



Mercury: global policy, immediate action

Mercury Two country (Panama and Mexico)
Storage and Disposal Project

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Outline of presentation



- Why mercury?
- Introduction to the **Intergovernmental negotiations** of a global legally binding instrument on mercury
- The UNEP **Global Mercury Partnership**

Why mercury?



Of global concern...

evidence of significant:

- **atmospheric transport**
- **atmospheric residence**
- **health impacts through environmental exposure routes**

Other heavy metals considered of common concern

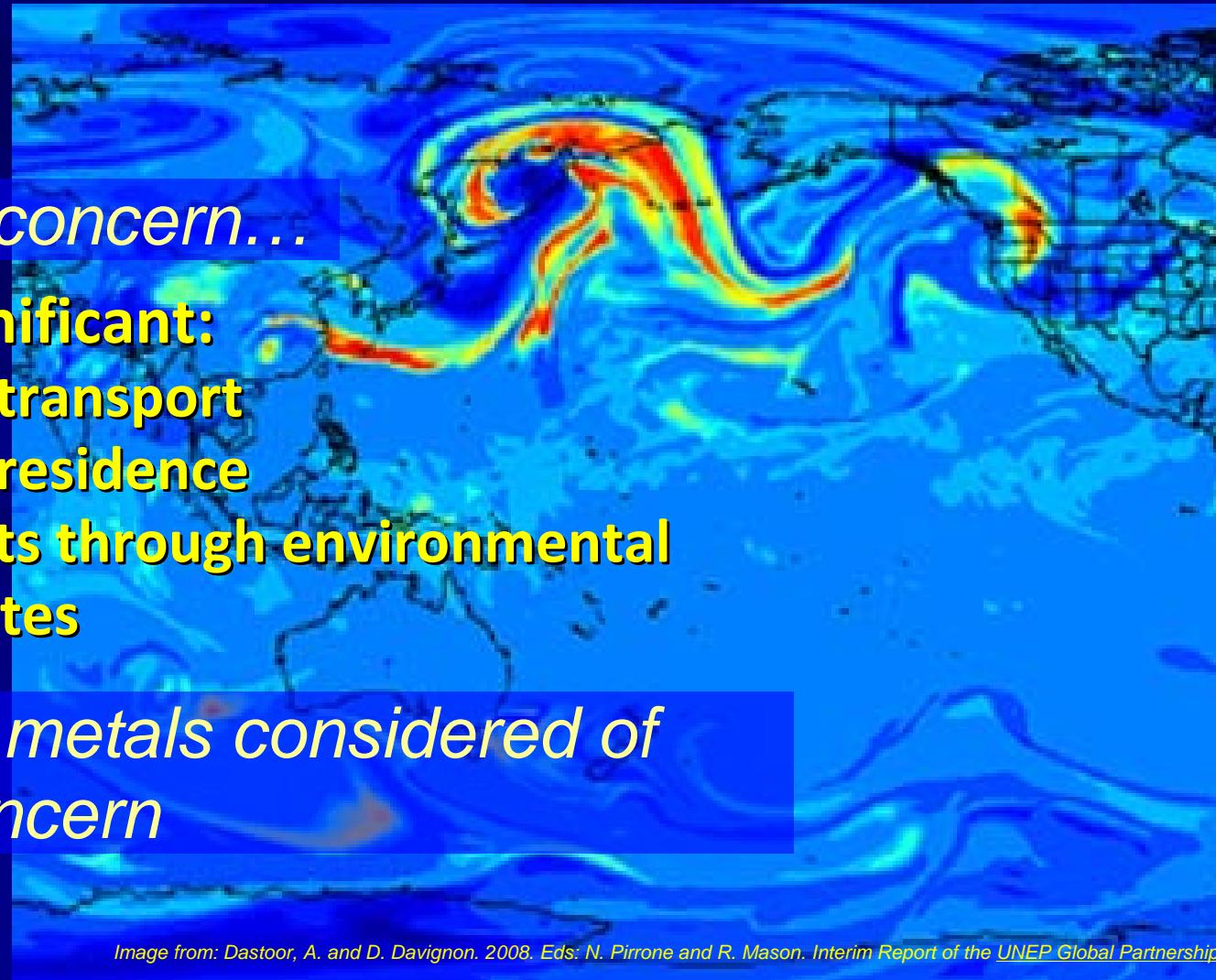


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UNEP Global Mercury Programme:

A twin track approach



Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee



GC = Governing Council
OEWG = Open-ended working group

OEWGs

2001-2008

UNEP GC decisions

2009-2013 2014~2017 2018 onwards

Entry into force?

Global Hg assessments

Global Mercury Partnership

Negotiating the global treaty



UNEP Governing Council decision 25/5 III (Feb 2009):

Requested UNEP to convene and support an intergovernmental negotiating committee beginning work in 2010 ... (and) ... to complete negotiations prior to February 2013

Each INC:

- >125 Governments**
- >500 participants**

Observers:

- UN Agencies,**
- Civil Society**
- Academia**
- Industry**



Drafting the treaty



Treaty articles are grouped into sections, substantive articles reflect the mandate and principles set out by UNEP Governing Council:

- A. Preamble
- B. Introduction
- C. Supply
- D. International trade in mercury
- E. Products and processes
- F. Artisanal and small-scale gold mining
- G. Emissions and releases
- H. Storage, wastes and contaminated sites
- I. Financial resources and technical and implementation assistance
- J. Awareness-raising, research and monitoring, and communication of information
- K. Institutional arrangements
- L. Settlement of disputes
- M. Further development of the Convention
- N. Final provisions

**Scientific and
technical knowledge
informs policymaking**

Next steps



- **the chair of the INC** has been entrusted to prepare a further draft treaty text for consideration and negotiation at INC 5
- **INC 5** in Geneva, 13 to 18 January 2013
- Convention opens for signature at a **Diplomatic Conference** to be held in Japan in October 2013
- The convention **enters into force** following the 50th government ratification of the treaty.

预览已结束，完整报告链接和二维码如下：

https://www.yunbaogao.cn/report/index/report?reportId=5_15607



The Global Mercury Partnership

- Initiated in 2005
- 8 partnership areas + business plans
- Partnership Advisory Group
- UNEP coordinates as secretariat
- >200 official partners



Air transport and fate → *improving knowledge*

Chlor-alkali → *transforming ~ 100 facilities in 44 nations*

Products → *identifying, promoting alternatives to Hg*

Supply & storage → *reducing supply to dwindling demand*

Waste management → *promoting sound disposal*

ASGM → *linking mercury-free mining to development drivers*

Coal combustion → *seeking pollution control co-benefits*

Cement → *retaining not emitting*