

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES - 3 / SIDE EVENT

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL APPROACHES TO MERCURY TRADE CONTROL IN LATIN AMERICA

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Mercury trade in Latin America

Three key drivers:

1. **Persistent demand** of mercury, mainly for ASGM
2. Bans to export mercury in other regions (EU, US): **shift in the supply sources** – reactivation of primary mercury mining in Mexico
3. **Entry into force** of the Convention (2017): increased national controls and use of trade forms – increase of illegal movements

Very dynamic situation!



Focus of the side event

- ***Review challenges to address mercury trade in the region*** (which can be similar to those in countries from other regions), and how these needs can be addressed through *technical assistance and capacity building activities*
- ***Examples of mechanisms to control mercury trade, at national and regional level*** that are being implemented, which can also be relevant to other countries/regions.



Programme

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 Esmeral, Deputy minister, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, **Colombia**

Questions & Answers

