

Global Mercury Partnership Partnership Advisory Group Fifth meeting Edinburgh, 27 July 2013

Annotated Agenda

1. Opening of the Meeting

The fifth meeting of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Global Mercury Partnership Advisory Group (PAG) will be held on 27th July 2013 at the Hilton Hotel Grosvenor, Edinburgh, Scotland. The meeting will be opened at 9:00 a.m.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The PAG will adopt the agenda for the meeting on the basis of the provisional agenda set out in document UNEP/PAG.5/1 and may suggest other items for discussion.

3. Organization of work

The PAG will agree on suitable meeting hours, subject to adjustments as necessary.

4. Election of chair

Since Ms. Abiola Olanipekun has completed her terms of office, the PAG will select a suitable chair for the next two years in accordance with Annex I Section 3 (d) of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership Overarching Framework.

5. Review of overall progress, focusing on priority actions as identified in the business plan

One of the functions and responsibilities of the PAG is to report on activities within the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership. The Partnership area leads followed by the secretariat will present for discussions their key activities, results and outcomes carried out within the previous year. UNEP has compiled this information in the draft progress report UNEP/PAG.5/3.

6. Future activities of UNEP Global Mercury Partnership

- i. The Partnership area leads will present the future plans for their partnership areas.
- ii. Supporting Governments in addressing the measures set out in the Minamata Convention on Mercury

The PAG will discuss the ways in which the Partnership can assist Governments in fulfilling the obligations set out in the Minamata Convention on mercury.

iii. Developing mercury inventories

The secretariat will update the PAG about its work on developing mercury inventories. Partnership area leads may wish to share projects and experiences in developing inventories in their respective partnership areas. Developing inventories is a specific obligation in some articles of the Convention and the use of inventories would be a natural approach as a consequence of others.

iv. Communication and awareness raising

The Partnership has made efforts to improve communication and outreach. The session will discuss what more needs to be done to insure that good practices identified by the Partnership are taken up by governments. Highlighting or better communicating products and results of the Partnership to donors will also be important to improve financing of future activities.

7. Other matters

The Partnership Advisory Group may wish to consider other issues raised during the meeting.

8. Closure of the meeting

It is expected that the meeting will conclude by 6 p.m. on Saturday, 27 July 2013.