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Annex 2

Pacific sub-regional preparatory meeting for the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury
West Plaza Hotel, Lebuu St, Koror, Palau
12 October 2023

Provisional Programme

Pacific sub-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 September 2023 from 8:30 to 17:00 (GMT +9), at the West Plaza Hotel (Lebuu) in Koror, Palau. The working language of the meeting will be English. The sub-regional preparatory meeting is being organized thanks to the generous financial support provided by the European Union through the ACP MEAS 3 Project.

The objective of the sub-regional preparatory meeting is to provide Parties in the Pacific 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 TBA

Participants are invited to consult relevant meeting documents of COP-5, which are available on the Minamata Convention's [website](#), in advance of the sub-regional preparatory meeting.

The provisional programme for the sub-regional preparatory meeting has been developed in consultation with the Minamata Convention Secretariat. 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 Chair.

THURSDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2023	
8.30 – 9.00	Registration
Opening of the meeting	
9.00 – 9.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening remarks from the Chair and the Secretariat • Adoption of the provisional agenda and overview of the programme of the sub-regional meeting
Item 1: Organization of work at COP-5 and logistical preparations	
9.15 - 9.35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
Item 2: Matters for consideration or action by COP-5	
9.35 - 10.30	<p>Matters related to COP-5 agenda item 4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Phase-out deadlines which COP-4 decided to consider at COP-5 – Matters related to Annex B – The proposals for amendment of Annex A
Morning tea	
10.50 – 11.10	<p>Matters related to COP-5 agenda item 4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emissions of mercury • Releases of mercury <p>Mercury waste: consideration of the relevant thresholds</p>
11.10 – 11.30	<p>Matters related to COP-5 agenda item 4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial resources and mechanism • Capacity building, technical assistance and technology transfer • Effectiveness evaluation
11.30 – 12.00	<p>Matters related to COP-5 agenda item 4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mercury supply sources and trade • Implementation and Compliance Committee • National reporting

Lunch break	
13.30 - 14.00	Matters related to COP-5 agenda item 5: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International cooperation and coordination • Updates from the Chemicals and Waste Cluster, including the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions
14.00 – 14.30	Matters related to COP-5 agenda item 6: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programme of work and budget Information on the status of contributions by Parties to the general trust fund of the Minamata Convention
Afternoon tea	
Item 3: Closed session for preparation of regional position	
14.50 – 16.10	Preparation of regional statement (discussion by Parties only)
Item 4: On the ground support	
16.10 – 16.30	Discussion on technical support during COP 5
Item 5: Any other business	
16.30 – 16.50	Any other business
Item 6: Closure of meeting	
16.50 – 17.00	Conclusions and closure of meeting

Tentative schedule of COP 5

COP-5	Monday, 30 October 2023	Tuesday, 31 October 2023	Wednesday, 1 November 2023	Thursday, 2 November 2023	Friday, 3 November 2023
<p>10:00-13:00</p> <p>Morning Session</p>	<p>Item 1: Opening of the meeting</p> <p>Item 2: Organizational matters (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</p> <p>Item 3: Rules of procedure for the Conference of the Parties: consideration of rule 45</p> <p>Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties (l) Financial Rules</p> <p>Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties: (b) 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</p>	<p><i>Report(s) of contact group(s)</i></p> <p>Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties (j) National reporting (i) Implementation and Compliance Committee (a) Mercury supply sources and trade</p> <p>Item 6: Programme of work and budget</p>	<p><i>Consideration of outcomes, reports of contact groups</i></p> <p>Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties (m) Gender (n) Knowledge management (o) Mercury and Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework</p> <p>Item 5: International cooperation and coordination</p>	<p><i>Consideration of outcomes, adoption of report on credentials and adoption of decisions</i></p> <p>Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties (cont.)</p>	<p><i>Consideration of remaining outcomes and adoption of remaining decisions</i></p> <p>Item 6: Programme of work and budget (cont.) <i>Adoption of the budget decision</i></p> <p>Item 7: Venue and dates of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties</p> <p>Item 8: Other matters</p>
13:00-15.00	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break

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15:00-18:00 Afternoon Session	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 (e) Releases of mercury (f) Mercury waste: consideration of the relevant thresholds (k) Effectiveness evaluation	<i>Consideration of outcomes</i> Item 4: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties (cont.)	<i>Consideration of outcomes, and adoption of remaining decisions</i>	Item 9: Adoption of the report of the meeting Item 10: Closure of the meeting



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Waigani Convention
Extra-ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties
Draft Provisional agenda
West Plaza Hotel, Lebuu St, Koror, Palau
13 October 2023

- Agenda item 1:** Opening of the Meeting
- Agenda item 2:** Adoption of the Agenda
- Agenda item 3:** Proposal by Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, and Samoa, on behalf of all Parties, to amend the Waigani Convention to adopt the 2019 Basel Convention Plastic Waste Amendments and a mechanism for adopting future amendments to the Basel Convention
- Agenda item 4:** Adoption of the Meeting record
- Agenda item 5:** Closure of meeting

Pacific Preparatory Meeting for the Fifth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury

Time	Activity	Facilitator
7:30-8:00	Registration	SPREP
8:00-8:30	Opening	Remarks by SPREP DG and Minamata Secretariat
	Overview of program	SPREP
Item 1: Introductions to COP-5		
8:30-9:00	Organization of work, practical matters, and credentials	SPREP
Item 2: Substantive items of COP-5		
9:00-10:30	COP-5 Item #: Matters for consideration by the Conference of the Parties	SPREP
Morning tea		
11:00-12:30	COP-5 Item #: Matters for consideration by the Conference of the Parties	SPREP
Lunch		
1:30-2:30	COP-5 Item #: Matters for consideration by the Conference of the Parties	SPREP
2:30-3:00	MIA Lessons learnt and sharing of experiences	UNEP/BRI
Afternoon tea		
3:15-3:55	Discussion: On the ground co-ordination and support	All
3:55-4:00	Closing	Closing remarks by WMPC



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**Pacific Regional Preparatory Workshop for the
Third Session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC-3)**

West Plaza Hotel, Lebuu St, Koror, Palau

18-20 October 2023

Provisional agenda

October 18	Item	Subject Matter	Presenter
0900-0930	1	Opening of the meeting	Opening Prayer (TBC) Representative from Palau (TBC) Representative from Government of Australia Mr. Sefanaia Nawadra, Director General, SPREP
0930-10.00	2	Objectives of the Meeting and INC-2 report	SPREP - Anthony Talouli
1000-1030		Photo and Morning Tea	
1030-1130	3	Overview of the Zero draft	UNEP INC Secretariat (TBC)
1130-1200	4	Talanoa <i>Reflections and responses on what Pacific region want out of the zero draft</i>	Facilitator
1200-1300		Lunch	
1300-1500	5	Workshopping the Zero Draft Part 1	Facilitator
1500-1530		Afternoon Tea	
1530 – 1700	6	Workshopping the Zero Draft Part 2	Facilitator
		End Day 1	
October 19	Item	Subject Matter	Presenter
0830-0900		Recap of key messages from day 1	Facilitator
0900-1030	7	Workshopping the Zero Draft Part 3	Facilitator
1030-1100		Morning Tea	
1100-1230	8	Workshopping the Zero Draft Part 4	Facilitator
1230-1330		Lunch	
1330-1500	9	Workshopping the Zero Draft Part 5	Facilitators
1500-1530		Afternoon Tea	
1530-1700	10	Workshopping the Zero Draft Part 6	Facilitator
1700		End of Workshop	Facilitator
		End Day 2	



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October 20	Item	Subject Matter	Presenter
		<i>This Agenda Item is closed to Pacific island countries and territories (actual and virtual countries participating)</i>	
0900-1000	1	Election of Chair	SPREP Secretariat
		Issues of importance from workshop for discussion	Chair
		Summary of key findings and discussions from the six workshops from Day 1 and 2	
1000-1030		Morning Tea	
1030-1130		Continue with Session 1	Chair
1130-1230	2	Coordination of P-SIDS leading up to INC-3	Chair
1230-1330		Lunch	
1330-1430	3	Communications strategy	Secretariat
1430-1500	4	Other matters	Chair
		Adoption of the Meeting key outcomes	
	5	Closure of the meeting	