



**Tentative timetable Asia Pacific Minamata Working Session 9 – 10 March 2017**

<b>Day One – 9 March</b>	
9 :00 – 9 :15	Opening, introduction of objectives
<b>Minamata Convention – Overview and implementation</b>	
9 :15 – 12:30 (including coffee break)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of Convention obligations, with focus on regional needs</li> <li>• Presentation by countries on progress in line with their roadmaps and MIAs (6 countries, 5 min each plus discussion)</li> <li>• Opportunity for countries to further review their roadmaps and MIA plans, consider proposals for further support needed (work individually or in small groups)</li> </ul>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
<b>Minamata Convention – Overview and implementation continued</b>	
13:30 – 15:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open discussion on further technical and other support required, and plans for future work.</li> </ul>
15:00 – 15:15	Coffee break
<b>Progress towards the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties</b>	
15:15 – 17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of outcome of INC7 along with description of intersessional work</li> <li>• Key issues for the first meeting of the Conference</li> <li>• Open discussion, questions and opportunity to consider issues of concern for the region</li> </ul>
17:00	Close of Day
<b>Day Two – 10 March</b>	
<b>Artisanal and Small Scale Gold Mining</b>	
9:00 – 11:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of the guidance on the preparation of national Action plans for ASGM including comments received <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Secretariat Experience</li> <li>◦ Country experience of implementation</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Discussion of NAP guidance, including provision of comments to secretariat (including possible small group discussions)</li> </ul>
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee break
<b>Contaminated sites</b>	
11:30 – 12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of work on contaminated sites, including description of submissions and expectation for the COP</li> </ul>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
<b>Contaminated sites continued</b>	
13:30– 15:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion of contaminated sites including convention obligations and possible contributions to discussions at the COP</li> </ul>
<b>Open discussions</b>	
15:00 – 16:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open discussion, questions and opportunity to consider additional support requirements</li> </ul>
16:30 – 17:00	Summary and Conclusion