



## GEF and the Minamata Convention

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## GEF's role in the Minamata Convention

Period	Role of the GEF
Period between adoption of the Convention (October 2013) to COP 1	Allocate dedicated resources to support activities to facilitate the rapid entry into force and effective implementation of the Convention and support enabling activities.
After COP 1	the GEF will formally function in the Financial Mechanism and will operate under the guidance of the COP in accordance with a memorandum of understanding that will be agreed between the COP and the GEF Council.

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## GEF 6 Chemicals and Waste

CW 1: Develop the enabling conditions, tools and environment for the sound management of harmful chemicals and wastes	Program 1	Develop and demonstrate new tools and economic approaches for managing harmful chemicals and waste in a sound manner
	Program 2	Support enabling activities and promote their integration into national budgets and planning processes, national and sector policies and actions and global monitoring
CW 2: - Reduce the prevalence of harmful chemicals and waste and support the implementation of clean alternative technologies/substances	Program 3	Reduction and elimination of POPs
	Program 4	Reduction or elimination of anthropogenic emissions and releases of mercury to the environment
	Program 5	Complete the phase out of ODS in CEITs and assist Article 5 countries under the Montreal Protocol to achieve climate mitigation benefits
	Program 6	Support regional approaches to eliminate and reduce harmful chemicals and waste in LDCs and SIDS

**Minamata: 141MUSD (2014-2018)**

INNOVATIVE PROGRAMMING OPTIONS

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## Programs relevant to the Minamata Convention

- **Program 4 Objectives**
  - Reduction and elimination of mercury use in ASGM
  - Reduction and control of mercury emissions
  - Phase out of mercury use in industrial processes
  - Sound management of mercury storage
  - Life cycle management of mercury

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## Enabling Activities

- Two enabling activities that are eligible for funding by the GEF (do not require co-financing):
  - Minamata Convention Initial Assessments (MIAs) (200,000USD)
  - ASGM National Action Plans (NAPs) (500,000USD)
- The other types of GEF projects are possible (Medium/Full Sized, Programs)

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## MIA – key components

1. Determination of **Coordination Mechanism** and organization of process;
2. Assessment of the **national infrastructure and capacity** for the management of mercury, including ;
3. Development of a **mercury inventory** using the UNEP mercury toolkit
4. Identification of **challenges, needs and opportunities** to implement the Convention
5. Preparation, **validation of National MIA** report and implementation of initial **awareness raising activities** and dissemination of results

Regional projects:

6. **Information exchange, capacity building and knowledge generation**

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## UNEP MIA portfolio in LAC

- **LAC:** 3 Regional and 3 National projects
  - LAC 1: Argentina, Ecuador, Nicaragua, Peru and Uruguay
  - LAC 2: Bolivia, Chile, Dom. Rep. and Paraguay
  - Caribbean 1: Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, Trinidad and Tobago
- **National:** Brazil, Mexico, Honduras



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## UNEP MIA development in other regions

- **Africa:** 4 Regional and 4 National projects (21 countries)
- **Asia-Pacific:** 3 Regional projects (16 countries)
- **CEE and Central Asia:** 1 Regional + 2 national (5 countries)

Total on-going: 52 countries



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## Other UNEP on-going mercury projects

- Pilot Project on the Development of Mercury Inventory in China
- Reducing Global and Local Environmental Risks from Primary Mercury Mining in Khaidarkan
- Pilot Project on the Development of Mercury Inventory in Russia
- Development of a Plan for Global Monitoring of Human Exposure to an Environmental Concentrations of Mercury (Global)
- National Action Plans (NAPs) for Artisanal and Small Scale Gold Mining (19 countries on-going; in LAC: Honduras, Paraguay)



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**THANK YOU!**

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