

<p>Mercury and Artisanal and Small Scale Gold Mining: the path forward</p>

A meeting co-organized by
Communities and Small-Scale Mining (CASM),
www.artisanalmining.org
and the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC),
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Purpose: In the context of the recent UNEP decision to begin international mercury treaty negotiations, this meeting will aim to inform some of the main DC-based donors on mercury use in artisanal and small scale gold mining (ASGM), to collect initial ideas on critical near-term activities, and to identify potential funding mechanisms.

Date: June 9, 2009

Time: 10:30 to 1:30, lunch boxes and coffee will be offered

Venue: World Bank, IFC building, 2121 Pennsylvania Avenue,
Room F9P - 198

Please let us know by June 5 if you will attend
By replying to rpelon@worldbank.org

Agenda:

- 1. Towards an international treaty on mercury reduction, consequences for artisanal gold mining.**
Introduction by Susan Egan Keane, Sr Environmental Analyst, Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), co-leader of the UNEP Mercury Programme ASGM Partnership
- 2. Mercury use in Artisanal and Small-scale Mining, existing solutions and international experiences in reduction efforts.**
Presentation by Dr. Kevin Telmer, Professor of Geochemistry at the University of Victoria (BC), Director of the Artisanal Gold Council
- 3. Potential priority activities and mechanisms for supporting actions in key countries.**
Roundtable discussion