

Minamata Effectiveness Evaluation

Road map expert group for providing the conference of the parties with comparable monitoring data, and elements of an effectiveness evaluation framework under Article 22

Activity	Time frame
Nominations for the ad hoc group of experts are provided to the secretariat through the bureau members of the Conference of the Parties.	November 1, 2017
The ad hoc group of experts will meet face-to-face, drawing on previously submitted information collated by the secretariat, and taking into account work undertaken in other multilateral environmental agreements including the Stockholm Convention.	January/February 2018
The ad hoc group of experts prepares the draft report including the outline, plan, and elements of the effectiveness evaluation framework, and the Secretariat makes the draft report available for comments.	May 15, 2018
The ad hoc group of experts revises and finalizes the report including the outline, plan, and elements of the effectiveness evaluation framework, and the secretariat forwards it to the second Conference of the Parties for consideration.	July 20, 2018
The final report is considered by the Conference of the Parties at its second meeting.	November 2018 (tentative date for the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties)

Some preliminary conclusions on air monitoring – under discussion

- The expert group recognized that there are a number of regional agreements, where countries already supplied monitoring data, and that these should be drawn on in the effectiveness evaluation under Minamata.
- One of the recommendations from the group is to establish a formal relationship between Minamata and the other agreements or programmes to enable data to move freely.
- It was agreed that there are gaps in air data, particularly in Africa, Latin America and parts of Asia, and that a programme of passive sampling could be used to address these.
- Several different methods are available for monitoring of air Hg. All methods need to be tested, intercompared and validated to ensure quality of data used for effectiveness evaluation, research or other purposes – passive sampling promising
- Indicators for items in the convention were discussed.