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MEETING AGENDA AND INFORMATION

HOSTING COUNTRY



HOSTING ORGANISATION

Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN)

LOCATION

Zentrum Paul Klee

Monument im Fruchtländ 3
3006 Bern

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| 08:30 – 9:00 | Participants arriving – registration; Coffee & tea |
| 09:00 – 09:15 | WELCOME |
| 09:00 – 09:15 | Welcome address - Rahel GALLIKER (Federal Office for the Environment - FOEN, vice director) Introduction to the meeting - towards ICCL 3.0 (Dietmar MÜLLER-GRABHERR; COMMON FORUM, General Secretary; EAA /Environment Agency Austria) |
| 09:15 – 10:35 | SESSION 1 (plenary): 30 years ICCL (1993 – 2023) – approaches, programmes, major changes, challenges & achievements |
| 09:15 – 09:35 | US EPA Superfund Program- 40 Years of Regulation, Enforcement, and Clean-up (Larry DOUCHAND; U.S. EPA - Director of the Office of Superfund Remediation & Technology Innovation; USA) |
| 09:35 – 09:55 | The Danish Megasite Programme (Christian ANDERSEN; Danske Regioner / Danish Regions; DK) |
| 09:55 – 10:15 | 25 Years of CL:AIRE and Sustainable Land Re-use in the UK (Richard CROFT; CL:AIRE, Contaminated Land: Applications in Real Environments; UK) |
| 10:15 – 10:35 | Industrial Emissions Directive – a call for tools to prevent and remediate soil and groundwater contamination (Jörg FRAUENSTEIN; UBA, Umweltbundesamt / Federal Environment Agency Germany; DE) |
| 10:35 – 11:00 | BREAK |
| 11:00 – 12:30 | SESSION 2: New challenges, incentives & future role of CLM |
| 11:00 – 11:20 | - EU Soil Monitoring and Resilience Directive – concepts & state-of-play (Bavo PEETERS; European Commission – DG Environment; EC, DG ENV) |
| 11:20 – 11:40 | - Diffuse Pollution in Flanders – state of play (Griet VAN GESTEL; OVAM, Openbare Vlaamse Afvalstoffenmaatschappij/Flemish Waste Agency; BE) |
| 11:40 – 12:00 | - Preventing land take and sealing? – Make soil and water drivers in climate policy and spatial planning (Margot DE CLEEN; Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management, Rijkswaterstaat, NL) |
| 12:00 – 12:20 | - The role INSOP network can play in minimizing soil pollution (Ravi NAIDU; INSOP Chair - International Network on Soil Pollution / Global Soil Partnership & FAO) |
| 12:20 – 12:30 | Plenary debate |



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| 13:30 – 15:00 | SESSION 3a: Minamata Convention & Contaminated Sites |
| (hybrid) | Part 1: National challenges and experiences (<i>hybrid – see footnote</i>) |
| 13:30 – 13:35 | WELCOME ADDRESS: Océane DAYER (Federal Office for the Environment, FOEN -International Affairs Division) |
| 13:35 – 13:40 | - Overview of the session and implementation status of the Minamata Convention with regard to Art. 12: contaminated sites (Eisaku TODA; UN, Secretariat of the Minamata Convention) |
| 13:40 – 13:50 | - Specific International Programme project “Strengthening national capacities for the Minamata Convention implementation with focus on development of strategy for assessing site contaminated by mercury” (Suzana ANDONOVA; Ministry of Environment & Physical Planning, North Macedonia) |
| 13:50 – 14:00 | - Comprehensive assessment of sites contaminated with mercury due to artisanal and small-scale gold mining in Uganda (Anne Lillian NAKAFEERO; National Environment Management Authority, Uganda) |
| 14:00 – 14:10 | - Need for the management of contaminated sites in Mupane Gold Mine (Luisa TUMISNG MOIPOLAI; Dept. of Environmental Protection, Botswana) |
| 14:10 – 14:20 | - Case study – contaminated site management in the demolition of former refinery of Rosario Dominicana (Wilson Antonio TEJEDA GUERRERO; Ministry of Environment and Nature Resources, Dominican Republic) |
| 14:20 – 14:30 | - Experiences in Mexico managing mercury contaminated soil and water resources (Tania RAMÍREZ MUÑOZ; Ministry of Environment, Mexico) |
| 14:30 – 14:40 | - Evaluation of a contaminated site: Practical case of recovery of areas degraded by artisanal and small-scale gold mining, Puno department, (Dallas Noelia GONZALES MALCA, Ministry of the Environment, Peru) |
| 14:35 – 15:00 | DISCUSSION |
| 15:00 – 15:30 | <i>BREAK</i> |
| 15:30 – 17:00 | Part 2: Technologies and management (<i>hybrid – see footnote</i>) |
| 15:30 – 15:40 | - Introduction (Eisaku TODA; UN Secretariat of the Minamata Convention) |
| 15:40 – 15:50 | - Sustainable techniques for managing artisanal and small-scale gold mining (ASGM) sites contaminated with mercury – case study for Indonesia (Guido VAN DER COTERLET; TAUW cv; The Netherlands) |
| 15:50 – 16:00 | - Case study – contaminated site management in former mercury mine in Asturias (Diego BARAGAÑO COTO, Carbon Science and Technology Institute, Spain) |
| 16:00 – 16:10 | - Case study – mercury pollution in former mercury mine in Idrija (Jan GACNIK; Jozef Stefan Institute, Slovenia) |
| 16:10 – 16:20 | - Remediation of decommissioned mercury-cell chlor alkali facilities (Xaver IBARZ FORMATGER, ECON Industries) |
| 16:20 – 16:30 | - Findings from the Toxic Site Identification Programme (Alfonso RODRIGUES; Pure Earth - Colombia) |
| 16:30 – 16:55 | DISCUSSION |
| 16:55 – 17:00 | Wrap-up & Outlook |



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| 13:30 – 15:00 | SESSION 3b: PFAS (hybrid - see footnote) |
| | Part 1: Striving for sustainable Management of PFAS pollution |
| 13:30 – 13:50 | PFAS and Contaminated Sites in Switzerland (Monika SCHWAB-WYSSER; FOEN, Switzerland) |
| 13:50 – 14:10 | PFAS-threshold values in Switzerland (Rolf KETTLER; FOEN, Switzerland) |
| 14:10 – 14:30 | Inconsistencies in the regulatory risk assessment of PFAS: call for readjustment (Jussi REINIKAINEN; Finnish Environment Institute, SYKE; FI) |
| 14:30 – 14:50 | Technology Selection under U.S. EPA Guidance on the Destruction and Disposal of PFAS (Cindy FRICKLE; U.S. EPA Superfund Technology Assessment Branch) |
| 14:50 – 15:00 | DISCUSSION |
| 15:00 – 15:30 | <i>BREAK</i> |
| 15:30 – 17:00 | Part 2: COMMON FORUM PFAS team (hybrid - see footnote) |
| 15:30 – 15:35 | Introduction – setting the scene |
| 15:35 – 16:00 | Updates on PFAS from Wallonia (Thomas LAMBRECHTS; SPW, Service public de Wallonie/Public administration Wallonia ; BE) |
| 16:00 – 16:25 | Updates from Flanders (Johan CEENAEME; OVAM, Openbare Vlaamse Afvalstoffenmaatschappij/Flemish Waste Agency; BE) |
| 16:25 – 16:40 | Reflections on the NICOLE discussion paper on PFAS & updates from Austria (Dietmar MÜLLER-GRABHERR; EAA, Environment Agency Austria; AT) |
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| 09:00 – 10:30 | SESSION 4 (plenary): New approaches & future programming of CLM |
| 09:00 – 10:00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - US EPA Land Management and Greenhouse Gas Emissions (Luci DUNNIGTON; U.S. EPA, Office of Land and Emergency Management) - Challenges for Latin American governments in the management of contaminated lands (Pedro SIFUENTES AMEZ ; ReLASC – Red Latinoamericana de Prevención y Gestión de Sitios Contaminados, Ministerio del Ambiente, Ministry of Environment, Perú; PE) - Living within the boundaries of our planet – Contaminated Land Management within the context of No Net Land Take (Pol TOCK; Administration de l’environnement de Luxembourg / Environmental Administration Luxembourg – LU) |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | DISCUSSION |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | <i>BREAK</i> |
| 11:00 – 12:25 | SESSION 5 (plenary): The future of ICCL |
| | <p>DISCUSSION – FUTURE POLICY DRIVERS (or BUZZ PHRASES?)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>How CLM may contribute to follow up on SDGs from 2030 to 2050</i> - <i>Climate change, biodiversity loss & pollution – synergies in combating the triple crisis</i> - <i>Planetary & One Health – wishful thinking or is a soil-health approach a suitable driver ready to get operative</i> <p>- International information exchanges – ICCL 3.0: an outlook to possible futures (Dietmar MÜLLER-GRABHERR; COMMON FORUM)</p> <p>CONCLUSIONS</p> |
| 12:25 – 12:30 | FORMAL CLOSURE & NEXT MEETING |
| 12:30 – 13:30 | <i>NETWORKING LUNCH</i> |