

Quick start guide to preparing an Artisanal and Small Scale Gold Mining National Action Plan



to fulfill obligations under Article 7 of
the Minamata Convention on Mercury

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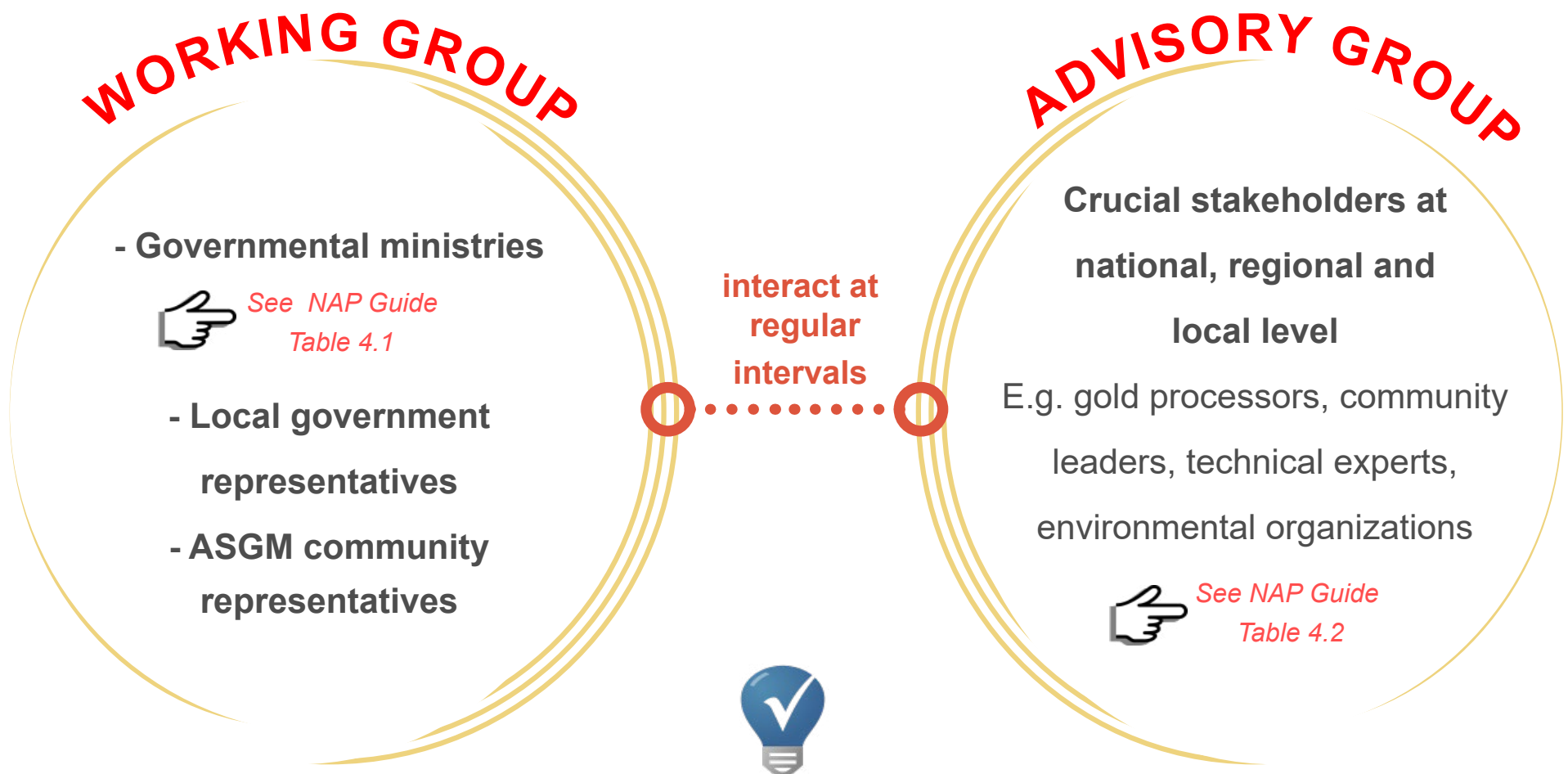
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STEP 1




Establish Coordinating Body

To guide the entire process of NAP development



TIPS: Define roles and responsibilities clearly; ensure cohesion of NAP with overall governmental environmental, development and economic agendas; reflect the voice of ASGM community

Note: References marked with  refer to UNEP's draft guidance document: "Developing a National Action Plan to Reduce, and Where Feasible, Eliminate Mercury Use in Artisanal and Small Scale Gold Mining".

STEP 2



See NAP Guide
Chapter 4.2, Annex 3



Develop a National ASGM Overview

To identify mercury use and practices in ASGM communities

COMPONENTS OF THE OVERVIEW and source of information



See NAP Guide
Chapter 5.2

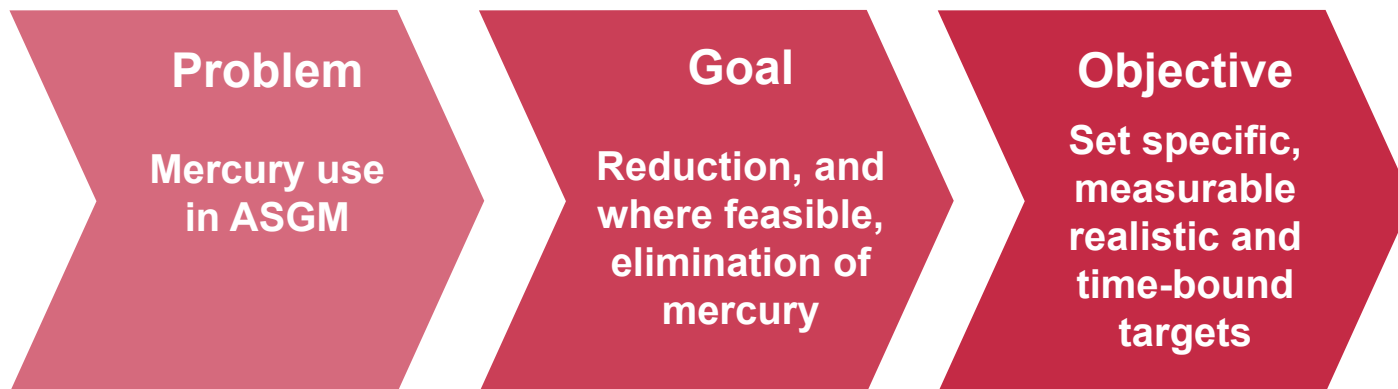
Consult as well [ASGM baseline estimates toolkit](#)

STEP 3



Set Goals and Objectives

To identify targets that are quantitative and time-bound



See NAP Guide
Chapter 5.1

E X A M P L E S

.....○ By 2018
all ASGM communities trained
about alternative mercury free
methods

.....○ By 2019
new equipment provided
to pilot locations

.....○ By 2020
whole ore amalgamation
eliminated

STEP 4



See NAP Guide
Chapter 4.4




Develop Implementation Strategies

To identify concrete actions to reach objectives

1. Identify authorities responsible for implementing each task
national, regional, and local government
2. Define scope and logistics
national, or phased regionally
3. Secure resources
financial, technical, human, political, social
4. Identify partners
NGOs, private sector, academia, IGOs, IOs
5. Identify required actions, including, among others:

Implementation strategy

1. Workplan  *See NAP Guide Annex 4*
2. Outreach plan
3. Time line
4. Overall budget



Actions to eliminate worst practices

Chapter 5.2



Steps to facilitate formalization

Chapter 5.3



Strategies to promote mercury-free methods

Chapter 5.5



Strategies to manage trade and prevent diversion

Chapter 5.6



Strategies for public health and vulnerable populations

Chapter 5.8 and 5.9



Strategies to disseminate information to ASGM community

Chapter 5.10



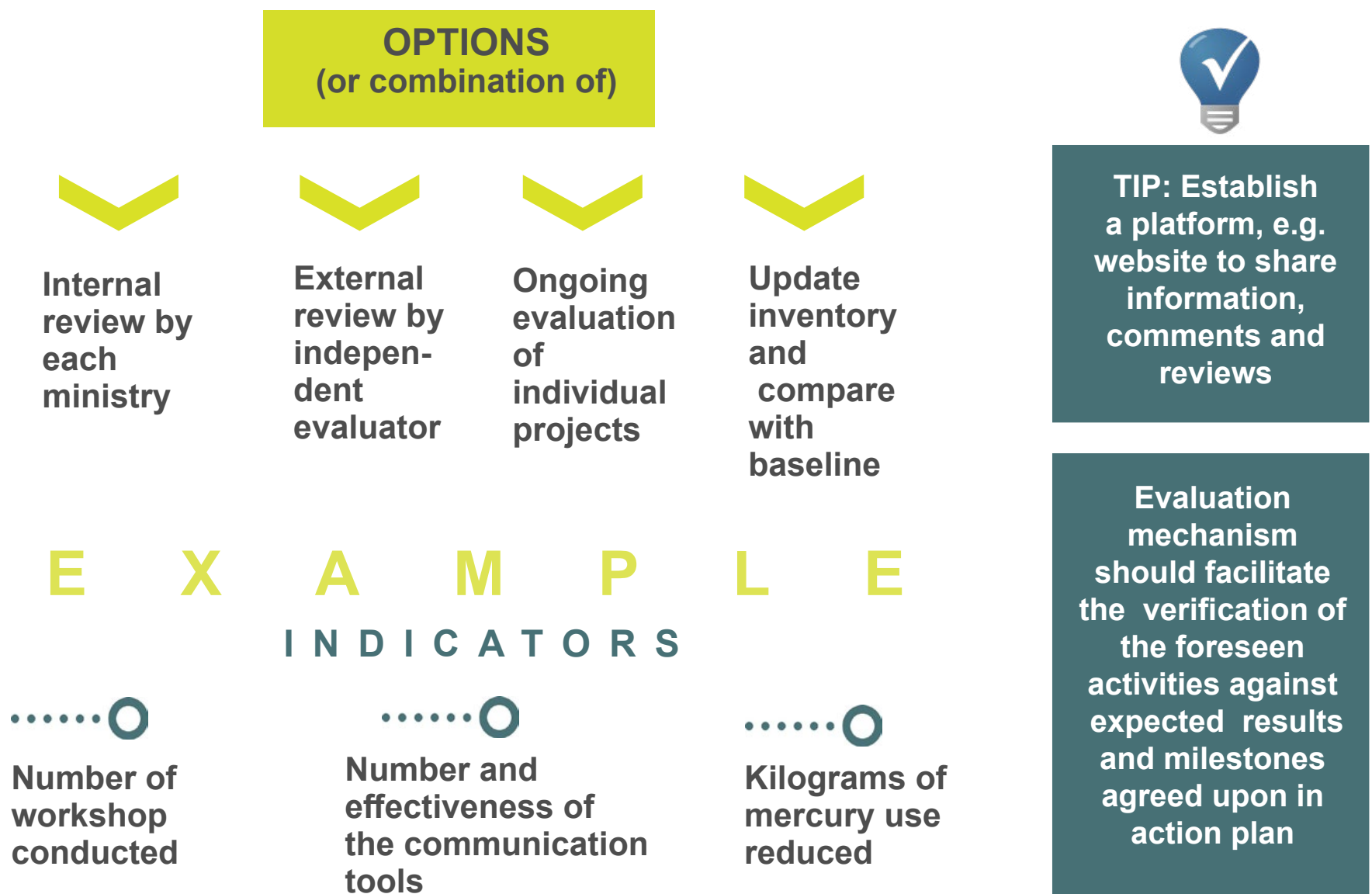
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Chapter 4.5



Formulate Evaluation Strategy To measure and report on progress made



STEP 6



Endorse, Submit



As required by article 7, Paragraph 3(b), each country must submit its NAP to the Secretariat no later than 3 years after the Convention enters into force for it, or 3 years after notifying the Secretariat that it has “more than insignificant ASGM”, whichever is later.

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Before submission, the NAP should be endorsed (approved) by the appropriate decision makers.

Additional Resources

[UN Environment NAP guidance document](#)

[Minimata Convention Secretariat](#)

[UN Environment Global Mercury Partnership](#)

[GEF funding opportunities](#)
for enabling activities under Minamata

[NRDC guide](#)
to preparing GEF NAP proposal

[WHO Mercury page](#)



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