

Knowledge lab – Minamata convention COP 3

Improving the Effective Enforcement of the Commitments on Environmentally Sound management of Chemicals and Waste in African, Caribbean and Pacific regions through Compliance with MEAs

Date and time: Friday 29 November 2019, 14:00 to 14:45

Venue: Geneva International Conference Centre (open space)

Moderator

Mr. David Ogden, BRS Conventions

Speakers

1. Mr. Serge Molly, ALLO'O ALLO'O, Deputy General Director of the Centre National Anti-Pollution (CNAP), Ministry of Forest, Sea, Environment in charge of Climate Plan. Ministry of Environment of Gabon, National Focal Point of SAICM, Basel & Minamata conventions, Vice President of COP3, Minamata Convention, President of COP10, Rotterdam Convention
2. Ms. Haddy Guisse, Programme Officer, UNEP Law Division
3. Mr. Abdouraman Bary, Regional Sub-programme Coordinator (Chemicals, Waste and Air Quality), UNEP Africa Office
4. Ms. Sarra Ovuike, Chemicals and Waste / Climate Change Expert – *GEF Coordination Unit (GEF)*, Directorate Climate Change and Green Growth, Climate Finance Division (PECG1), African Development Bank Group

Programme

Time	Item	Lead
14:00 – 14:05	Opening remarks	Mr. David Ogden, BRS Conventions
14:05 – 14:10	Capacity Building needs for the implementation of the Bamako convention to enable environmental sustainability	Mr. Serge Molly, ALLO'O ALLO'O, Gabon

14:10 – 14:15	Enforcing environmental treaties in African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Countries- ACP-MEAs III	Ms. Haddy Guisse, UNEP Law Division
14:15 – 14:20	Improving the Effective Enforcement of the Commitments on Environmentally Sound management of Chemicals and Waste in African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries through Compliance with MEAs	Mr. Abdouraman Bary, UNEP Africa Office
14:20 – 14:25	The role of the African Development Bank in supporting the implementation of MEAs in Africa	Ms. Sarra Ovuike, AfDB
14:25 – 14:40	Discussions	All participants
14:40 – 14:45	Closing remarks	Mr. David Ogden, BRS Conventions

Objectives

The specific objective of the side-event will be to build on the technical assistance and legislative frameworks adopted to date in African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) regions to promote the effective enforcement of the commitments taken by ACP countries as Parties to chemicals and waste conventions, including the Minamata, BRS and Bamako Conventions. This will be ensured through improved compliance with and enforcement of key policies and legislations in countries; specific protocols and mechanisms that facilitate the sharing of information and experiences; and the provision of sound environmental data and tools to policy makers to close the gap between science and policy experienced at the national level.

Expected results

1. Strengthened Parties commitments for the environmentally sound management of hazardous and other wastes, including prevention and minimization of risks associated with the use of these materials;
2. Improved knowledge of legal frameworks to support shared responsibility and cooperative efforts among Parties in the international trade of hazardous waste, chemicals and pesticides;
3. Improved knowledge sharing and mechanisms for the effective implementation of MEAs and MIA projects. This will lead to the promotion of exchange of information through South-South cooperation, including among regional institutions in the African, Caribbean and Pacific regions on chemicals and waste. Information will be shared with participants to ensure that they successfully implement chemicals and waste conventions and the post-2020.

Target Audience

1. Government officials from parties and non-parties to the Minamata, Basel, Rotterdam, Stockholm conventions, African parties and non-parties to the Bamako;
2. African, Caribbean and Pacific MEAs project countries;
3. Non-governmental organizations;
4. Women and youth participants
5. Private sector;
6. Experts in chemicals and wastes sound management;
7. United Nations, and its agencies, and relevant international organizations;

Format

The format of the side event is a panel discussion with representatives from the governments and co-hosting organizations. After introductions and panel, a possibility for questions and comments will be provided. The event will be livestreamed on UN Environment twitter account.

Knowledge products to be shared

1. Meeting agendas and reports;
2. Factsheets and flyers
3. Project documents
4. Africa Waste Management Outlook (Summary)