

Asociación Argentina de Médicos por el Medio Ambiente

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Mr. **Per M. Bakken**,
Head, **UNEP Chemicals** Branch

AAMMA wishes to express interest in becoming a partner and strong supporter of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership.

AAMMA also wishes to express our commitment to achieving the goal of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership and our aim to participate representing the health sector.

AAMMA is a member of the International Society of Doctors for the Environment, ISDE, widely recognized as a health NGO with Consultative Status to the WHO and to ECOSOC.

AAMMA's background and role in the Chemical Safety arena is extensive and can bring resources and expertise available in Latin America to the process concerning mercury and health effects, both in prevention and raising awareness as well as diagnosis and treatment. AAMMA also has knowledge and expertise in the area of monitoring and surveillance.

AAMMA has a long time involvement in activities to prevent health effects produced by heavy metals and especially by mercury exposure. Our members and experts in the Latin American region are involved in different activities and interact with other health professional's NGOs in the region.


AAMMA has an active involvement in mercury issues in relation to health effects education and dissemination interventions, but also in raising awareness activities. An important example is the campaign for the identification, collection and disposal of products containing mercury ("SAICM QSP Project on mercury in domestic products: "Campaign to Minimize Domestic Sources with Intervention in the Community for the Protection of Children and Women's Health in Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay").

AAMMA in Latin America is also a member of the UNEP LAC Mercury Storage Project Execom.

AAMMA is also interested in actively participating in the Global Mercury negotiation process, now starting. We hope we can again accompany UNEP Chemicals in this new important challenge.

Looking forward to continuing collaboration with UNEP to reduce and eliminate the important negative burden that mercury represents for the environment and human health.

Sincerely yours,



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UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM *

Partnership Area	<p>Please check partnership areas that your organization intends to contribute to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> artisanal and small scale gold mining <input type="checkbox"/> mercury cell chlor alkali production <input type="checkbox"/> mercury air transport and fate research <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mercury in products <input type="checkbox"/> mercury releases from coal combustion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mercury waste management <p>Please indicate in your support letter how your organization intends to contribute to each of the indicated partnership areas.</p>
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* UNEP Global Mercury Partnership Registration Forms are to be accompanied by a letter to UNEP signifying support for the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership and commitment to achieving the partnership goal. The support letter should specify how the organization intends to contribute to meeting the goal of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership. Please submit the support letter and registration form to:

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