



WEBINAR

Managing Mercury contaminated soils and sites

WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER 2022

15:00 – 17:00 CET

Managing soil pollution is a key challenge for achieving sustainable development and contributing to the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Contaminated site management is also an important component of the Minamata Convention, a global treaty to protect human health and the environment from the adverse effects of mercury.

ReLASC and COMMON FORUM, the regulator networks for contaminated land management in Latin-America and Europe, share the interest to exchange knowledge and experiences with regard to implementing the Minamata Convention. A first webinar will provide for case studies and remediation.

The webinar will be bilingual (English and Spanish) and offer simultaneous translation.

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AGENDA

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

(15:00 – 15:10)

Eisaku TODA, Secretariat of the Minamata Convention

Christiane WERMEILLE, Federal Office of Environment – Switzerland

Dietmar MÜLLER-GRABHERR, Common Forum on Contaminated Land

SESSION 1: CASE STUDIES

(15:10 – 16:00)

Moderator: **Eisaku TODA**

Soils polluted with mercury in an alpine flood plain: investigation strategy, risk assessment and remediation in urban and agricultural areas

by **Chantal IMHOF** and **Stéphane**

WESTERMAN (Environment Service of Canton Valais, Switzerland)

Holistic Health Risk Assessment in an artisanal mercury mining region in Mexico
by **Fernando DIAZ BARRIGA** (Universidad Autónoma de San Luis Potosí; Mexico)

Q & A

SESSION 2: REMEDIATION

(16:00 – 16:50)

Moderator: **Christiane WERMEILLE**

Managing mercury contamination and wastes at a chlor alkali site (state-of-the-art in Europe)

by **Guido VAN DE COTERLET** and

Matthijs BOUWKNEGT (TAUW; The Netherlands)

Remediation of mercury contaminated sites: State of the Art & Recommendations & Future needs

by **Stefan COLOMBANO** (BRGM; France)

Q & A

CONCLUSIONS & FOLLOW-UP

(16:50 – 17:00)

Facilitator: **Pedro SIFUENTES AMEZ**, ReLASC (MINAM, Perú)

The recording will be made available on the Minamata Convention website.