

27 March 2024

**Subject:** Contribution of the chemicals and waste conventions to Target 7 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

Dear National Focal Points,

I am pleased to announce that the Secretariats of the Minamata Convention on Mercury and of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions are organizing an online information session on the contribution of the chemicals and waste conventions to Target 7 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF).

As you may be aware, in December 2023, the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework was adopted by the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), in [decision 15/14](#). The GBF sets out an ambitious pathway to reach the global vision of a world living in harmony with nature by 2050. Target 7 of the GBF is related to pollution from all sources and aims to:

*“Reduce pollution risks and the negative impact of pollution from all sources, by 2030, to levels that are not harmful to biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services, considering cumulative effects, including: (a) by reducing excess nutrients lost to the environment by at least half, including through more efficient nutrient cycling and use; (b) by reducing the overall risk from pesticides and highly hazardous chemicals by at least half, including through integrated pest management, based on science, taking into account food security and livelihoods; and (c) by preventing, reducing, and working towards eliminating plastic pollution.”*

Along with the GBF, COP-15 to the CBD adopted a monitoring framework for the GBF in [decision 15/5](#). The GBF monitoring framework is comprised of a set of agreed indicators for tracking progress towards the goals and targets of the GBF. Under Target 7, the agreed indicators in the monitoring framework are aimed at measuring agricultural fertilizers, pesticides, plastic and hazardous waste.

Furthermore, in the same decision, COP-15 requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) to complete the scientific and technical review of the monitoring framework and decided to consider the requirements for further work to fully implement and review the effectiveness of the monitoring framework for the GBF at its sixteenth meeting. Accordingly, SBSTTA is expected to consider revisions to the GBF monitoring framework at its twenty-sixth meeting (SBSTTA-26), which will take place from 13 to 18 May 2024, in Nairobi, Kenya, and to make recommendations to COP-16 to the CBD in this regard.

The Secretariats of the Minamata Convention and of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions prepared an initial joint [study](#) entitled “Interlinkages between the chemicals and waste multilateral environmental agreements and biodiversity: key insights”. Further, the Secretariat of the Minamata Convention prepared a [report](#) titled “Mercury and Biodiversity” highlighting opportunities for generating co-benefits through coherent implementation of the Minamata Convention and the GBF. These reports identified areas of convergence between chemicals and waste management and biodiversity, and the need to address the challenges in a manner that better reflects nature’s interconnectedness.

The Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury, in its decision MC-5/17, welcomed the adoption of the GBF by the CBD COP and requested the Secretariat to prepare a draft road map, including possible actions and indicators, to support Parties in demonstrating and maximizing the co-benefits arising from the implementation of the Minamata Convention and the GBF. In the same decision, the Minamata Convention COP noted the absence of indicators regarding the overall risk from highly hazardous chemicals in the monitoring framework for the GBF, and invited the CBD COP to consider additional indicators, under target 7, to cover highly hazardous chemicals and mercury.

The Conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, in their decisions BC-16/22, RC-11/9 and SC-11/21 on international cooperation and coordination with other organizations, welcomed the adoption of the GBF by the CBD COP. In those decisions, the COPs reiterated their call to Parties to take into account the objectives of the GBF in their actions to implement the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions and requested the Secretariat to prepare, subject to the availability of resources, a report, including possible recommendations, on how the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions could contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Targets and 2050 Goals of the GBF, for consideration by the COPs at their meetings in 2025.

With a view to facilitating an exchange among National Focal Points to the biodiversity and chemicals and waste MEAs clusters, the Secretariats of the Minamata Convention and BRS Conventions are convening an online information session to discuss how the chemicals and waste Conventions can contribute to the GBF, including how Parties are incorporating control measures for highly hazardous chemicals in their revised National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans, as well as to consider the need for additional indicators related to highly hazardous chemicals, which are not yet covered by the agreed indicators in the monitoring framework for the GBF, and existing processes for gathering global data for tracking progress towards Target 7.

As a National Focal Point, you are invited to participate in the information session *“Contribution of the Chemicals and Waste Conventions to Target 7 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework”* to take place online on 18 April 2024 from 13:00 to 15:00 GMT+2. A tentative programme for the information session can be found in the annex below. **Please visit the event’s [website](#) to pre-register and for the latest updates.**

Furthermore, to facilitate exchange across the biodiversity and chemicals and waste clusters, you may wish to consider extending this invitation to your country’s National Focal Points to SBSTTA and/or the CBD, whose contact details are available through the [CBD website](#), and other government officials who may benefit from the exchange of information.

Should you have any questions or suggestions about the information session, please email to Minamata Convention Secretariat ([mea-minamatasecretariat@un.org](mailto:mea-minamatasecretariat@un.org)) or BRS Conventions Secretariat (Agustín Harte at [agustin.harte@un.org](mailto:agustin.harte@un.org)).

We take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support to the implementation of the Conventions and look forward to your participation in the information session.

Yours sincerely,



Monika Stankiewicz

Executive Secretary, Minamata Convention



Rolph Payet

Executive Secretary, Basel, Rotterdam and  
Stockholm Conventions

To: National Focal Points to the Minamata Convention on Mercury, the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants.

Cc: Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office in Geneva  
Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Environment Programme

**Information session:**

**Contribution of the Chemicals and Waste Conventions  
to Target 7 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework**

18 April 2024, 13:00-15:00 GMT+2

Pre-registration through the event's [website](#)

**Tentative programme**

(last revised on 27 March 2024)

*Moderator:* Manoela Pessoa de Miranda, Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury

<b><i>Opening Remarks</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monika Stankiewicz, Executive Secretary, Minamata Convention</li> <li>• Rolph Payet, Executive Secretary, Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions</li> <li>• David Cooper, Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)</li> </ul>
<b><i>Snapshot Presentations</i></b>	
Agreed monitoring headline and component indicators under Target 7 and associated methodologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monica Kobayashi, Programme Officer, CBD Secretariat</li> </ul>
Trends in mercury emissions and levels in the environment and humans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Terry Keating, Co-Chair of the Open-ended Scientific Group under the Minamata Convention</li> </ul>
Trends in POPs levels in the environment and humans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Katerina Sebkova, Member of the Global Monitoring Plan on Persistent Organic Pollutants under the Stockholm Convention, RECETOX</li> </ul>
HFCs levels in the environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TBD</li> </ul>
<b><i>Panel Discussion</i></b>	
National experiences to integrate the chemicals and waste agenda in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brazil</li> <li>• Canada</li> <li>• Uganda</li> <li>• TBD</li> </ul>
<b><i>Questions and Answers</i></b>	
<b><i>Closing Remarks</i></b>	