training</li> <li>- Training on the Online Training Platform on the Conduct of Mercury Inventories developed by UNITAR and UNEP. Cf. <a href="http://Mercury.unitar.org">http://Mercury.unitar.org</a></li> </ul>		2014

<sup>1</sup> See Article 14 on Capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer of the Minamata Convention.

<p>Organization and conduct for the African region of a regional workshop to support the ratification and effective implementation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury</p>	<p>Capacity building to facilitate the ratification and implementation with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation of Convention Minamata obligations</li> <li>- Sharing outcomes of the seventh session of the intergovernmental negotiating committee along with description of intersessional work</li> <li>- Training on guidance on the preparation of National Action Plans (NAP) for ASGM</li> <li>- Guidance on the preparation of Minamata Initial Assessment (MIA) plans training.</li> </ul>		<p>2017</p>
<p>The Workshop for focal Points on synergistic Implementation of the chemical cluster (MEAs) in Africa.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dissemination of tools and mechanisms currently available to assist countries to facilitate synergies between Minamata and BSR conventions.</li> <li>- Sharing on Minamata Convention and sustainable development priorities and common topics with BRS including financial resources</li> <li>- Validation of opportunities and challenges for synergy between Basel, Stockholm, Rotterdam and Minamata conventions nationally and across the continent.</li> </ul>		<p>2018</p>

	<p>- Sharing seven recommendations arising from the BRS COP in 2017, Back-to-Back regional preparatory meeting for the BRS and Minamata conventions held in Dakar in 2017, SAICM regional meeting for Africa held in Abidjan in February 2018, SAICM second meeting on Intercessional Process held in Stockholm in March 2018 and the AMCEN special session in September 2018.</p>		

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**List of contributions made to countries in support of submissions under the first round of applications under the Specific international programme in accordance with paragraph 7 of Annex 1 to decision MC-1/6**

Name of the project	Relevant date (mm/yyyy)

(Add more rows if you have more projects/activities to the list)

**PART 2  
ACTIVITIES (PROJECTS) REPORTS SUMMARY**

(Please provide a summary (max. 1 page) for each of the completed projects/activities)

<b>Project no. and Project name</b>	Project no: MC/4030-09-04-2201 Project name : Sub-Regional Workshops For Francophone African Countries On The Ratification And Implementation Of The Minamata Convention On Mercury	
<b>Project duration</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> months	<b>Start and end dates:</b> 19/06 /2014 to 30 /09 /2014
<b>Beneficiary countries:</b>	Algérie, Bénin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, République de Guinée, Guinée-Bissau, Mali, Mauritanie, Maroc, Niger, Sénégal, Togo et Tunisie	
<b>Areas of technical assistance:</b>	Management	
<b>Total project budget (in US\$): 155'671 USD</b>		
Funding sources and corresponding amounts:	1. Intermittent Secretary of Minamata Convention	US\$ 155'671
Collaborating agencies, if any:	BRS Secretary BSCRC-FA	

Please provide a brief narrative summary on the project activities and the outcomes (as much as possible in quantifiable terms) in the space given below:

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<b>Project no. and Project name</b>	Project no: 201-SVL-8248-2881-2644-2282 Project name : African Region Working Session to Support The Ratification and Effective And Implementation Of The Minamata Convention On Mercury	
<b>Project duration</b>	8 months	<b>Start and end dates:</b> 01/05 /2017 to 31/12/2017
<b>Beneficiary countries:</b>	Algéria, Angola, Bénin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Republic of Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Marocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tume and Principe, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, Senegal, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe	
<b>Areas of technical assistance:</b>	Management	

<b>Total project budget (in US\$): 28'343</b>		
Funding sources and corresponding amounts:	1. Secretary of Minamata Convention	28'343US\$
Collaborating agencies, if any:	BRS Secretary BSCRC-FA	

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<b>Project no. and Project name</b>	Annual workshop of Focal Point on Synergetic Implementation of MEAs Chemical Cluster and Best Practices	
<b>Project duration</b>	03 months	Start and end dates: 24/08/2018 to 24/10/2018
<b>Beneficiary countries:</b>	Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Republic of Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Gabon, Madagascar, Mauritania, Niger, Rwanda, Swaziland, Senegal, Togo, Uganda, Zambia,	
<b>Areas of technical assistance:</b>	Management	
<b>Total project budget (in US\$):</b>	Cf. African Union Commission/ Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture	

Please provide a brief narrative summary on the project activities and the outcomes (as much as possible in quantifiable terms) in the space given below:

#### **1 - Sub-Regional Workshops For Francophone African Countries On The Ratification And Implementation Of The Minamata Convention On Mercury**

During the Workshop, participants shared on lectures, group exercises and training sessions based on:

- the processes of signature, ratification and implementation of the Minamata Convention,
- the different sources of support available,
- the opportunities for exchange and actions at the national, sub regional and regional levels.

It registered 40 African country representatives (focal points of Minamata convention from African ACP countries) and other partners of institutions International and regional agencies such as CBCRS-AF (See Annex 1, list of participants).

## **2 – African Region Working Session to Support The Ratification and Effective And Implementation Of The Minamata Convention On Mercury**

The Workshop included lectures, group exercises and training sessions and focused on the overview and implementation of Convention obligations. Certain countries shared on progress in implementing their national roadmaps and the proposals for further support needed (work individually or in small groups). The opportunity to consider issues for the African region and the progress towards the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties was discussed.

53 African countries representatives (focal points for BRS and Minamata conventions) and other partner institutions International and regional agencies such as CBCRS-AF, (See Annex 2, list of participants).

## **3- Annual workshop of Focal Point on Synergetic Implementation of Multilateral Environmental Agreements Chemical Cluster and Best Practices**

The Workshop was to primarily focus on areas where synergies exist or can be developed across the conventions, while also paying attention to key issues specific to the fledgling Minamata Convention on Mercury in the context of Africa. It was intended for 23 African focal points of Minamata and BRS Conventions and other partners of institutions International and regional agencies such as CBCRS-AF, (see Annex 3, list of participants). The Workshop included lectures, group exercises and training sessions and will seek to:

- Assist focal points with analyzing and capitalizing on existing overlaps in the chemical cluster of conventions, with a particular focus on the newly effectual Minamata Convention on Mercury in anticipation of its Second Conference of Parties in 2018
- Explore ways how the BCRC/SCRC-FA in Dakar, can continue to support its African focal points on the aforementioned issues on a regular basis in the future, with special considerations given to the end of the current period of SAICM in 2020 and the upcoming third phase of the ACP MEAs capacity building project in Africa.

Please indicate if there is any possibility to find the detailed information on this project elsewhere e.g., submitted reports/websites, etc...

The documentation is in the archives of the CRCBS-AF, BRS Secretary, African Union Commission/ Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture, UNEP ROA, Website: <http://www.crcbsaf.org>