

Zero Mercury Working Group

Building support for reducing mercury globally



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Local to Global Coalitions on Chemicals, Waste and Mercury Management.

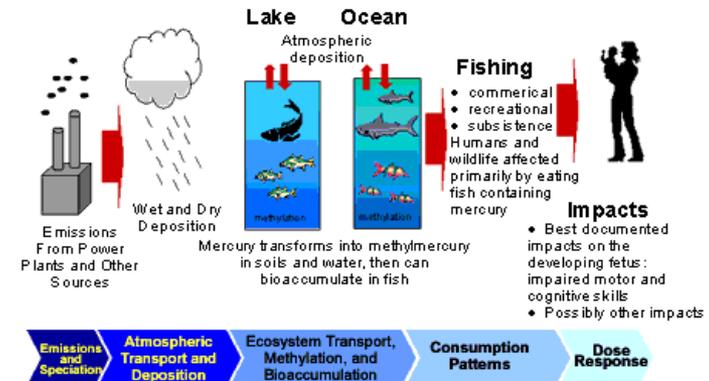
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- * Founded/co-coordinated since 2005 – European Environmental Bureau and Mercury Policy Project
- * Over 95 NGOs from more than 50 countries
- * Aim: Reduce and where feasible eliminate mercury supply, use, emissions and exposure; implement the Minamata Convention



ZMWG two-pronged strategy

- Promote strong policies at global level
(UNEP Partnership initiatives, Regional meetings, Conference of the Parties)



- Support NGO activities at national level
(Awareness raising, inventories, national action plans, mercury reduction strategies, Minamata Initial Assessments, etc.)



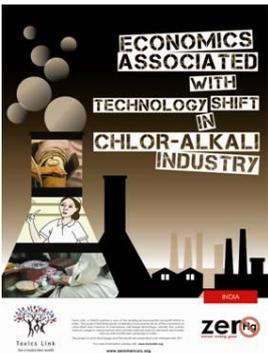
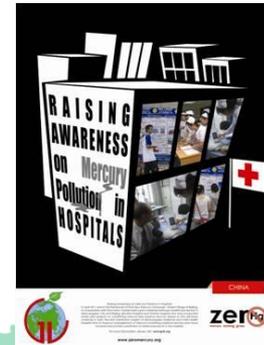
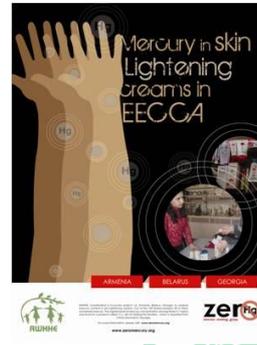
ZMWG support for NGO projects worldwide



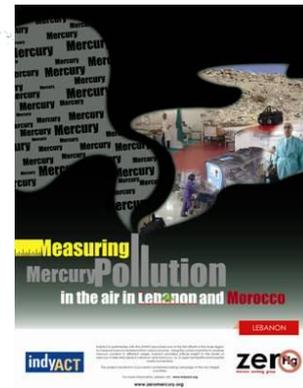
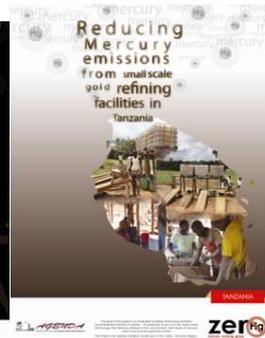
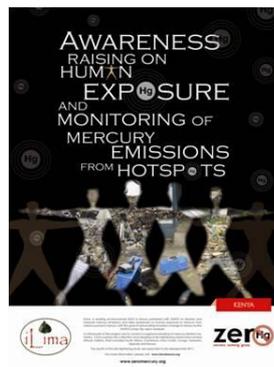
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Since 2005, around 5 projects per year in 30 countries



Field-based projects to implement the Convention

- **EC DEVCO/FAO Project**– Capacity Building Related to MEAs in Africa, Caribbean and Pacific countries – phase 2 (ACP/MEAs2), 2014 – 2017
- **8 Partner NGOs**
- **Nigeria and Mauritius on mercury-added products phase out**
- **Tanzania and Ghana on Artisanal Small Scale Gold Mining**
- **Regional African conferences**
- **Similar projects on products in Kenya, South Africa, Cote d' Ivoire (funded by SSNC/SIDA)**

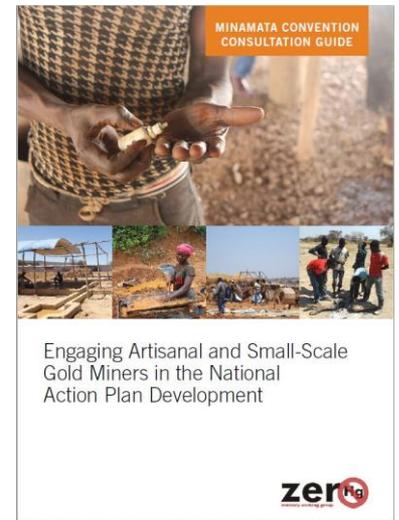


71 meeting participants:
Environment and Mining ministries from 29 African countries Jamaica UN Environment, UNIDO, UNITAR, UNDP, BCRC Caribbean, AUC, AI, NGOs, academics, private sector, consultants attending May Nairobi meeting

Strengthen/build NGOs' capacity (1)

Capacity building/Awareness raising (SGP project)

- Existing NGO partners/countries advance their work – share experiences
- Identify new partners in the regions
- Identify/cooperate with SGP/structures which can provide resources to developing countries NGOs
- Organise three NGO conferences – Africa, Asia, Latin America in next few years



Strengthen/build NGOs' capacity (2)

Continue to follow the Minamata COP process (co-financing)

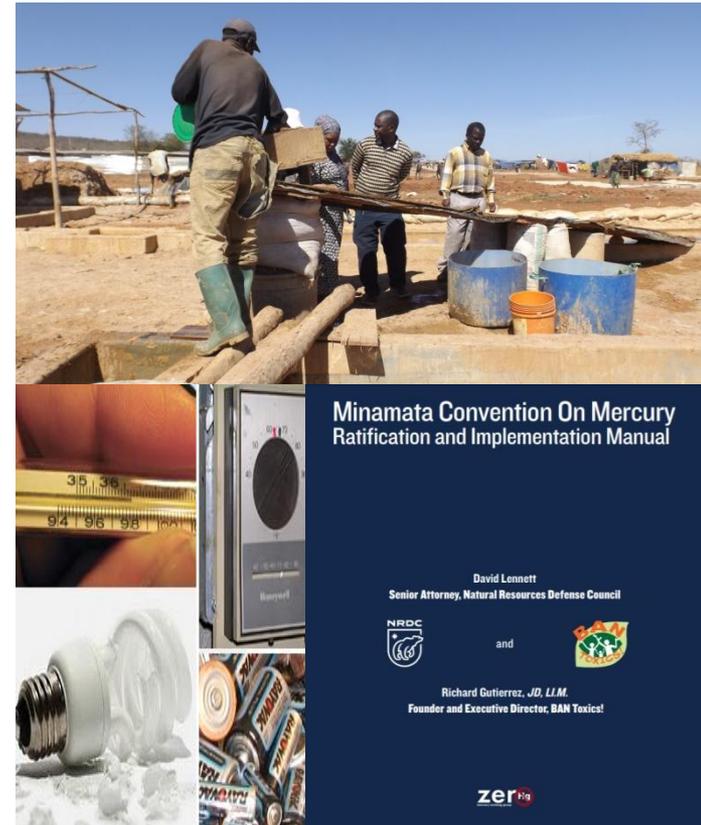
- Supporting NGO participation
- Development of guidance and technical standards
 - Waste thresholds
 - Effectiveness evaluation
 - Interim storage guidance
- Convention revisions
 - Strengthening of Treaty (expand phase out of Convention compliant products and processes, etc.)



Strengthen/build NGOs' capacity (3)

At the national level (co-financing)

- Supporting projects in developing countries
 - Identify implementation needs
 - Mercury reduction activities
 - Checklist for phasing out mercury added products
 - Assisting in the development of the ASGM NAPs
 - Develop and promote legislation





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