

Argentina



Preparatory Project to Facilitate the Implementation of the Legally Binding Instrument on Mercury (Minamata Convention) in Argentina to Protect Health and the Environment

Duration:

Two years (November 2013-November 2015)

Budget/donor:

GEF: US\$ 350,000

Co-financing: US\$ 530,000

Co-financers:

UNIDO, Asociación Argentina de Médicos por el Medio Ambiente (AAMMA), and the Basel Convention Regional Centre for South America

Main objective and key expected outputs

The aim of the project is to set the groundwork to facilitate the fulfillment of the obligations under the Minamata Convention.

The project will facilitate discussion among key stakeholders and conduct in-depth analyses of the existing legal framework and of locally available Best Available Technology and Best Environmental Practices for the management of mercury and waste containing mercury.

On this basis, a proposal for potential changes to the legal/policy framework of the country and for a small-scale pilot demonstration project for temporary and final disposal of mercury and waste containing mercury, will be prepared.