

The workshop on Mercury Management and decontamination is a technical support activity within the framework of the Mediterranean Regional Plan on Mercury approved by the Conference of the Parties of the Barcelona Convention in 2012. It is organized by the Regional Activity Centre (CP/RAC) of the Mediterranean Action Plan in collaboration with MEDPOL and the Spanish Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Affairs. It is specially addressed to the most concerned countries according to the "Diagnosis of Mercury in the Mediterranean Countries" (CP/RAC, 2011), i.e., Algeria, Slovenia, Italy, Turkey, France, Israel, Morocco, Greece and Spain.

The objectives of the activity are:

**1** To present the state-of-the-art techniques for the sound management of mercury and mercury wastes, and know how for the implementation of the Regional Plan with particular focus on mercury contaminated sites and their decontamination in a sound environmental manner, taking advantage of the expertise of the National Technology Centre for Mercury Decontamination (CTNDM), created in 2009 by initiative and funding of the Spanish Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Affairs, and located in the area of the Almadén mines, the biggest mercury site in the world exploited since Roman times.

**2** To have an exchange of ideas and experiences on the regional and national activities that would help most the concerned parties to implement the Regional Plan as well as to discuss on the proposed elements for a reporting format on the implementation of the Regional Plan developed by MED POL.

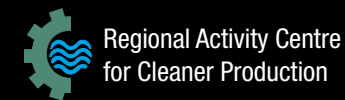
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The presentations will be in English with French interpretation provided.

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**ALMADÉN, SPAIN  
12-13 DECEMBER 2012**



## Day 1 / Agenda Items:

- 10:00 **Registration**
- 10:30 **Technical visit to the Almadén Mining Park**
- 12:30 Lunch
- 14:00 **Welcome**  
*Mr. Enrique de Villamore.* CP/RAC Director, Mediterranean Action Plan, UNEP.  
*Ms. Tatjana Hema.* Programme Officer, Mediterranean Marine Pollution and Research Programme (MEDPOL) Mediterranean Action Plan, UNEP  
*Mrs. Ana Garcia.* General Secretariat Air Quality and Industrial Environment, Spanish MoE  
*Mr. Manuel Ramos.* Director of National Technological Center for Mercury Decontamination (CTNDM)
- 14:10 **Diagnosis of Mercury in the Mediterranean Countries: Main conclusions**  
*Mr. Frederic Gallo.* CP/RAC(Mediterranean Action Plan, UNEP)
- 14:30 **State of play of mercury in the participant countries (5 minutes max. each country)**  
**Spain :** *Mrs. Ana Garcia.* General Secretariat Air Quality and Industrial Environment, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Affairs.  
**Cyprus:** *Mrs. Christalla Nisiotou.* Environment Officer, Ministry of Environment.  
**Israel:** *Mr. Ilan Malester.* Coordinator Land based sources, Ministry of Environmental Protection.  
**Morocco:** *Mr. Mohammed Chaoui.* Head of the Division of Surveillance and Research, Ministry of Energy, Mines, Water and Environment.  
**Greece:** *Mr. Ilias Mavroeidis.* Scientific Expert, Ministry for the Environment, Energy and Climate Change.  
**Algeria:** *Mr. Farid Agouillal.* Environment Engineer, Ministry of Land Planning, Environment and the City.  
**Lebanon:** *Mrs. Samar Khalil.* Project Manager, Ministry of Environment.  
**Bosnia:** *Mrs. Melisa Dzonlic.* Researcher, Hydro-Engineering Institute of Faculty of Civil Engineering Sarajevo.  
**Croatia:** *Mrs. Biserka Bastijancic-Kokic.* Head of Departament for Chemicals and Biocidal products.
- 15:20 **Presentation of the National Technological Center for Mercury Decontamination: Objectives and activities**  
*Mrs. Ana Garcia.* Spanish Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Affairs
- 15:35 **Technical presentation of the Laboratories of the CTNDM: capabilities and current activities**  
*Mrs. Ana Conde.* National Technological Center for Mercury Decontamination (CTNDM)
- 15:50 Coffee break
- 16:20 **Spanish technological developments for an environmentally sound management and stabilization of mercury and mercury containing wastes**  
*Mr. Manuel Ramos.* National Technological Center for Mercury Decontamination (CTNDM)
- 17:00 **ECOPILAS: An Integrated Management System for batteries collection and recycling**  
*Mrs. Patricia Sánchez.* Battery Operations Manager. ECOPILAS
- 17:30 **AMBILAMP: An Integrated Management System for lamps collection and recycling**  
*Mr. Alberto Rodriguez.* Chef Operating Officer, AMBILAMP

## Day 2 / Agenda Items:

- 9:00 **EU Legislation on exports/storage/disposal of Mercury**  
*Mr. Óscar González.* Chief Expert Coordinator, DGD of Air Quality and Industrial Environment, Spanish Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Affairs
- 9:30 **Decomission planning and management in the chlor-alkali industry**  
*Mr. Antonio Caprino.* Electrolysis Production Manager, Solvay Ibérica Martorell
- 10:00 **Soil decontamination. Legal instruments and management process**  
*Mr. Joan Bartoll.* Technical Expert, Department of Contaminated Soils, Catalan Waste Agency
- 10:30 Coffee break
- 11:00 **Decontamination works at the Flix dam on the Ebro river**  
*Mr. Marc Pujols.* Director of Engineering & Construction, ACUAMED
- 11:30 **A case study of remediation in a mining/industrial area: Almadén Mine restoration**  
*Mr. Javier Carrasco.* CTNDM
- 12:00 **Mercury contamination on Italian marine coastal areas due to industrial and mining activities**  
*Mrs. Elena Romano.* SedNet Steering Group, Istituto Superiore per la Protezione e la Ricerca Ambientale (ISPRA)
- 12:20 **State of play of the global legally binding instrument on mercury**  
*Mrs. Ana Garcia.* Spanish Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Affairs
- 12:30 **Regional Plan on Mercury: implications for the Parties. Reporting format**  
*Mrs. Tatjana Hema.* MED POL
- 12:45 **Round table on Regional Plan implementation**
- 13:30 **Closure of the workshop and Lunch**
- 15:00 **Departure to Madrid / Barcelona**

