**Facilitating Capacity-Building for Managing Mercury in the Caribbean**

***Virtual Regional Inception Workshop***

***Agenda***

**Date: 27 July 2021**

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| Time | **Virtual Workshop** |
| ***9:00-9:30*** | ***Welcome and Participant Registration*** |
| 9:30-9:45 | Opening Remarks - Ms Marianne Bailey (SIP Program Director, Minamata Convention Secretariat) |
| 9:45-10:00 | Minamata Initial Assessments of Mercury: An Important Steppingstone - Ms Tahlia Ali Shah (BCRC-Caribbean) |
| 10:00-10:15 | Brief Introduction of Workshop and Participants - Dr Linroy Christian (Director of Analytical Services, Ministry of Agriculture) |
| **10:15-10:30** | **Coffee Break** |
| 10:30-11:00 | Project Overview – Dr Linroy Christian  Building from the MIA Experience - Dr David Evers (Biodiversity Research Institute) |
| 11:00-11:30 | Developing the Caribbean Regional Mercury Monitoring Network (CRMMN): Elements for Consideration and Global Connections with the Minamata Convention – Dr David Evers |
| 11:30-noon | Central Laboratory Overview: Lab Coordination and Data sharing – Dr Linroy Christian |
| ***Noon – 13:00*** | ***Lunch Break*** |
| 13:00 – 13:15 | Organization of Work and Review of Country Interests and Priorities – Drs Linroy Christian and David Evers |
| 13:15 – 13:30 | Project Communications (video / website development) and Awareness - Ms Molly Taylor (Biodiversity Research Institute) |
| 13:30 – 14:00 | Air Sampling SOP and Lab Overview - Dr Sandy Steffen (Environment and Climate Change Canada) |
| 14:00 – 14:30 | Caribbean Fish Mercury Summary, SOP, Sampling Design Next Steps – Dr David Evers |
| 14:30 – 15:00 | Caribbean Bird Mercury Summary, SOP, Sampling Design Next Steps- Dr David Evers |
| **15:00 – 15:15** | **Coffee Break** |
| 15:15 – 15:45 | Human Hair Mercury Summary, SOP, Sampling Design Next Steps – Dr Linroy Christian |
| 15:45 – 16:00 | Cosmetic Mercury Summary, SOP, Sampling Design Next Steps, relationship with new GEF project – Drs Linroy Christian and David Evers |
| ***16:00*** | ***Wrap Up – Country’s interests with Hg monitoring*** |