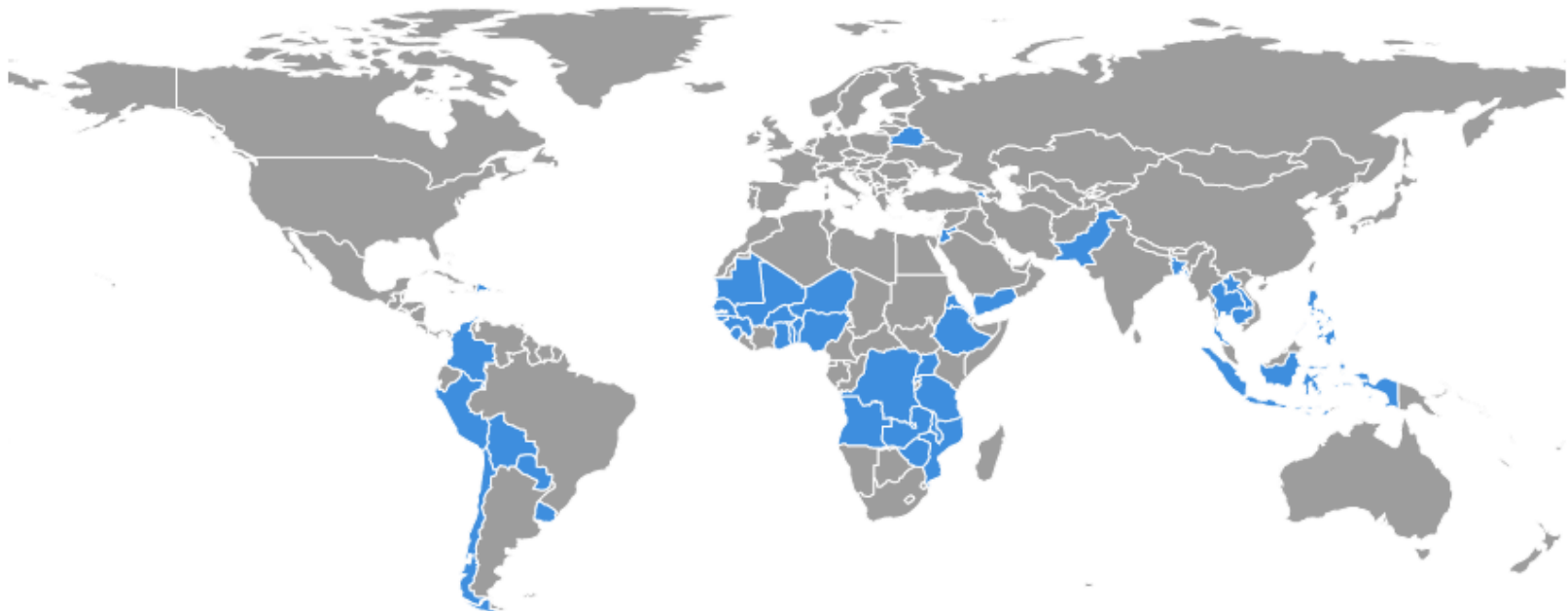


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Mercury activities



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OBJECTIVE



To accelerate ratification and to facilitate early implementation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury.

LEGAL PREPARATIONS:



Consultations among stakeholders



Assessment of existing legal/instruments



Identification of gaps, needs and steps towards ratification

SETTING PRIORITIES:



Identification of key sectors and priority areas of action



Development of intervention strategies

SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES:



Sharing of experiences and lessons learned



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Indonesia

Jordan

Mauritius

Rwanda

Tanzania

Thailand

Uruguay

Zimbabwe

Belarus

Lao PDR

So far, 15 of the supported countries have ratified the Convention



KEY OUTPUTS



Inventories and national mercury profiles



Legal, institutional and policy assessments



Priorities for action



Awareness-raising



Capacity-building on all above



Minamata Initial Assessment Report
Suggested Structure and Contents
May 2016



LESSONS LEARNED:



Common priorities: waste, contaminated sites, products, ASGM



Legal frameworks lack specific legislation on mercury



General public, decision makers, private sector not yet sensitized

UNITAR is working on 10 MIAs for UNIDO and 6 MIAs for UNDP.

Implementing Agency:

UNIDO

Guinea

Mali

Senegal

Benin

Burkina Faso

Niger

Togo

Nigeria

Yemen

Comoros



Implementing Agency: UNDP

Ghana

Bangladesh

Guinea-Bissau

Mauritania

Mozambique






Samoa

UNITAR is supporting an additional 15 countries who are developing their MIAs with UN Environment.

EA: BCCC Uruguay	Bolivia
	Chile
	Dominican Republic
	Paraguay
EA: RoA	Angola
	Malawi
	Zimbabwe
EA: Ground- works	Ethiopia
	Gambia
	Tanzania
	Uganda
	Zambia
EA: IETC	Pakistan
	Cambodia
	Philippines



The support is focused on the development of high quality mercury inventories, via:

-  Face to face training
-  Online courses
-  Clinics
-  Webinars
-  Reviews

National Action Plans (NAPs)

UNITAR is executing projects for UN Environment in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sierra Leone and Eritrea to develop their MIAs and NAPs.

OBJECTIVE

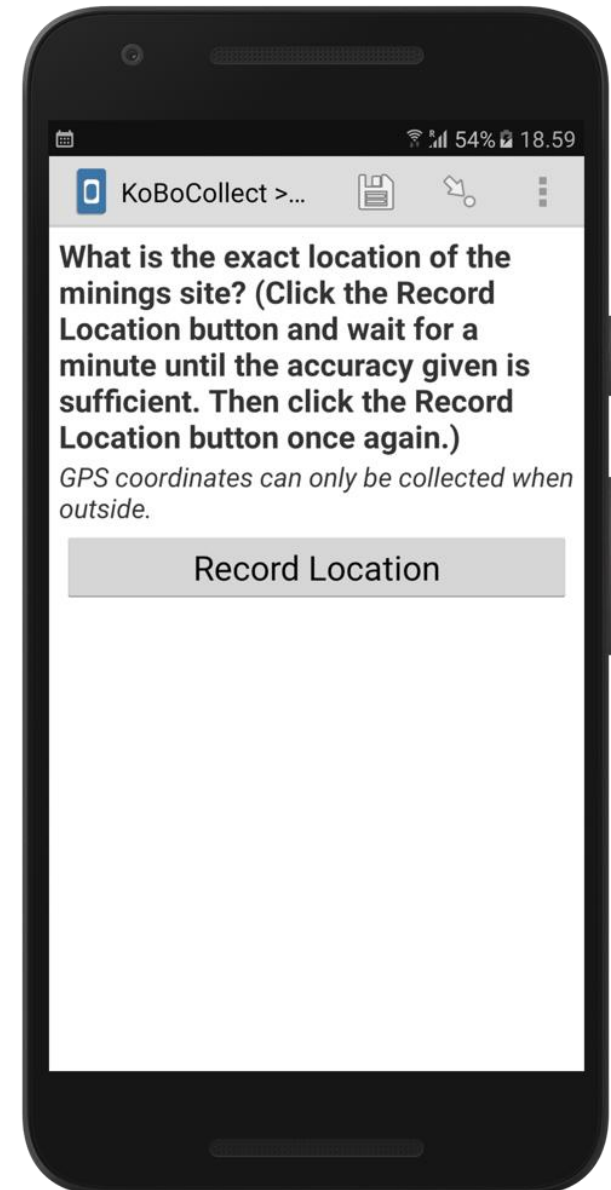
Develop strategies to reduce and, if possible, eliminate the use of mercury in ASGM in accordance with Article 7 of the Convention.



Credit: Agence Congolaise de l'Environnement

Electronic Data- Management Tool

UNITAR is developing an electronic tool for ASGM field data collection and management, in order to make data collection easier and to reduce interpretation issues and human error. The development is funded by UN Environment.

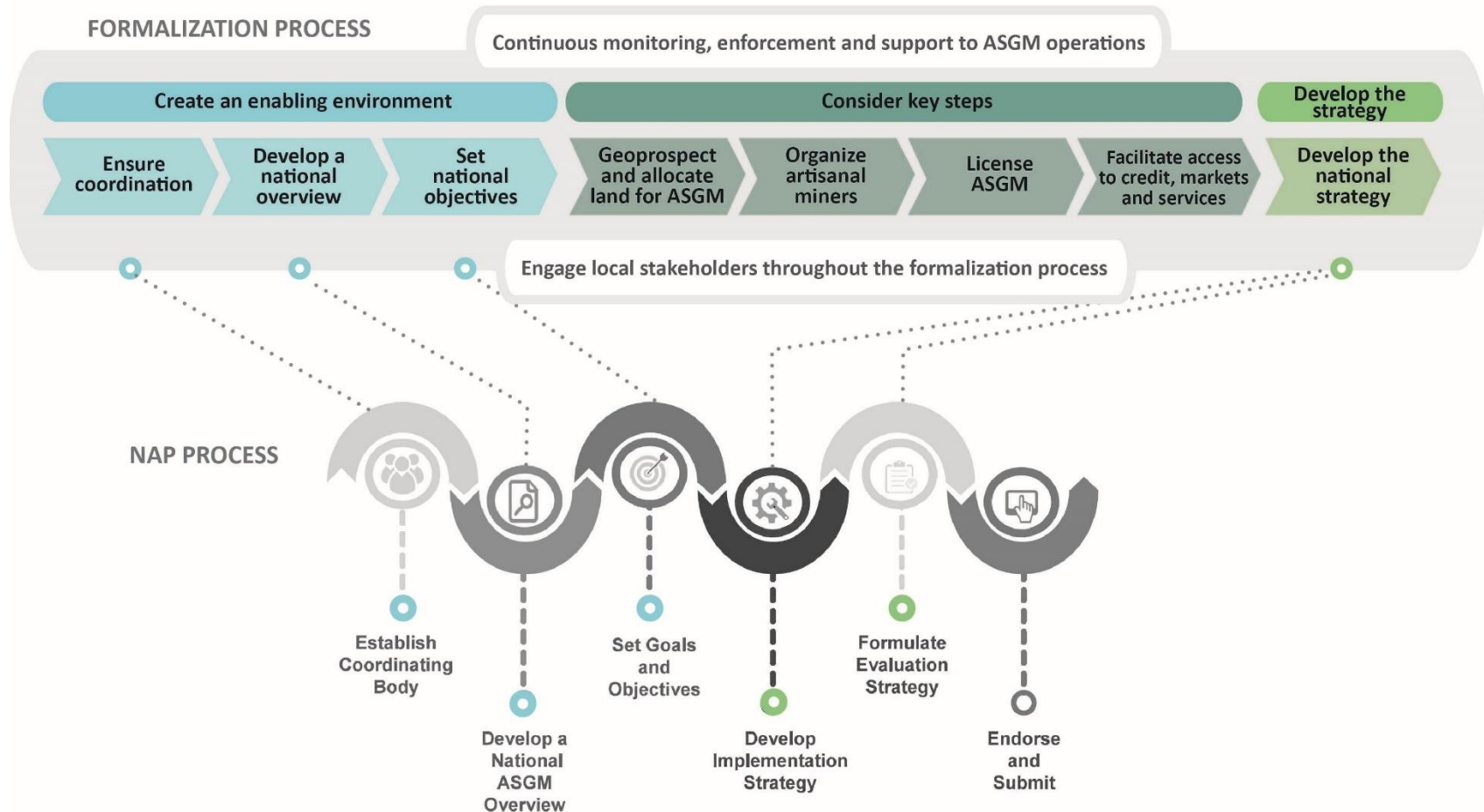


Electronic Data-Management Tool

- An average of 10 miners per mining shaft
 - 6 mining shafts on the site
- An average of 4 miners per pit - 20 pits on the site



Toolkit on *Steps to formalize the ASGM sector*



Socio-economic research methodology

Local organization and power dynamics



Gold and mercury trade



Local development



Formalization



Mercury use



The role of women

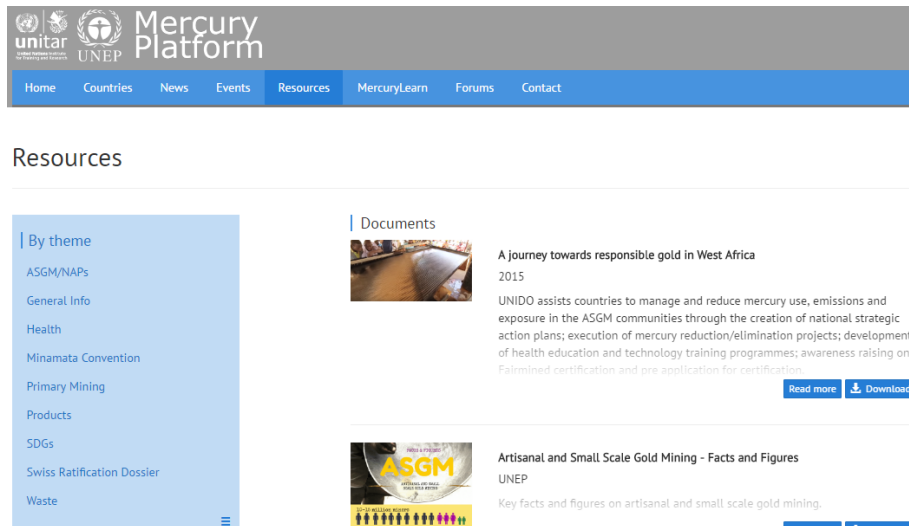


The role of children



Access to basic and health services





UN Environment -UNITAR Mercury Platform

- Mercury-related activities
- Awareness-raising materials
- Forum

<http://mercury.unitar.org/site/home>

MercuryLearn Training

- In response to the increasing interest of countries to develop mercury emissions inventories and the subsequent high demand of guidance and training on this topic, UNEP and UNITAR decided to collaborate on developing an online training platform: MercuryLearn. The main component is the UNEP Toolkit for Identification and Quantification of Mercury Releases.
- This initiative has been funded by the European Commission and the government of Switzerland.



MercuryLearn provides interactive modules assisting users in learning to develop mercury inventories

<http://mercurylearn.unitar.org/>



OBJECTIVE



To develop joint chemicals and waste related e-Learning courses and a web portal, specifically on the BRS and Minamata Conventions, to assist countries in the ratification and implementation in a coordinated and efficient manner. In collaboration with the Basel, Rotterdam, Stockholm and Minamata Convention secretariats.

chemicalsandwaste.org



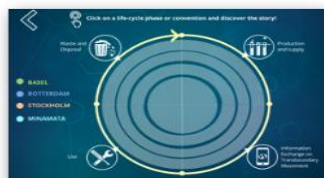
The purpose of this platform is to assist countries in the ratification and implementation of Basel, Rotterdam, Stockholm and Minamata Conventions in a synergetic and efficient way.

Learn



Module 1

Chemicals and Conventions
Why do we need chemicals and related global environment agreements?



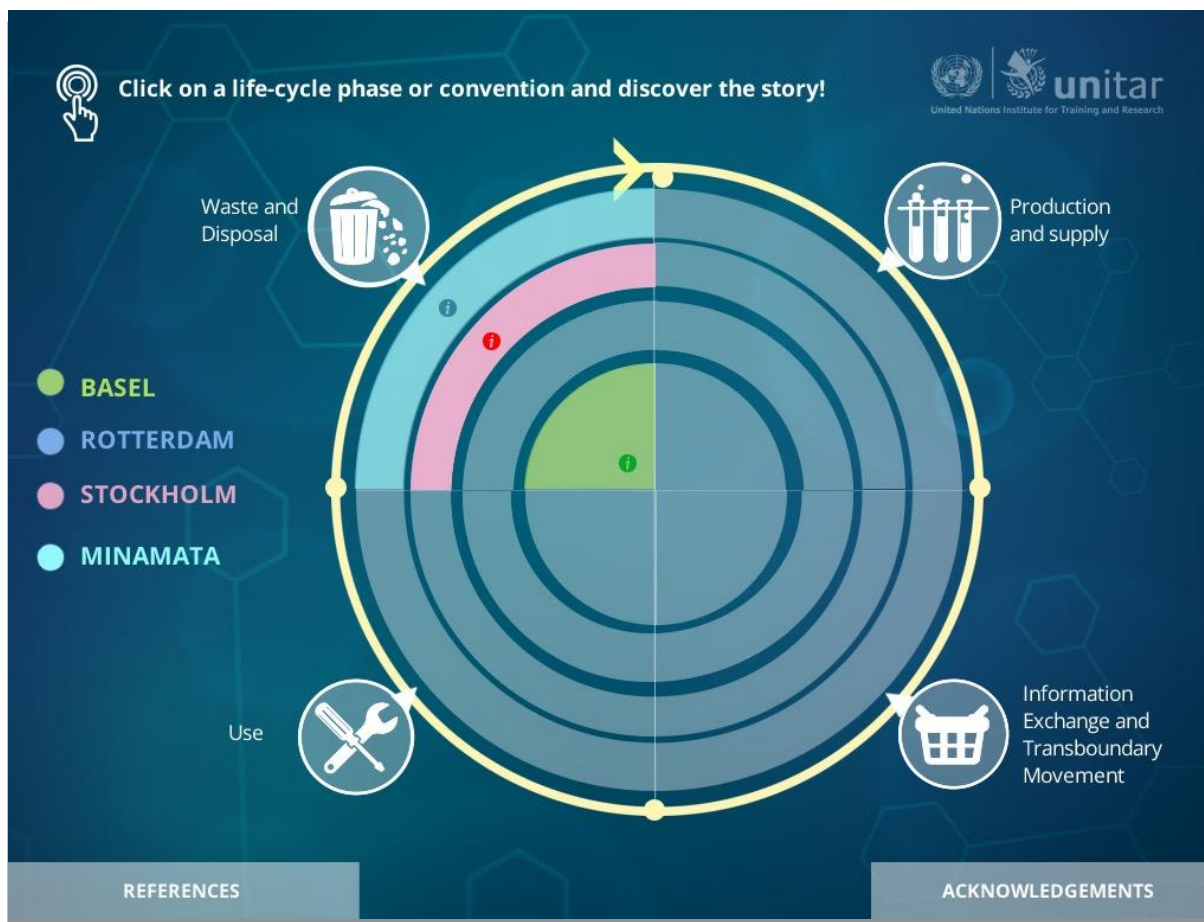
Module 2

Chemicals, Wastes and Conventions: The Life-Cycle Approach



Module 3

Inventories and Common Approaches



APPROACH

An interactive, visually appealing, and easy-to-use online experience

Release Date

May 2017

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Thank you for your attention

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