Minamata Online 2022

Strengthening mercury research capacity in developing countries

Background and Objectives

Due to its unique environmental behaviours and anthropogenic emissions and releases, the growing concerns of mercury risk has resulted in the adoption and enforcement of the Minamata Convention. Scientific knowledge is essential to develop and implement national policy for sound mercury management. Capacity building for comparable data collection, more accurate emission inventory, and planning and execution of mercury research that addresses national needs and priorities helps developing countries to figure out the mercury issues of its own context. This webinar introduces ongoing activities implemented by UNEP to assist scientists, researchers and policy makers towards science-based policy making.

Date, Venue & Language

Date: 30 June 2022

Venue: Virtual meeting, Webex

Language: English only (no interpretation provided)

Participants

National Focal Points of the Minamata Convention. Ministry/agency responsible for monitoring/management of mercury emissions and releases to air, water and soil. University, research institute or consulting company working on mercury science such as monitoring and inventory.

Arrangement

The webinar is organised by the Minamata Convention Secretariat. UNEP Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific is implementing a Japan-funded project on mercury. The presentation is based on the results of the project activities that contribute the purpose of this webinar.

Registration

Online registration is provided at Minamata Convention Secretariat website:

https://www.mercuryconvention.org/en/events/strengthening-mercury-research-capacity-developing-countries-science-based-policy-making

Draft Programme Agenda (UTC+7)

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		Get started – technical set-up, connectivity test, housekeeping
14:00-14:05	19:00-19:05	**Opening remarks**
14:05-14:10	19:05-19:10	**Introduction** Project outlines and progress, results (Dr Mick Saito, UNEP ROAP)
14:10-14:25	19:10-19:25	**Topic 1** Laboratory proficiency testing for mercury – strengthening mercury analytical capacity meeting international standard – (Dr Koichi Haraguchi, NIMD)
14:25-14:30	19:25-19:30	**Q&A**
14:30-14:45	19:30-19:45	**Topic 2** Virtual laboratory assessment methodology – Innovative approach under COVID-19 setting – (Dr Minoru Koga, Minamata Environmental Academia)
14:45-14:50	19:45-19:50	**Q&A**
14:50-15:05	19:50-20:05	**Topic 3**

		Mercury inventory and mass flow analysis – Improving national mercury inventory in Indonesia – (Dr Kania Dewi, Institut Teknologi Bandung, Indonesia)
15:05-15:10	20:05-20:10	**Q&A**
15:10-15:20	20:10-20:20	**Topic 4** Comprehensive mercury survey for solid waste disposal facilities – Results and challenges – (Dr Mick Saito, UNEP ROAP)
15:20-15:25	20:20-20:25	**Q&A**
15:25-15:30	20:25-20:30	**Wrap up** Key findings and future direction (Facilitator: OECC)

Time zone table

Location	Time
Suva (UTC+12)	0am – 1:30am, Fri, 1 Jul.
Tokyo, Koror (UTC+9)	9pm – 10:30pm, Thu, 30 Jun.
Manila, Kuala Lumpur, Ulaanbaatar (UTC+8)	8pm – 9:30pm, Thu, 30 Jun.
Bangkok, Jakarta, Hanoi (UTC+7)	7pm – 8:30pm, Thu, 30 Jun.
Kathmandu (UTC+5:45)	5:45pm – 7:15pm, Thu, 30 Jun.
New Delhi, Colombo (UTC+530)	5:30pm – 7pm, Thu, 30 Jun.
Male (UTC+5)	5pm – 6:30pm, Thu, 30 Jun.
Nairobi (UTC+3)	3pm – 4:30pm, Thu, 30 Jun.
Vienna, Geneva, Cape Town (UTC+2)	2pm – 3:30pm, Thu, 30 Jun.
Sao Paulo (UTC-3)	9am – 10:30am, Thu, 30 Jun.
Washington DC (UTC-4)	8am – 9:30am, Thu, 30 Jun.
Chicago (UTC-5)	7am – 8:30am, Thu, 30 Jun.
Los Angeles (UTC-7)	5am – 6:30am, Thu, 30 Jun.
Honolulu (UTC-10)	2am – 3:30am, Thu, 30 Jun.