

Global Observation System for Mercury (GOS⁴M)

A GEO flagship on Mercury to support the Minamata Convention

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7-8 October 2020

Virtual Kick-off Workshop
(see [WebEx access details below](#))

DAY-1: 7 October 2020

11.00 – 17.00 CEST

11.00 – 17.00 CEST (17.00-23.00 Beijing; 18.00-24.00 Tokyo; 5.00-11.00 Washington DC/Toronto)

11.00 – 11.50

- Welcome, [Nicola Pirrone](#), GEO Principal of Italy
- Highlight on GEO, [Gilberto Camara](#), GEO Secretariat's Director
- Highlight on the Minamata Convention, [Monika Stankiewicz](#), Executive Secretary of the Minamata Convention on Mercury
- Where we stand with GOS⁴M Implementation Plan, [Nicola Pirrone](#)

11.50 – 13.00 Existing networks/programs and data infrastructures – Atmosphere

Co-Chairs: [Alexandra Steffen](#) and [Ian Hedgecock](#)

- An update on North American mercury monitoring through the National Atmospheric Deposition Program, [David Gay](#), USA
- Air monitoring in Canada and the global passive monitoring project, [Alexandra Steffen](#), Canada
- Mercury observations in EMEP, [Kjetil Torseth](#), Norway
- SA Mercury Network (SAMNet), [Lynwill Martin](#), South Africa
- French program of atmospheric observations, [A.Dommergue](#), [Olivier Magand](#), [Jeroen Sonke](#), France

13.00 - 14.00 *Lunch*

14.00 – 15.10

- Mercury observations in China, [Xuewu Fu](#), [Shuxiao Wang](#), China
- Overview of Norwegian Environmental Monitoring Programs with Hg and their usage in policy and regulatory processes, [Joel Ormala](#), NEA, Norway
- The Global Mercury Observation System (GMOS), [Francesca Sprovieri](#), [M. Bencardino](#), *et al.*, Italy
- The Asia Pacific Mercury Monitoring Network (APMMN): Regional Cooperation to Track the Atmospheric Transport and Deposition of Mercury, [David Schmeltz](#), USA
- Multimedia fate study and monitoring of mercury in Japan, [Suzuki Noriyuki](#), Japan

15.10-15.30 *Coffee break*

15.30 - 16.30 Existing networks/programs and data infrastructures – Marine & Biota

Co-Chairs: [Shuxiao Wang](#) and [Jeroen Sonke](#)

- Geotraces and marine observation, [Lars-Eric Heimbürger](#), [Jeroen Sonke](#), France
- MED-OCEANOR, [Ian Hedgecock](#) *et al.*, Italy
- Hg isotope database, [Jeroen Sonke](#), France

- Applications of the Global Biotic Mercury Synthesis, [David Evers, USA](#)
 - Seabirds, fish and bivalves -biomonitoring activities, [Paco Bustamante and Jerome Fort, Joel Knoery and David Point, France](#)
- 16.30 – 17.15 Existing networks/program and data infrastructures – Human BioMonitoring
Co-Chairs: [Milena Horvat and Lynwill Martin](#)
- *Mercury HBM on global and regional level: contribution to the Convention implementation*, [Irina Zastenskayai, WHO](#)
 - Human mercury exposure data in Europe, [Milena Horvat, Slovenia](#)
 - Research Infrastructure for Environmental Exposure assessment in Europe (EIRINE), [Katerina Sebkova, Czech Republic](#)
- 17.15 Wrap up of DAY-1

DAY-2: 8 October 2020

11.00 – 16.00 CEST

11.00 – 16.00 CEST (this should be 17.00-22.00 Beijing; 18.00-23.00 Tokyo; 5.00-10.00 Washington DC/ Toronto)

11.00 - 11.45 Highlight of the outcomes of the three topic sessions (*by session's co-Chairs*)

11.45 - 13.00 GOS4M Governance Structure

- *The Governance Structure*, [Nicola Pirrone, Italy](#)
- Open discussion on the Governance Structure
(*The draft circulated before the workshop will be revised as suggested by Steering Committee Members*) ([ALL](#))

13.00 - 14.00 *Lunch*

14.00 - 15.00 GOS4M Governance Structure, *cont'd*

- Approval of proposed revisions to the GOS4M Partnership Agreement and Governance Structure (*only GOS4M Steering Committee Members*)
- Election of Governing Bodies (*only GOS4M Steering Committee Members*)

15.00 - 15.20 *Coffee-break*

15.20 - 16.00 Next steps to be undertaken, [Nicola Pirrone, Italy](#)

Wrap-up