

17 January 2008

**AGENDA: 29-30 January 2008**  
Informal Consultation to Prepare 1-3 April 2008 Meeting of Partners

LOCATION: GENEVA, SWITZERLAND  
International Environment House I  
chemin des Anémones 11-13  
Meeting Room 3 (ground floor)

**Objectives of the meeting:**

1. Prepare for the Overarching Meeting of Partners (1-3 April 2008)
2. Strengthen the UNEP Mercury Programme partnerships

**Registration will open at 9.30**

**Tuesday 29 January 2008 (10.00 – 18.00)**

**1. Opening of the meeting:**

- 1.i) Welcoming Remarks (UNEP Chemicals)
- 1.ii) Participant Introduction (Round Table)
- 1.iii) Meeting Overview and Structure (UNEP Chemicals)

**2. Progress on mercury**

- 2.i) Update on the UNEP Mercury Programme (UNEP Chemicals)
- 2.ii) Partnership progress  
Brief update on progress from the 5 partnership areas (5 minutes each):
  - a. Chlor Alkali Sector (USA)
  - b. Coal Combustion (IEA Clean Coal Centre)
  - c. Artisanal and Small Scale Gold Mining (UNIDO)
  - d. Mercury in Products (USA)
  - e. Fate and Transport (Italy)

**3. Linking partnership goals to the UNEP Governing Council Decision 24/3 Priorities**

- 3.i) Discussion on the overarching goal of the partnership
  - How will the Partnership address the UNEP Mercury Programme priority areas identified in Governing Council Decision 24/3 paragraph 19?

#### **4. New and Emerging Partnership Areas**

- 4.i) Overview of 5 new and emerging areas (UNEP):  
vinyl chloride monomer production, non-ferrous metals mining, cement production, waste management (including storage), reducing global mercury supply

#### **Wednesday January 30 2008 (9.00 – 17.00)**

#### **5. Moving forward in developing the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership (discussion)**

- 5.i) Successes and realities within a partnership context
- 5.ii) Reflection in moving forward
- What is working well? What are the challenges?
  - What overarching activities can be considered through partnerships (or addressed more effectively)? Such as BAT/BEP, inventories, information sharing...
  - Where to start and where to focus with respect to...?
    - Engaging new partners.
    - Securing funding.
- 5.iii) Proposed Overarching Framework
- 5.iv) Securing Adequate Funds

#### **6. Preparing for the overarching Meeting of Partners, 1-3 April 2008**

- 6.i) Review meeting objective and status of planning
- 6.ii) Next steps

#### **7. Other items**