



UN Environment Global Mercury Partnership workshop on
**“Developing Baseline Estimates for the Artisanal and Small Scale Gold Mining sector:
Introduction to the UN Environment toolkit”**

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Development of National Action Plans (NAPs) for Artisanal and Small Scale Gold Mining (ASGM) is an obligation under Article 7 of the Minamata Convention on Mercury for each country that determines that ASGM in its territory is more than insignificant. Development of baseline estimates for the ASGM sector, as required in Annex C paragraph 1d of the Convention, is a key early step in the NAP process. The information obtained through baseline data gathering is necessary to design the rest of NAP, including setting objectives and goals, and developing implementation and evaluation strategies. The baseline data will enable creation of a realistic targets and strategies on how to reduce, and where feasible, eliminate mercury use in ASGM. A unified and scalable methodology on how to generate ASGM baseline estimates is therefore fundamental for NAP development.

The Global Mercury Partnership is undertaking activities to enhance national information exchange, capacity building and knowledge generation to facilitate the development of the NAPs. As part of these activities, the Partnership is developing a comprehensive and harmonized set of tools and methodologies on how to elaborate ASGM baseline estimates.

Objectives of the workshop:

1. Raise awareness among national focal points and other national stakeholders about importance of the baseline data collection and creation of the national overview of the ASGM sector, including the baseline estimates of the mercury use and practices employed.
2. Present recommended methodology and the draft of the UN Environment practical toolkit for developing baseline estimates of mercury use in ASGM.
3. Build national capacity and provide the assistance to NAP countries in their efforts to create a national overview and baseline estimates of mercury use in ASGM sector.
4. Provide an opportunity for regional cooperation between countries and executing agencies developing NAPs.

Expected results:

1. NAP countries and executing agencies are sensitized about the importance of the national overview and baseline estimates of mercury use in ASGM for NAP development.
2. NAP countries and executing agencies are equipped with the necessary knowledge foundation to set a country specific strategy for the data collection, and development of the national overview and baseline estimates of mercury use in ASGM, as required for the NAP process.
3. Opportunities for the regional cooperation are identified and explored.

Target audience:

National focal points, technical coordinators, other national representatives, executing agencies involved in the process of the NAP development, as well as subject matter experts and practitioners.

*The workshop will be held in English with simultaneous interpretation into French

Agenda

| | Monday, 22 May 2017 | Presenter/Moderator |
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| 08:30- 9:00 | Registration | |
| 09:00- 9:10 | Welcome | UN Environment |
| 09:10- 9:30 | Introductions | all |
| 09:30– 10:00 | <p>Developing a national overview of the ASGM sector, including baseline estimates of the mercury use, as a key step in the process of the National Action Plan development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Session will emphasize the importance of baseline data collection and development of the sector overview for setting strategies and goals for the NAP and measuring progress.</i> | UN Environment |
| 10:00- 10:15 | <p>Toolkit - Purpose, structure, skills required, and for whom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Session will introduce the toolkit and its intended use and audience, as well as outline the skills necessary for conducting ASGM baseline estimates.</i> | Artisanal Gold Council |
| 10:15- 10:45 | <p>Toolkit - Baseline estimates Preparation: Introduction to ASGM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Session will provide a base understanding of the ASGM sector, including information on geology, ore extraction, and processing, mercury use, the gold supply chain, organization of mining groups, and how each is an important source of information for ASGM baseline estimates.</i> | Artisanal Gold Council |
| 10:45– 11:00 | COFFEE BREAK | |
| 11:00– 11:45 | <p>Toolkit - Baseline Estimates Preparation: Introduction to ASGM Baseline Estimates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Session will provide a base understanding of ASGM baseline estimates, including the overall process, possible approaches, data collection techniques and tools, cross-checking information, and data analysis.</i> | Artisanal Gold Council |
| 11:45- 12:30 | <p>Toolkit - Performing Baseline Estimates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Session will be a walk-through of the baseline estimates guide section of the toolkit, which provides step-by-step detail of how the process is carried out, sources of information, data collection, analysis etc.</i> | Artisanal Gold Council |
| 12:30-13:30 | LUNCH BREAK | |
| 13:30-14:15 | <p>Interactive session: Setting a country-specific strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>This participatory exercise will introduce participants to the complexities of site selection, resource allocation, and collecting the correct information to develop baseline estimates. Participants will be given a fictional scenario and asked to develop a country-specific research plan by identifying missing information, appropriate stakeholders to interview, sites to visit, and data to be collected.</i> | Artisanal Gold Council, UN Environment |
| 14:15- 14:45 | Questions and discussion | all |
| 14:45– 15:15 | <p>Interactive session: use of the electronic tool (mobile app) for the management of the collected data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Demonstration of an open-source data collection tool for the easier data management.</i> | UNITAR |
| 15:15– 15:30 | COFFEE BREAK | |
| 15:30-15:45 | MAP-X: Geospatial data management for the decision making, implementation and evaluation of NAPs | UN Environment |

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| 15:45– 16:30 | Experience from the field - <i>The session will present case studies from Ghana, Cote d'Ivoire and Kenya, describing process of country-specific strategy setting and baseline data collection in the field.</i> | Friends of Nation CASE Paul Cordy |
| 16:30– 17:00 | Questions and discussion | all |
| 17:00 | Wrap up and closure | UN Environment |