

Mercury Coordination Mechanism

Terms of Reference

Terms of Reference of the MCM members:

- (i) To provide policy and strategic oversight and support to the phase-out of Mercury by 2025.
- (ii) To define a strategy during the transition period.
- (iii) To provide policy /guidance to key decision makers on Minamata Convention and application of Minamata Initial Assessment
- (iv) Advise and ensure stakeholder involvement on matters related to the Life-Cycle Management (LCM) of mercury.
- (v) To formulate a draft national policy on mercury phase-out.
- (vi) To coordinate capacity building campaigns related to the use of Mercury.
- (vii) To coordinate national awareness campaigns relating to mercury phase-out based on the communication strategy and implementation plan.
- (viii) To mobilise initial resources for the Mercury Free Mining Development Fund including through establishment of framework of partnership with international partners.
- (ix) To guide the initial identification of alternative mercury free technology and maintain a tentative list of potential suppliers to be recommended to the small scale miners.
- (x) To identify areas for pilot implementation of the mercury free technology referred to in (viii) above.
- (xi) To develop a preliminary structure for restructuring and disbursing the Mercury Free Development Fund fashioned along the lines of the proposed statute.
- (xii) To initiate and coordinate necessary curriculum changes in both primary and secondary school including in the Guyana Mining School in collaboration with the Ministry of Education.
- (xiii) Any other relevant task as applicable.

Suggested member organisations and positions of each representative:

No.	Organisation
1	Ministry of Natural Resources
2	Guyana Geology and Mines Commission
3	Environmental Protection Agency
4	PTCCB
5	Ministry of Finance
6	Ministry of Social Protection

7	Ministry of Public Health
8	Guyana Revenue Authority
9	Ministry of Indigenous Peoples Affairs
10	Ministry of Education
11	World Wildlife Fund
12	Guyana Gold and Diamond Miners Association
13	Guyana Women's Miners Association
14	Ministry of Social Protection