

Plan of work on the proposed indicators for evaluating the effectiveness of the Minamata Convention

The third meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-3) adopted decision MC-3/10: *Arrangements for the first effectiveness evaluation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury*.

In that decision the Secretariat is requested to compile views in advance of the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Consideration of the proposed indicators will thus be included in the provisional agenda of COP-4 in agreement with the President.

Decision MC-3/10 does not specify the schedule or modality for compiling Parties' views on the proposed indicators. As the Secretariat is tasked to compile the views in advance of COP-4, it has prepared the following plan of work.

Plan of Work on the proposed indicators	
Indicative timeline	Action
Mid-September 2020	The Secretariat will avail itself to Parties and stakeholders for an online information session on the proposed indicators, as captured in annex I of Decision MC-3/10 ¹ , for evaluating the effectiveness of the Minamata Convention. In advance of this information session, the Secretariat will prepare guiding questions, that may support Parties in their initial consideration and preparation of their initial views on the proposed indicators.
Monday, 30 November 2020	Deadline for the submission to the Secretariat by Parties of initial views and responses. The same deadline applies to stakeholders who may wish to submit their input.
Mid-December 2020	The Secretariat will make available a dedicated virtual work space to collate and access the initial views and responses received from Parties as well as input received from stakeholders by 30 November 2020.
Mid-December 2020	The Secretariat will prepare a document reviewing the available data and methods for quantified assessment of the proposed indicators as background information, and make the document available on the dedicated virtual work space. The Secretariat may also prepare other supplementary information, as appropriate, and as may have come forward through the initial views and responses.
By 31 January 2021	The Secretariat will facilitate an exchange session on the received initial views and initial responses by 30 November 2020. This exchange session is to enable clarifications on the views and responses submitted, additional questions that may have arisen, and other relevant information sharing and

¹ The text of Annex I to MC-3/10 is captured on pages 51-57 in the Report of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury on the work of its third meeting, [UNEP/MC/COP.3/23](https://www.unep.org/minamata/sites/default/files/2020-05/Annex_I_to_MC-3_10.pdf).

	<p>exchange on the proposed indicators for evaluating the effectiveness of the Minamata Convention.</p> <p>This opportunity to exchange is also to assist Parties in their formal preparation of their views, as requested by Decision MC-3/10, in advance of COP-4.</p>
Wednesday, 31 March 2021	Deadline for the submission to the Secretariat of views of Parties in advance of COP-4.
July 2021	The Secretariat completes the document of views on the proposed indicators for COP-4.