

Country “Checklist” for Phasing Out Mercury-added Products Under the Minamata Convention

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Developing strategies to phase out products under Article 4 of the Minamata Convention

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- * EC DEVCO / FAO funded – Capacity Building Related to Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) in Africa, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries – phase 2 (ACP/MEAs2) , July 2014 – December 2017
- * **European Environmental Bureau/Zero Mercury Working Group project**
 - * MPP (US), NRDC (US), groundWork (S.Africa)
 - * Mauritius: Pesticides Action Network Mauritius (PANEM),
 - * Nigeria: Sustainable Research and Action for Environmental Development(SRADev)



Project focus in Mauritius and Nigeria

- * Close cooperation with the governments and UN implementing agencies
- * Project Advisory Committees (PAC) formally established to guide national implementation
- * Stakeholders identified and engaged
- * National studies on the market transition to Convention compliant products
- * Development of a Legal Gap Analysis and draft national legislation
- * A draft checklist developed for phasing out mercury added products (MAPs)



Elements of a “checklist” to phase out MAPs

- * Stakeholder engagement strategy
- * Situation assessment
- * Address capacity building and strengthening, as needed
- * Key project deliverables



Stakeholder engagement strategy

- * Secure financial, technical resources needed and engagement of relevant ministries, organizations and stakeholders
- * Form structure to facilitate project input/coordination (ie Project Advisory Committee or PAC)
- * Determine roles, responsibilities, timeline, etc. for moving forward between relevant ministries
- * Hold PAC inception meeting, identify information needs, set goals, specify the sequence and timing of project milestones
- * Facilitate stakeholder review and input on project work products



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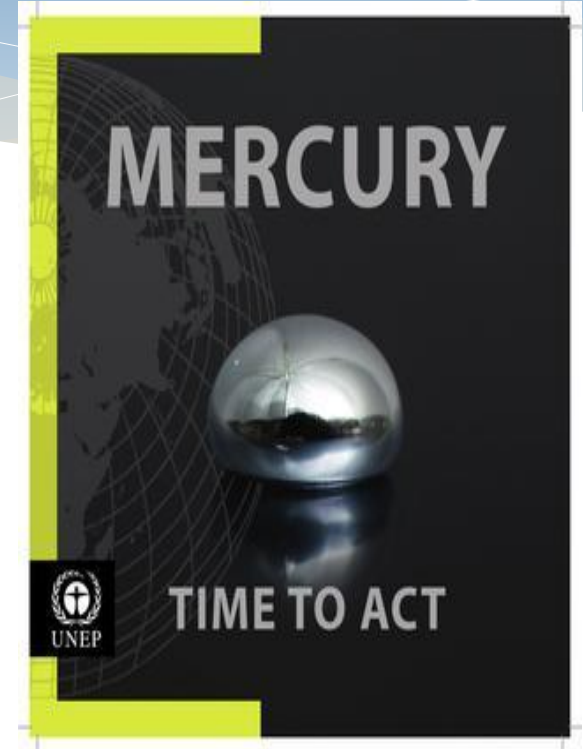


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Situation assessment

- * Conduct inventories and collate data
- * Assess availability, efficacy of Convention compliant products
- * Review existing institutional capacity to support MAP phase-outs
- * Conduct legal gaps analysis for addressing MAPs
- * Develop legal framework



Address capacity building/ strengthening needs

- * Create information platforms
- * Identify lab testing and train personnel (e.g. Customs)
- * Foster data, information sharing
- * Establish method for determining Hg levels in products, calibration, validation
- * Promote reduction in illegal trans-boundary trade in MAPs



Key Project Deliverables

- * Define roles/responsibilities of Ministries in Article 4 implementation
- * Develop new legal authorities as needed, reflecting the alignment of implementation responsibilities for each of the relevant ministries
- * Determine whether, and for which product(s) exemption is needed
- * Identify priorities for filling institutional gaps/capacity needs, and sources of technical and financial support available to fill the gaps



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Nairobi & Trinidad Meetings

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Creation of checklist set stage for developing country roadmaps to identify steps and strategies to phase out MAPs



Chinese manufacturers' plans for phasing out MAPs

- * Goal to eventually eliminate mercury sphygmomanometers and thermometers as they account for 70% of MAPs
- * Major challenge in producing alternatives is the price
- * 900,000 medical institutions in China, with a huge patient population, making the financial burden substantial
- * 30 manufacturers produce 120 million Hg thermometers
- * Production quantity of electronic thermometers is 40 million
- * Time table for transition to mercury-free thermometers: 20% by 2019, 50% by 2021, 80% by 2023 and 100% 2025



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Meetings Outcomes

- * During both meetings, countries expressed great interest in phasing out mercury-added products (MAPs)
- * Delegates actively participated in exercise to develop draft country roadmaps for phasing out MAPs
- * Jamaica's roadmap (developed during the May Nairobi meeting) was presented during the Trinidad meeting in September
- * 3 delegates presented their draft roadmaps at each meeting
- * Countries were encouraged to include roadmaps in their Minamata Initial Assessments



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