

## Overview of Meetings of the Minamata Convention, 2020-2021

<i>Planned date</i>	<i>Planned meeting mode</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Reference</i>	<i>Scenario, as of 21.05.2020</i>
<b>2020</b>				
07-May-20	Online	Meeting of the Ad-hoc Group of Experts on the Review of Annexes A and B	<b>Decision MC-3/1:</b> Review of annexes A and B ("The ad hoc group of experts will meet face to face once during the intersessional period preceding the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, subject to the availability of funds, and will also work by electronic means.")	Online
07-May-20	Online	Meeting of the Group of Technical Experts on Mercury Releases	<b>Decision MC-3/4:</b> Releases of mercury ("2. Requests the group to continue to work by electronic means, with the possibility of one face-to-face meeting [...] 4. Requests the secretariat to continue to support the work of the group.")	Online
12-May-20	Online	Meeting of the Group of Technical Experts on Mercury Waste Thresholds	<b>Decision MC-3/5:</b> Mercury waste thresholds ("Decides that the group of technical experts will work by electronic means and will meet face to face once to address the matters mentioned in the previous paragraphs of the present decision")	Online
03-Jun-20	Online	Meeting of the Ad-hoc Group of Experts on the Review of Annexes A and B	<b>Decision MC-3/1:</b> Review of annexes A and B	Online
Jun-20	Physical	Meeting of the Ad-hoc Group of Experts on the Review of Annexes A and B	<b>Decision MC-3/1:</b> Review of annexes A and B <b>Decision MC-3/12:</b> Programme of work and budget for the biennium 2020–2021 (A.1.3 Intersessional time-based expert groups mandated by the Conference of the Parties", Special Trust Fund, 2020)	The group will continue to work online and consider the possibility of a meeting for 2021.
04-Jun-20	Online	COP4 Bureau meeting		Additional online meetings will be held, as needed.

10-Jun-20	Online	Information session on mercury monitoring guidance - two sessions (AM and PM)	<b>Decision MC-3/10:</b> Arrangements for the first effectiveness evaluation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury ("2. Requests the secretariat to advance the work by securing services for drafting: (a) Guidance on monitoring to maintain harmonized, comparable information on mercury levels in the environment, taking into consideration the draft structure set out in the note on technical information on mercury monitoring; ")	The roadmap on monitoring guidance foresees starting with online meetings.
18-Jun-20	Online	Meeting of the Group of Technical Experts on Mercury Waste Thresholds	<b>Decision MC-3/5:</b> Mercury waste thresholds	Online
30-Jun-20	Online	Meeting of the Group of Technical Experts on Mercury Releases	<b>Decision MC-3/4:</b> Releases of mercury	Online
Mid-Sept-20	Online	Information session on indicators for the effectiveness evaluation	<b>Decision MC-3/10:</b> Arrangements for the first effectiveness evaluation of the Minamata Convention	The plan for indicators foresees organization of online sessions.
Sep-20	Online	The webinar on monitoring guidance for the effectiveness evaluation	<b>Decision MC-3/10:</b> Arrangements for the first effectiveness evaluation of the Minamata Convention	The roadmap on monitoring guidance foresees starting with online meeting.
Sep-20	Physical	Consultation meeting on the management of ASGM tailings, Quito, Ecuador	<b>Decision MC-3/12:</b> Programme of work and budget for the biennium 2020–2021 (C.5.2 Updating of guidance on ASGM national action plans")	The Secretariat raised funding for this, but the GEF meeting, with which this meeting was planned back-to-back, was postponed to November 2021. An alternative meeting plan is under consideration.
by 31 Jan-20	Online	Exchange session on indicators for the effectiveness evaluation	<b>Decision MC-3/10:</b> Arrangements for the first effectiveness evaluation of the Minamata Convention	Online
4th quarter 2020	Physical	Meeting of the Group of Technical Experts on Mercury Waste Thresholds	<b>Decision MC-3/5:</b> Mercury waste thresholds <b>Decision MC-3/12:</b> Programme of work and budget for the biennium 2020–2021 (A.1.3 Intersessional time-based expert groups mandated by the Conference of the Parties", General Trust Fund, 2020)	The group will continue to work online and consider the possibility of a meeting for 2021.

13-16- Oct-20	Physical	Meeting on best practice and case studies on the management of sites contaminated with Mercury, Neuchatel, Switzerland	<b>Decision MC-3/6:</b> Guidance on the management of contaminated sites (" 4. Requests the secretariat to continue to collect technical information that supports the guidance, in cooperation with experts nominated by Governments, relevant networks and others, and to make such information available to parties") <b>Decision MC-3/12:</b> Programme of work and budget for the biennium 2020–2021 (C.5.4. "Information collection and analysis on mercury waste and contaminated sites")	A donor provided funding for this meeting in conjunction with the meeting of the Common Forum on Contaminated Land.
4th quarter 2020		Thematic meetings on monitoring guidance	<b>Decision MC-3/10:</b> Arrangements for the first effectiveness evaluation of the Minamata Convention <b>Decision MC-3/12:</b> Programme of work and budget for the biennium 2020–2021 (A.6.1 Development of draft guidance on monitoring)	The roadmap on monitoring guidance refers to the possibility of physical meetings. Online meetings will be held as needed.
TBD	Physical	SIP Governing Board	<b>Article 13:</b> Financial Mechanism <b>UNEP/MC/COP.2/9, Annex II</b> (Rules of procedure of the Governing Board of the Specific International Programme of the Minamata Convention on Mercury) <i>V. Venue, dates and notice of meetings</i> Rule 5 1. The Board will in principle meet once a year to approve project applications and review progress under the programme on the basis of reports from the Minamata Convention secretariat, as well as other relevant information provided to them on implementation of the programme.	Based on funds received the Governing Board would decide to launch the Third Round of applications. In this regard the Board would probably meet online to decide on the next steps.
<b>2021</b>				
Early 2021	Physical	Meeting of the Group of Technical Experts on Mercury Releases	<b>Decision MC-3/4:</b> Releases of mercury <b>Decision MC-3/12:</b> Programme of work and budget for the biennium 2020–2021 (A.1.3 Intersessional time-based expert groups mandated by the Conference of the Parties", Special Trust Fund, 2021)	The group will continue to work online, and consider the possibility of a meeting for 2021, if resources are available.

2nd quarter 2021	Physical	SIP Governing Board	<p><b>Article 13:</b> Financial Mechanism  <b>UNEP/MC/COP.2/9, Annex II</b> (Rules of procedure of the Governing Board of the Specific International Programme of the Minamata Convention on Mercury)  <i>V. Venue, dates and notice of meetings</i>  Rule 5  1. The Board will in principle meet once a year to approve project applications and review progress under the programme on the basis of reports from the Minamata Convention secretariat, as well as other relevant information provided to them on implementation of the programme.</p>	The Governing Board would meet to consider applications of the Third Round and decide on projects to fund based on funds deposited at the time.
2nd quarter 2021	Physical	ICC meeting	<p><b>Decision MC-3/9:</b> Implementation and Compliance Committee [...]  <b>Decision MC-3/12:</b> Programme of work and budget for the biennium 2020–2021 (A.3.1 "Meeting of the Committee")  <b>Annex to Decision MC-2/4:</b> Rules of procedure for the Implementation and Compliance Committee of the Minamata Convention on Mercury.  <i>IV. Meetings</i>  Rule 8:  1. The secretariat, in consultation with the Chair, shall make appropriate arrangements for the meetings of the Committee. The Committee shall discuss the date of its subsequent meeting at the close of its meeting.  2. Meetings may take place through electronic or other means should the Committee consider that matters under discussion could be addressed in this manner.  Rule 9:  Unless otherwise decided by the Committee, meetings of the Committee shall be held in person at least once during each intersessional period between ordinary meetings of the Conference of the Parties.</p>	
May-Jun 2021	Preferably face-to-face	Final consultation meeting on monitoring guidance	<p><b>Decision MC-3/10:</b> Arrangements for the first effectiveness evaluation of the Minamata Convention  <b>Decision MC-3/12:</b> Programme of work and budget for the biennium 2020–2021 (A.6.1 Development of draft guidance on monitoring, General Trust Fund, 2021)</p>	The roadmap on monitoring guidance provides for this meeting, preferably face-to-face. Online meetings will be held as needed.
3rd quarter 2021	Physical	COP4 Bureau meeting	<p><b>Decision MC-3/12:</b> Programme of work and budget for the biennium 2020–2021 (A.2.1 Meeting of the Bureau, General Trust Fund, 2021)</p>	

3rd quarter 2021	Physical	COP4 Regional preparatory meetings	<b>Decision MC-3/12:</b> Programme of work and budget for the biennium 2020–2021 (A.1.2 Regional preparatory meetings", Special Trust Fund, 2021)	
1-5Nov 2021	Physical	COP4 meeting	<b>Decision MC-3/12:</b> Programme of work and budget for the biennium 2020–2021 (A.1.1 Fourth meeting", General Trust Fund, 2021)	

In addition, at least seven meetings are planned to take place physically and/or online within the EU funded Project "Support to the 2019-2020 capacity-building and technical assistance programme of the Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury in relation to trade and emissions". At the moment, the extension of the project due to COVID-19 implications is being considered together with the donor.