

## Workshop description and objectives:

The workshop on mercury management in the Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) region is planned within the framework of activities proposed for the Supply and Storage Partnership Area of the Global Mercury Partnership (UNEP). The workshop is organized by the Government of Spain (Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Affairs, MAGRAMA, and the National Technological Centre for Mercury Decontamination, CTNDM), with the valuable collaboration of the Governments of Brazil and Uruguay.

### The workshop intends, as main objectives, to:

1° Address situation and difficulties for the management of mercury in the Latin American and Caribbean Region (LAC), analyzing possible environmentally sound solutions.

2° Involve institutions and industries from LAC and other regions in the workshop to allow them sharing their knowledge and management views, especially those industrial sectors identified as mercury supply sources.

The workshop, itself, is a tool to disseminate information that aims to serve as a forum to exchange information about initiatives and experiences planned or carried out, both, in the public and in the private sector.

It is expected that the results of this workshop will be useful for the LAC region and contribute to provide information to the mercury management authorities and experts.

### Participants:

Governmental representatives of Latin American and Caribbean countries and other relevant mercury experts.

The workshop is opened to other interested stakeholders in the LAC region and to experts related to the Supply and Storage UNEP mercury partnership Area.

### Place:

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### AGENDA / DAY 1

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| 10:00 / 10:30 | Registration and welcome  |
| 10:30 / 11:00 | European Union (EU) legislation on mercury                      |
| 11:00 / 11:30 | Mercury in the chlor-alkali industry                            |
| 11:30 / 12:00 | Coffee break  |
| 12:00 / 12:30 | Gold mining as potential producer of mercury                    |
| 12:30 / 13:30 | Management end-of-life mercury-containing products              |
| 13:30 / 15:00 | Lunch Break   |
| 15:00 / 15:30 | Mercury management and human health issues                      |
| 15:30 / 16:00 | A case study of mercury remediation in a mining/industrial area |
| 16:00 / 16:30 | Round table to discuss on the issues dealt during the sessions  |

### AGENDA / DAY 2

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| 10:00 / 10:30 | Results of the Bi-national Project (Argentina-Uruguay) on mercury storage |
| 10:30 / 11:00 | Stabilization technologies for mercury and mercury containing wastes.     |
| 11:00 / 11:30 | Coffee break  |
| 11:30 / 12:00 | Round table to discuss on the issues dealt during the sessions.           |
| 12:00 / 12:30 | Workshop results and conclusions; ideas on possible steps forward         |
| 12:30 / 12:45 | Closure of the workshop and photo of the group                            |

### PARTICIPANTS



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