



MINAMATA COP3 SIDE EVENT

Regional and national approaches to mercury trade control in Latin America



The workshop was co-organised by the Secretariat of the Minamata Convention and the Government of Bolivia to exchange information on mercury trade among a key set of countries in the region and support the implementation of their obligations under Article 3 on trade. The workshop was funded by the EU. Jordi Pon, UN Environment Programme, Latin America and the Caribbean Office presented the outcomes of the workshop that brought together Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama and Peru on mercury trade organized by the Secretariat in October 2019 in Bolivia with the support of the European Commission. Peru, Mexico and Colombia presented their national and regional experience and challenges to control and keep track of mercury trade. In particular, the Vice Minister of Colombia emphasized the need to adopt a regional approach for the sustainable management of mercury in the Andean region in the context of the newly established Andean Observatory responsible for the management of information regarding mercury.

Chair: Jordi Pon, UN Environment Programme, Latin America and the Caribbean Office

Introduction: Capacity-building and technical assistance on mercury trade. Claudia ten Have, Secretariat of the Minamata Convention

Presenters:

- Regional perspectives; outcomes of the regional workshop to exchange information on mercury trade: Mr. Arturo Gavilán, INECC/Government of Mexico.
- A national system to control and track mercury movements; the case of Peru: Mr. César Llanos, Ministry of Environment, Peru.
- Regional cooperation; the Andean Observatory to exchange information on mercury: Mr. Roberto Mario Esmeral, Deputy minister, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Colombia.