

MERCURY AND HUMAN HEALTH THE SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES PERSPECTIVE.

Chemical History SVG

- SVG IS SIGNATORY TO THE FOLLOWING CHEMICAL CONVENTIONS;
- BASEL CONVENTION
- STOCKHOLM CONVENTION
- ROTTERDAM CONVENTION

ACHIEVEMENT IN CHEMICALS MANAGEMENT

- SAICM (1st Chemical Profile)
- Review of Chemical Profile(2014)
- Completion of the NIP for the Stockholm Convention(2015)

Achievements in Chemical Management

- Regional Project for the disposal of obsolete pesticides in an ESM in the UK .FAO initiative.
- Regional Project for POPs Inventory.BCRC/UNEP/GEF

Mercury in Health Care

- Slow phase down of equipment /substances (dental amalgam etc.)containing mercury especially in public health care facilities.
- End of life management of equipments /substances is lacking

The Minamata Convention

SVG is not a signatory (yet)

- No inventory conducted(BCRC in 2017 is to undertake the same)

Lack or no knowledge of the Minamata.

SOP are not always followed

THE WAY FORWARD

- Discussion MOHWE and Stakeholders.technical guidance From PAHO/WHO and other agencies.
- Inventory
- Smart hospital PAHO/WHO initiative ,will see the phase down/out of equipment and substances containing mercury.
- Awareness raising among health care workers

THANK YOU