



Initial assessment for the Minamata Convention on Mercury

Agenda for the Regional inception workshop

Location: Barcelona, Spain

Time: 0800 to 1800

Date: 11 July 2016

08:00 – 08:30	Registration
08:30 – 08:45	Opening of the meeting
08:45 – 09:15	Overview of the Minamata Convention on mercury
09:15 – 09:45	Importance of the Minamata Convention from a country perspective
09:45 – 10:00	Coffee break and group photo
10:00 – 11:00	Introduction of the Minamata Initial Assessment (MIA) project, followed by discussion on key project components including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establishing the national steering committee• Review of legal framework• Compilation of national mercury inventory• Awareness raising
11:00 – 12:00	Reviewing and finalizing the work plan for the MIA project
12:00 – 12:30	Road to Ratification: Lessons learned from countries
12:30 – 13:00	Opportunities for information exchange and cooperation
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 18:00	Site visit (TBD)

Note: The participating countries for this workshop are Benin, Burkina Faso, Guinea, Mali, Niger, Senegal and Togo.