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| Conference of the Parties to the  Minamata Convention on Mercury  Fifth meeting  Geneva, 30 October–3 November 2023  Item 6 of the provisional agenda[[1]](#footnote-2)\*  Programme of work and budget |  |

Progress in the implementation of the programme of work for the biennium 2022–2023

Note by the secretariat

I. Introduction

1. In decisions MC-4/2 and MC-4/13, the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury took note of the programmes of work and budgets for the Minamata Convention for 2022 and 2023, respectively, and approved the budget for the general trust fund for the biennium 2022–2023 of $7,914,370, together with the authorized use of an accumulated surplus of $500,962. The details of the programme of work were provided in budget activity fact sheets submitted to the Conference of the Parties at its fourth meeting (UNEP/MC/COP.4/INF/22) and subsequently updated to reflect the decisions taken at that meeting.[[2]](#footnote-3)
2. The *Minamata Convention Progress Report 2022*[[3]](#footnote-4) was published in March 2023 to provide an overview of developments under the Minamata Convention, including activities by the secretariat during the biennium 2022–2023. The publication is available at [https://mercuryconvention.org/sites/default/files/documents/2023-03/MC\_Progress\_Report\_2022.pdf](https://minamataconvention.org/sites/default/files/documents/2023-03/MC_Progress_Report_2022.pdf).
3. The annex to the present note provides an overview of the participation of secretariat staff in national and international events from January 2022 to June 2023. The annex has not been formally edited.

Annex[[4]](#footnote-5)\*

International and national meetings and events at which the secretariat represented the Minamata Convention on Mercury, January 2022–June 2023 (only events with active participation are included)

| *Date* | *Name* | *Attended by* |
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| 2022 |  |  |
| 25 January 2022 | Green Customs Initiative Partner’s Meeting (online) | E. Toda |
| 2-4 February 2022 | Third Meeting on the Eight Replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund (online) | M. Bailey |
| 8-10 February 2022 | OECD Chemicals and Biotechnology Committee (online) | E. Toda |
| 9 February 2022 | STRiKE Final Conference, Stronger Training and Increased Knowledge for Better Enforcement against Waste and Mercury (online) | E. Toda |
| 15 February 2022 | 2022 MEAs Implementation Course, Southeast Asia (online) | R. Gutierrez,  M. Bailey |
| March – May 2022 | Regional preparatory meeting for the face-to-face segment of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention (BC COP-15), the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention (RC COP-10) and the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention (SC COP-10) (online) | L. Ognibene |
| 4 March 2022 | UNEA Special Session “UNEP@50” side event: 35 years of compliance mechanisms under Multilateral Environmental Agreements (online) | M. Stankiewicz |
| 7-8 March 2022 | Inception Workshop for the MIA for the Sultanate of Oman (online) | M. Bailey |
| 11-14 March 2022 | 12th Global Mercury Partnership Advisory Group meeting (online) | M. Stankiewicz,  M. Bailey |
| 14-16 March 2022 | Resumed sessions of the Third meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (WG2020-3), Twenty-fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 24) and Third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI 3), Geneva, Switzerland | M. Stankiewicz,  M. P. de Miranda |
| 28 March – 1 April 2022 | Seventh Meeting of the Executive Board of the Special Programme (online) | M. Bailey,  M.I. Rizzo |
| 4-6 April 2022 | Twelfth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Basel Convention (face-to-face segment) (online) | E. Toda |
| 6 April 2022 | UN-Habitat Expert Meeting on a Just Transition for the Informal Waste Sector (online) | M. Bailey |
| 7-8 April 2022 | Fourth Meeting of the Eighth Replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund (online) | M. Bailey |
| 26-28 April 2022 | 2022 Global Forum on Artisanal and Small-Scale Gold Mining (online) | M. Stankiewicz |
| 27 April 2022 | 57th Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals, Inter-Organization Coordinating Committee, Geneva, Switzerland | M. Stankiewicz, C. ten Have |
| 28 April 2022 | Geneva Environment Network - Chemicals and Waste Briefing | M. Stankiewicz,  C. ten Have,  E. Toda |
| 11 May 2022 | Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Risk Mitigation: Project 55 capacity-building workshop for North Africa and the Sahel (online) | M. Bailey,  I. Rizzo |
| 12 May 2022 | SDG Webinar for the Arab Region: SDG 12.4.1 - transmitting information as required to Multilateral Environmental Agreements on hazardous waste and other chemicals (online) | R. Gutierrez |
| 1-3 June 2022 | Stockholm+50: a healthy planet for the prosperity of all – our responsibility, our opportunity, Stockholm, Sweden | M. Stankiewicz |
| 3 June 2022 | GEF Chemicals and Waste Task Force Meeting, Geneva, Switzerland | M. Bailey |
| 6-17 June 2022 | The fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention (BC COP-15), the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention (RC COP-10) and the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention (SC COP-10) | Secretariat representatives |
| 21-23 June 2022 | 62nd GEF Council Meeting, Washington, DC, USA | M. Stankiewicz |
| 21-26 June 2022 | Fourth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post‑2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, Nairobi, Kenya | M. P. de Miranda |
| 22 June 2022 | Best Practices to Reduce Mercury Emissions from the Cement Industry (online) | E. Toda |
| 23 June 2022 | Special Programme Application Webinars, Geneva, Switzerland | M. Bailey  M.I. Rizzo |
| 23 June 2022 | Minamata Convention ratification workshop hosted by UNITAR (online) | M. Bailey |
| 29 June 2022 | Global Mercury Partnership Fate and Transport Area Meeting (online) | E. Toda |
| 30 June 2022 | Geneva Environment Network: Students briefing | E. Toda |
| 25-29 July 2022 | 15th meeting of the International Conference on Mercury as a Global Pollutant (ICMGP) (online) | M. Stankiewicz,  E. Toda |
| 28 July 2022 | Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Risk Mitigation: Project 55 workshop with Niger (online) | M. Bailey |
| 25-31 August 2022 | The fourth meeting of the intersessional process considering the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020, Bucharest, Romania | C. ten Have |
| 31 August – 1 September 2022 | ICMGP Synthesis Workshop (online) | E. Toda,  M. P. de Miranda |
| 6 September 2022 | Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Risk Mitigation Project 55 workshop with Morocco (online) | M. Bailey |
| 12 September 2022 | Geneva Environment Network: Chemicals and Waste Negotiations Briefing | M. Stankiewicz,  C. ten Have |
| 12-16 September 2022 | Training Workshop “Strengthening of the legal and institutional infrastructures for sound management of chemicals in Nigeria”, Geneva, Switzerland | E. Toda |
| 19-20 September 2022 | Regional SIP Workshop "Enhancing Environmental Response to Address and Reduce Risks Associated with Mercury and Building Institutional Capacities in the Central and South Eastern Europe", Chisinau, Republic of Moldova | E. Toda,  M. Rizzo |
| 20 September 2022 | UNEP Global Mercury Partnership: Mercury Waste Management Area Meeting, ISWA World Congress “Turning a mercury policy into practice”, Singapore (online) | E. Toda |
| 21 September 2022 | 51st Session of the UN Human Rights Council, Geneva, Switzerland | M. Stankiewicz,  M. Bailey,  L. Ognibene |
| 22-23 September 2022 | Special Programme Internal Task Team (online) | M. Bailey,  M. I. Rizzo |
| 6 October 2022 | OEWG1: Science-Policy Panel to Contribute Further to the Sound Management of Chemicals and Waste and to Prevent Pollution (online) | M. Stankiewicz |
| 11-13 October 2022 | 13th MEA IKM Steering Committee Meeting, the MEA Information and Knowledge Management Initiative, Montreux, Switzerland | M. Stankiewicz, A. Garcia |
| 18-21 October 2022 | 2022 ACP MEAs Steering committee meeting hosted by OACPS, Brussels, Belgium | M. Bailey |
| 24-27 October 2022 | Regional Meeting to Facilitate Implementation of the WHO Chemicals Road Map using the Updated IOMC Toolbox, and to Address Health Sector Needs for the SAICM Beyond 2020, Amman, Jordan (online) | E. Toda |
| 31 October and 3 November 2022 | Fourth online course on implementation of multilateral environmental agreements (online) | C. ten Have |
| 3 November 2022 | 28th Senior Officials Meeting of the UN Environment Management Group (online) | M. Stankiewicz |
| 7-8 November 2022 | OECD Global Forum on Environment "Working towards the elimination of mercury and reducing its harmful impacts on human health and the environment, Paris, France | M. Stankiewicz,  C. ten Have |
| 7-9 November 2022 | Annual Joint Meeting of the Basel and Stockholm Conventions Regional Centres, Geneva, Switzerland | E. Toda, L. Ognibene |
| 9-10 November 2022 | 13th Global Mercury Partnership Advisory Group meeting, Paris, France | M. Stankiewicz, M. Bailey |
| 14-16 November 2022 | Trainers’ workshop on mercury mass flow development, Jakarta, Indonesia (online) | E. Toda |
| 15 December 2022 | EMG High-level Dialogue on the Common Approach to Biodiversity held in the margins of CBD COP15 | M. Stankiewicz |
| 16 November 2022 | UNEP Chemical and Pollution Action Subprogramme and Minamata Convention on Mercury, Regional Subprogramme Coordinator Meeting (online) | M. Stankiewicz,  E. Toda,  M. Bailey |
| 17-19 November 2022 | Climate and Environment Amazon Conference (online) | M. Stankiewicz,  L. Ognibene |
| 21-22 November 2022 | Special Programme Internal Task Team (online) | M. Bailey,  M. I. Rizzo |
| 24-25 November 2022 | UNECE PRTR Protocol Working Group meeting, Geneva, Switzerland | E. Toda |
| 28 November – 1 December 2022 | UNEP Comms Academy, Nairobi, Kenya | A. Garcia,  P. Garmon |
| 28 November – 2 December 2022 | 63rd GEF Council Meeting (online) | M. Stankiewicz,  M. Bailey |
| 3-5 December 2022 | Fifth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post‑2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, Montreal, Canada | M. P. de Miranda |
| 7-19 December 2022 | Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP-15), Montreal, Canada | M. Stankiewicz,  M. P. de Miranda |
| 6-8 December 2022 | Trainers’ Training Programme: Organizing a training programme on national mercury monitoring, Bangkok (online) | E. Toda |
| 7 December 2022 | Geneva Environment Network: Chemicals and Waste Negotiations Briefing | M. Stankiewicz, C. ten Have |
| 14 December 2022 | Sharing SIDS experiences on the Minamata Convention (online) | M. Stankiewicz |
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| 2023 |  |  |
| 16 January 2023 | Global Mercury Partnership Coal Area Meeting (online) | E. Toda |
| 24-25 January 2023 | Green Customs Initiative (GCI) Partners' Meeting, Paris, France | E. Toda |
| 30 January – 3 February | OEWG1.2: Science-Policy Panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution, Bangkok, Thailand | M. Stankiewicz |
| 13 February 2023 | Global Mercury Partnership Cement Area Meeting (online) | E. Toda |
| 14-15 February 2023 | Eliminating Mercury Skin Lightening Products, Global Kick-off Meeting, Geneva, Switzerland | E. Toda  M. Bailey |
| 15-17 February | Eighth Meeting of the Special Programme Executive Board, Geneva, Switzerland | M. Bailey  M. I. Rizzo |
| 16 February 2023 | Sound management and elimination of mercury and mercury waste in the Chlor-Alkali sector (online) | M. Bailey |
| 20-22 February 2023 | ROAP Project Mid-term Workshop: Promoting Minamata Convention on Mercury by making the most of Japan’s knowledge and experiences, Minamata, Japan (online) | E. Toda |
| 21-22 February 2023 | Thirteenth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Basel Convention, Geneva, Switzerland | E. Toda |
| March 2023 | Regional preparatory meeting for the face-to-face segment of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention (BC COP-16), the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention (RC COP‑11) and the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention (SC COP-11) (online) | L. Ognibene |
| 6-7 March 2023 | GMOS-Train – Project meeting and thematic workshops, Hamburg, Germany | M. P. de Miranda |
| 15 March 2023 | Global Mercury Partnership Waste Management Area Meeting (online) | E. Toda |
| 3 April 2023 | Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals Mercury Group meeting (online) | M. Bailey,  E. Toda |
| 3 April 2023 | UNECE Judicial Colloquium (online) | L. Ognibene |
| 13-14 April 2023 | SIP Regional Workshop on Trade of Mercury and Mercury‑Added Products, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso | M. Bailey |
| 18 April 2023 | WikiForHumanRights Launch Webinar: Focus on Pollution (online) | M. Stankiewicz |
| 25 April 2023 | Global Mercury Partnership Product Area Meeting (online) | E. Toda |
| 27-28 April 2023 | GEF Chemicals and Waste Task Force Meeting, Geneva, Switzerland | M. Bailey |
| 28 April 2023 | Phasing Down Dental Amalgam Project, Global Kick-off Meeting, Geneva, Switzerland | E. Toda |
| 1-12 May 2023 | The sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention (BC COP-16), the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention (RC COP‑11) and the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention (SC COP-11) | Secretariat representatives |
| 11 May | Means of implementation, with a special focus on resource mobilization and financial mechanisms, INC to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment (online) | M. Stankiewicz |
| 22-26 May 2023 | West Africa ASGM/NAP study tour, regions of Plateaux, Centrale and Kara, Togo | M. I. Rizzo |
| 5-7 June 2023 | Phasing out mercury-added products in the Caribbean:  Engagement, Steps and Tools towards implementing the Minamata Convention on Mercury, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago (online) | M. Stankiewicz  E. Toda |
| 13 June 2023 | Africa 2050 Forum, Geneva, Switzerland | M. Stankiewicz |
| 19-20 June 2023 | Technical Session: “Transitioning to Mercury-Free Lighting in Asia-Pacific Countries” | E. Toda |
| 20-22 June 2023 | Extraordinary InforMEA Working Group Meeting, Montreux, Switzerland | A. Garcia |
| 21 June 2023 | GEF Chemicals and Waste Task Force Meeting (online) | M. Bailey |
| 26-28 June 2023 | 64th GEF Council Meeting (online) | M. Bailey |
| 27-28 June 2023 | Expert Workshop on Cooperation among the Biodiversity related Conventions for the Implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, Bogis-Bossey, Switzerland | M. Stankiewicz |

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1. \* UNEP**/**MC/COP.5/1. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. The updated activity sheets are available at [https://mercuryconvention.org/en/documents/programme-work-and-budget-biennium-2022-2023-budget-activity-fact-sheets](https://minamataconvention.org/en/documents/programme-work-and-budget-biennium-2022-2023-budget-activity-fact-sheets). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. UNEP/MC/2023/1. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. \* The annex has not been formally edited. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)