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Minamata Tools

Climate and Environment

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LANGUAGE English

DURATION 8 hours

ENROLL BY 31 Dec 2026

PRICE Free

LOCATION ONLINE

TARGET Everyone

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The Minamata Tools platform consists of a series of self-paced e-Learning modules designed to help the national focal points of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury to report on national actions. The course is also relevant to anyone who would like to understand the Convention and national obligations under it.

This course has been developed by UNSSC in collaboration with the UNEP Minamata Convention Secretariat. The course was funded by the European Union.

Introduction

The Minamata Convention on Mercury is a global agreement to protect human health and the environment from the adverse effects of mercury. Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury commit to reducing and eliminating anthropogenic sources of mercury throughout its lifecycle.

Minamata Tools is a learning path with self-paced modules collaboratively developed by the United Nations System Staff College (UNSSC) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Minamata Convention Secretariat. This series of learning modules, titled Minamata Tools, covers the selected substantive Articles of the Minamata Convention, aiming to develop and strengthen the national capacity of Minamata Parties, in particular their national focal points to meet the obligations under the Convention.

Objectives

Upon successful completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- know the main facets of the Minamata Convention and describe its scope and context.
- understand how to take stock of mercury propagation and emissions across various existing and potential sources.
- understand the role of the national focal points in reporting on national action plans, to support the effective implementation of the Convention.
- be aware of national reporting and compliance obligations.
- identify relevant information and data for national reports.

Course methodology

UNSSC online courses are designed to deliver maximum learning outcomes through carefully chosen high-quality learning materials. Our user-friendly social online learning platform provides participants with the opportunity to connect with peers from diverse organizational backgrounds, fostering peer-to-peer learning.

UNSSC online courses give learners the opportunity to complete activities when it best fits their schedule. Participants are largely free to determine their own weekly study plan.

UNSSC online courses incorporate the same high academic rigour as any UNSSC face-to-face course.

Course contents

Self-paced modules focusing on the reporting obligations established in the Convention dealing with the estimation of national stocks, waste management and trade of mercury.

Target audience

The course aims to serve the capacity development needs of national focal points of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury and anyone interested in the topic.

Cost of participation

This online course is offered **free of charge.**