



The Minamata convention is regulating the formal trade and use of mercury. But little information is available on the formal and especially informal pathways of mercury and how these drive the artisanal gold economies. From its original source to the gold mining sites at the other end of the world, trade routes of informally traded mercury remain largely elusive to this day.

- Where does mercury originate from?
- How is it transported and by whom?
- Through which formal and informal channels?
- Who benefits most from the mercury trade?
- Which systems are constraining mercury free artisanal gold?

Based on local accounts, a report by IUCN NL discloses new insights on informal mercury flows, trade hubs and key players in Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Guyana, Kenya, Philippines, Suriname, Tanzania and Uganda.

Report available in January 2020

The global report on mercury governance will be published in January 2020 on www.iucn.nl/mercury

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Initial results of the study will be presented at a side event on **November 29th** (see back)

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OPENING THE BLACK BOX: LOCAL INSIGHTS INTO THE FORMAL AND INFORMAL GLOBAL MERCURY TRADE

Date: Friday 29 November 2019

Time: 13:15-14:45

Venue: Room 18, CICG, COP3

Panel

Griffins Ochieng - Executive Director at the Centre for Environment Justice and Development (CEJAD), a public interest non-governmental organization working on chemicals and waste management in Kenya.

Richard Gutierrez, JD, LL.M. - International law specialist on chemicals and waste, with a focus on illegal trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes. He has been at the forefront of promoting environmental justice in the field of chemicals and wastes in Southeast Asia with his work at BAN Toxics, an NGO he established. He is currently the co-Project Manager for the Artisanal Gold Council's Indonesia project, Sustainable Development of Artisanal Small-scale Gold Mining in Indonesia. The AGC is a non-profit based in Canada whose mission is to professionalize the ASGM sector.

Oscar Campanini Gonzales - Executive Director and former General Coordinator of the Centro de Documentación e Información (CEDIB). Areas of expertise include water policies in Bolivia, mining, extractivism as well as human and environmental rights.

Yuyun Ismawati - Co-founder and Senior Advisor of Nexus3/BaliFokus, working to protect the public, especially vulnerable populations, from the impact of development to health and the environment, and towards a just, toxics-free and sustainable future.

Moderated by **Yves Bertran**, Executive Director at Alliance for Responsible Mining.