

Global Opportunities for Long-term Development (GOLD) in the Artisanal and Small-Scale Gold Mining (ASGM) Sector Event

December 6-7 2016

The Kennedy Center, 2700 F Street, NW, Washington, DC

Background

The GEF Council recently approved, at the October 2016 meeting, a \$45 million global program with \$135 Million in co-financing to address the ASGM sector, including provisions to address mercury pollution from the sector. This event will bring together key players in artisanal and small-scale gold mining (ASGM), including governments, agencies, NGOs, and the private sector.

Day 1- High level and global focus

9:00-10:00 Registration and coffee: Terrace Gallery

10:00-12:00 High level morning session: Terrace Gallery

Key theme: Why the world should care about mercury use in ASGM and the importance of private sector engagement in artisanal and small-scale gold mining.

MC: Jacob Duer, Interim Executive Secretary Minamata Convention

Naoko Ishii, GEF CEO- Welcome and opening remarks

Gina McCarthy, Administrator, US EPA- Key note address

Panel Discussion:

The GEF GOLD program has strong private sector engagement, including major jewelers, electronics manufacturers, gold refiners, and potentially commercial banks. This meeting is an opportunity to further attract the private sector and create an environment where the public and private sector can work together to support ASGM communities.

Moderator: Jason Beaubien, NPR's Global Health and Development Correspondent on the Science Desk

Panelists:

Phaedon Stamtopoulos, Director, Argor

Mark Hanna, Chief Marketing Officer, Richline Group, Inc.

Marcos Alegre, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environment, Peru

Elliott Harris Assistant Secretary-General and Head of UNEP New York Office

Hank Cauley, Senior Vice President, Center for Environment Leadership in Business,
Conservation International

Jens Wandel, Assistant Administrator and Director of the Bureau for Management Services,
UNDP

Philippe Scholtes, Managing Director, UNIDO

12:00-1:30 Lunch: Roof Terrace Restaurant

1:30-5:00 Afternoon Session on global issues related to ASGM: Terrace Gallery

MC: Marianne Bailey, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

1. GEF GOLD program overview:

This session will provide a brief overview of the GEF GOLD program to provide a basis for discussion

Presenter: Ludovic Bernaudat, UN Environment

2. Financing and supply chain management:

This session will include a discussion from experts on operating businesses in the ASGM sector both upstream and downstream. The panel will discuss a variety of approaches to attract needed capital into the sector to stimulate improvement and formalization at scale while creating and maintaining integrity in the responsible aspects of production and sources of investment income.

Facilitator: Kevin Telmer, Artisanal Gold Council

Presenter: Walker Young, Apple

Panelists:

Phaedon Stamtopoulos, Argor

Dr. Jennifer Hinton, Carlton University / Auranda Minerals

Suzette McFaul, Clean Gold Community Solutions

Coffee Break

3. Formalization and illegal flows:

This session will be on why it is so important to bring ASGM into the formal economy, including women and indigenous peoples.

Facilitator: Jane Dennison, U.S. Department of State

Panelists:

Marcena Hunter, Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime

Hannah Stutzman, Amazon Conservation Association

Kirsten Dales, Canadian International Resources and Development Institute (CIRDI)

Ashley Orbach, U.S. Department of State

Day 2- Technical focus: North Atrium Foyer

MC: Anil Sookdeo, GEF

9:00-9:30 Orientation and Coffee

9:30-12:00: Technical Sessions: North Atrium Foyer

1. Alternative Technologies:

Alternative technologies in the ASGM sector will be discussed, highlighting best available technologies for mercury-free gold recovery and worst practices under Article 7, Annex C of Minamata. Lessons learned from global interventions will be introduced to generate dialogue on technical, political, and social barriers to the adoption of new technologies, emphasizing gender-disaggregated impacts, traditional indigenous knowledge and access to quality education for miners, regulators and the private sector.

Facilitator: Kirsten Dales, Canadian International Resources and Development Institute (CIRDI)

Speakers:

Marianne Bailey, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Dr. Bern Klein, University of British Columbia

Dr. Jennifer Hinton, Carlton University / Auranda Minerals

Dr. Paul Cordy, Cordy Geosciences

2. Knowledge management, communication, and outreach:

Through facilitated discussion and participant break-out groups, this session will explore how the GEF Gold Program will support communication and outreach, and create a common base of knowledge on ASGM, among projects within the program and with the global ASGM community of practice.

Facilitator: Susan Keane, UNEP Global Mercury Partnership, ASGM Lead

12:00-1:00 Lunch: North Atrium Foyer

1:00- 5:00 Country Specific Session: North Atrium Foyer

1. Country specific projects:

Facilitator: Ludovic Bernaudat, UN Environment

Speakers:

Peru and UNDP

Burkina Faso and UNIDO

Colombia and UNDP

Guyana and CI

Indonesia and UNDP

Kenya and UNDP

Mongolia and UNEP/UNIDO

Philippines and UNEP/UNIDO

2. Discussion:

Facilitator: Ludovic Bernaudat, UN Environment