

IPEN INTERVENTION  
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Effectiveness Evaluation

Thank you Chair,

IPEN considers the effectiveness evaluation an important part of the mercury treaty and agrees that the evaluation should be conducted on the basis of available scientific, environmental, technical and economic information. We consider it important to actively involve developing countries and countries with economies in transition in the evaluation process by ensuring their participation in monitoring programs; international research and data collection. Capacity building programs may be needed to facilitate this.

IPEN would also like to suggest for consideration the following elements to be included in effectiveness evaluation.

Firstly, the establishment of a global monitoring program for mercury in humans, with a focus on women of child bearing age;

Secondly, the establishment and maintenance of a global fish monitoring network to assess progress in reducing the quantity of mercury circulating in the global environment and to gather the information necessary to enable government health agencies to carry out effective risk communication and outreach strategies to populations that consume fish.

In both these activities we believe it would be valuable to actively involve stakeholders and public interest NGOs.

Finally, IPEN considers pollutant release and transfer registers are useful for the collection and dissemination of information on estimates of the annual quantities of mercury releases particularly for developing countries and economies in transition which may have little or no other data on mercury releases from their national sources.

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