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SIDE EVENT: Ratification and Early Implementation of the Minamata Convention and the Basel Convention Ban Amendment: Opportunities for efficient and effective actions

Monday 11 May 2015 (18:15 – 19:45)

This event will provide a forum to present efficient and effective actions in ratifying relevant conventions and amendments, with experiences from agencies and countries.

We would welcome your participation at our side event.

Agenda

18:15 – 18:20	Welcome	Jorge Ocaña, UNITAR
18:20 – 18:25	<i>BRS Secretariat experiences in assisting Parties facing difficulties ratifying the Ban Amendment</i>	<i>Rolph Payet, BRS Secretariat</i>
18:25 – 18:30	How the Minamata ratification process can build upon existing national structures and processes	Jacob Duer, Interim Secretariat of the Minamata Convention
18:30 – 18:40	<i>Supporting Ratification of the Minamata Convention and the Basel Convention Ban Amendment in countries: the Swiss perspective</i>	<i>Luca Arnold, Switzerland</i>
18:40 – 18:45	UNITAR experiences in efficient and effective approaches to ratification	John Haines, UNITAR
18:45 – 19:15	<i>Country experiences, challenges and lessons learned</i>	
	- Côte D'Ivoire	<i>Florent Botto</i>
	- Senegal	<i>Aita Seck</i>
	- Zambia	<i>David Kapindula</i>
19:15 – 19:40	Discussion and feedback from participants	All
19:40 – 19:45	<i>Conclusions</i>	<i>All</i>