PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Africa regional preparatory meeting for the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury
12 and 13 September 2023
Nairobi, Kenya

The Africa 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 12 and 13 September 2023 from 9:30 to 17:00 (UTC +3), at the UNON Gigiri Complex in Nairobi, Kenya. The working languages of the meeting will be English and French. 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 Africa region with 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 Africa region: Roger Baro (Burkina Faso) and Oarabile Serumola (Botswana).

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.
**TUESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2023**

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| 10.00 – 10.15 | • Opening remarks from the Co-chairs and the Secretariat  
• Adoption of the provisional agenda and overview of the programme of the regional meeting |
| 10.15 – 10.30 | • Presentation of the tentative schedule of work, information on regional statements, credentials and other aspects of organization of work at COP-5  
• Status of registration, travel of sponsored delegates, information on online events, knowledge labs, exhibitions and other events |
| 10.30 – 10.45 | **Item 1: Organization of work at COP-5**  
**Matters related to COP-5 agenda item 2(c):**  
• Election of officers |
| 10.45 – 12.00 | **Item 2: Matters for consideration or action by COP-5**  
**Matters related to COP-5 agenda item 4:**  
• 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:  
  – Phase-out deadlines which COP-4 decided to consider at COP-5  
  – Matters related to Annex B  
  – The proposals for amendment of Annex A  
*Introduction by the Secretariat will be followed by a presentation on the proposals for amendment of Annex A* |
| 13.30 – 14.45 | **LUNCH BREAK**  
**Matters related to COP-5 agenda item 4:**  
• Financial resources and mechanism  
• Capacity building, technical assistance and technology transfer  
• Artisanal and small-scale gold mining |
| 14.45 – 15.30 | **Break**  
**Matters related to COP-5 agenda item 4:**  
• National reporting  
• Implementation and Compliance Committee  
• Mercury supply sources and trade |
| 16.00 – 16.45 | Break-out group/discussion |
| 16.45 – 17.00 | **Wrap-up of DAY 1**                                                                                                 |
|        | **END OF DAY 1**                                                                                                     |
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| 9.30 – 10.00 | **Matters related to COP-5 agenda item 6:**  
  - Programme of work and budget information on the status of contributions by Parties to the general trust fund of the Minamata Convention Financial resources and mechanism |
| 10.00 – 11.00 | **Matters related to COP-5 agenda item 4:**  
  - Emissions of mercury  
  - Releases of mercury  
  - Mercury waste: consideration of the relevant thresholds.  
  - Effectiveness evaluation |
| **BREAK** |                                                                                               |
| 11.30 – 12.00 | **Matters related to COP-5 agenda item 4:**  
  - Gender  
  - Knowledge management  
  - Mercury and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework |
| **LUNCH BREAK** |                                                                                               |
| 13.30 – 14.15 | **Matters related to COP-5 agenda item 5:**  
  - 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 positions |                                                                                               |
| 14.15 – 14.45 | Election of officers (discussion by Parties only)                                             |
| **BREAK** |                                                                                               |
| 15.15 – 16.30 | Preparation of the regional statement (discussion by Parties only)                           |
| **Item 4:** Any other business |                                                                                               |
| 16.30 – 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**
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| Morning      | Item 2: Organizational matters | Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties  
(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 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties  
(i) National reporting  
(ii) Implementation and Compliance Committee  
(a) Mercury supply sources and trade | Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties (cont.) | Item 6: Programme of work and budget (cont.) |
| Session      | Item 3: Rules of procedure for the Conference of the Parties: consideration of rule 45 | Item 6: Programme of work and budget | Item 5: International cooperation and coordination | Item 7: Venue and dates of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties | Item 8: Other matters |
|              | 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  
(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  
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(f) Mercury waste: consideration of the relevant thresholds  
(k) Effectiveness evaluation | Item 9: Adoption of the report of the meeting | Item 10: Closure of the meeting |
| 13:00-15:00  | Break                  | Break                    | Break                       | Break                     | Break                   |
| 15:00-18:00  | Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties  
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