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Reference: GMP

Subject: Participation of RUTH SPENCER in the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership

Dear Ms. Spencer,

On behalf of the United Nations Environment Programme, I would like to sincerely thank you for your registration indicating the support of **RUTH SPENCER** to the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership and its interest in becoming a partner. It is with great pleasure that I hereby confirm the membership of your organization to the Partnership.

The overall goal of the Partnership is to "protect human health and the global environment from the releases of mercury and its compounds by minimizing and, where feasible, ultimately eliminating global, anthropogenic mercury releases to air, water and land". Please do not hesitate to inform the Secretariat and the leads of Partnership areas on a regular basis of the activities and achievements of your organization that contribute to this goal. Amongst others, the Partnership features partners' initiatives and successes, as well as shares resources, including good practices, to catalyze action between partners.

Please find the [Overarching Framework for the Partnership](#) which provides information on its work and functioning. The business Plans for each Partnership area may be found on the website of the Partnership at: www.unep.org/globalmercurypartnership.

The information you filled in on the registration form will be made available on the website of the Partnership and the leads of the Partnership areas in which you expressed interest will be notified of your membership.

I look forward to our cooperation in the context of the Partnership and thank you for your commitment to protecting human health and the environment from the harmful effects of mercury.

Yours sincerely,

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UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP

ORGANIZATION APPLYING TO BECOME A PARTNER

Name of your Organization: Ruth Spencer

Type of Organization: ☐ Government ☐ Industry / private sector
☐ Intergovernmental Organization ☐ Academia / scientific institution
☐ Non-governmental Organization ☒ Other

Website: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/ruth-spencer-94525517/>

Country: Antigua and Barbuda

Your name: Ruth Spencer

Your functional title: Chair, Marine Ecosystems Protected Areas (MEPA) Trust

Your email address: ruthspencer5@gmail.com

YOUR EXPERTISE

Please indicate knowledge, experience and skills that you can mobilise to support activities under the Partnership workplan or to get involved in any of the initiatives supported by the Partnership (please select all that apply)

☐ Artisanal and small-scale gold mining	☐ Mercury releases from coal combustion
☐ Mercury cell chlor-alkali production	☒ Mercury waste management
☐ Mercury air transport and fate research	☒ Mercury supply and storage
☒ Mercury in products	☐ Mercury releases from the cement industry
☐ Mercury in oil and gas	☒ Mercury and climate change
☐ Mercury in non-ferrous metals	☒ Mercury and gender, youth, indigenous people
☐ Mercury trade	☒ Mercury and health
☒ Mercury and biodiversity	☒ Mercury and contaminated sites
	☒ Other

Please provide answer here if you have selected Other in previous question or if you would like to further explain your expertise

Partnerships are important for education, advocacy and outreach. The focal points cannot do it alone so MEPA is a bridge to the unknown groups to bring awareness, education to enable their inclusion and participation in mercury management processes.

YOUR CONTRIBUTION

Please select activities to which you would like to actively participate (please select all that apply)

☒ Knowledge sharing	☒ Other	Please provide answer here if you have selected Other in previous question or if you would like to further explain your contribution
☒ Technical capacity / Service provider		
☒ Identifying national needs and priorities		

outreach to vulnerable and marginalized groups to bring knowledge and awareness

Share any information that we have not captured already

Along with 3 other NGO groups in Antigua, including a church and the medical association, we implemented a national mercury program which touched all of society. Continuity and sustainable actions are still a highlight of the program to enable people stay engaged, involved and to amplify voices and act to bring about the needed changes especially to stop the use of bleaching creams.

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