

Minamata convention – drafting a CLM-guidance on Hg-contaminated sites



COMMON FORUM mirror group



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On going process

■ **Intersessional work and Submissions for COP3 (25 to 29 November 2019):**

- Parties and other stakeholders were invited to submit comments and information to complement and further improve the draft Guidance submitted to COP-2 (UNEP/MC/COP.2/7) : deadline 15 February 2019
- Third draft will be prepared by 31 March 2019 – to be reviewed by experts for end of April
- Third meeting of the Conference of the Parties

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Secretariat request for information

The Secretariat has invited Parties to submit information and comments on:

- (a) Situations that are site-specific to mercury that parties may face, such as the decommissioning of chlor-alkali plants and addressing contamination due to artisanal and small-scale gold-mining activities, etc.;
- (b) The role played by inventories of contaminated sites in strategies and policies relating to contaminated sites;
- (c) Prioritization for further action on contaminated sites based on risk assessment;
- (d) The interface between contaminated site policies and land use planning policies;
- (e) Existing procedures for the characterization of contaminated sites, including approaches and techniques for sampling and analysis;
- (f) The existing range of proven and emerging remediation techniques, including situations in which certain techniques may or may not be appropriate, environmental advantages and drawbacks and costs;
- (g) Socioeconomic and cultural considerations during the remediation of contaminated sites; and
- (h) Information on approaches to financing work on and building capacity for the identification, assessment, remediation and risk management of contaminated sites, including frameworks for domestic financing.



Contributors to the second draft

- Submissions from governments
 - [Canada](#), [Switzerland](#), [Japan](#) – answered to the questions one by one regarding the situation in their countries
 - [Chile](#): erase some parts of the guidance, in line with ICMM proposition
 - France: guidance: [Comments](#), letter [Specific comments](#), proposed Case study: [Restoration](#) - [Chloralkali](#) - [Background](#) - [Model](#)
 - [Uruguay](#): one comment on need for risk communication

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- Submissions from other organisations
 - [Secretariat of the Barcelona Convention](#) : provide : Guidelines on BEP for the ESM of mercury contaminated sites, no date >= 2012; including case studies
 - Common Forum on Contaminated Land in Europe: guidance [Comments](#) letter : [Specific comments](#) - [Decision Tree](#)
 - [International Council on Mining on Metals](#) : erase some part (COP 2 decision MC2/8 to produce a guidance in non prescriptive language, giving general advice, distinction between contaminated site and mining site)
 - [International POPs Elimination Network \(IPEN\)](#): add text into the guidance on: inventory, financing options for contaminated site investigation and management, remediation ; ask for revision of section on risk assessment (how to develop a framework for conducting human health and ecological risk assessments)
 - [Prof. Svetoslava Todorova, Syracuse University](#): adds comments into the guidance

CF Key messages / observation

- Second draft version not really improved:
 - Still a need to improved the structure,
 - Some concepts are too vague to be of use,
 - Need of clarification of key terms and concepts (ex site contamination).
- Content:
 - The level of details is heterogeneous in the document,
 - Introduce the “source–pathway-receptor”-paradigm,
 - Methodologies for inventory step need to be more clear,
 - Figures and illustrations must be added,
 - References : links to useful documents have been provided.

Draft framework and decision trees

- According to UN secretariat : must be built by extracting some stepwise elements in the current draft guidelines and comments.
- A drafted proposition for decision trees was proposed by CF the 6 of March:
 - The first slide is a general decision tree that tries to include all the steps/notions included in the guidance,
 - The second slide is a focus on the inventory and investigation step
 - Another slide on remedial/management approach may be of use (not provide at this stage : waiting for UN secretariat feedback on the first slides provided)

**Thanks a lot for
your attention**



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