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**Conference of the Parties to the
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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.¹
2. The *Minamata Convention Progress Report 2022*² 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.
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.

* UNEP/MC/COP.5/1.

¹ The updated activity sheets are available at <https://mercuryconvention.org/en/documents/programme-work-and-budget-biennium-2022-2023-budget-activity-fact-sheets>.

² UNEP/MC/2023/1.

Annex*

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)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Attended by</i>
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	12 th 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

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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	15 th 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

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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	63 rd 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

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Attended by</i>
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	64 th 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