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Invitation to the ACAP Webinar on Mercury and its Combined Effects with other Contaminants on Health and Ecosystems

September 22, 2020

On behalf of the ACAP Working Group and its Expert Group on POPs and Mercury, I am pleased to invite you to take part in a half-day ACAP Webinar on Mercury. The intention behind this webinar is to share expertise and initiate a discussion that will provide the basis for an article on mercury related issues in the Arctic.

In addition, the workshop will highlight the problem of combined toxicity of mercury and other contaminants. According to AMAP's latest assessments, Arctic wildlife and fish are exposed to a complex cocktail of environmental contaminants including legacy POPs, emerging chemicals of Arctic concern, mercury, and other pollutants that in combination may act to increase the risk of biological effects. As ACAP's mercury related work takes into account special consideration of communities in the Arctic, the workshop will look at health concerns that high contaminant levels observed in some Arctic wildlife pose for indigenous communities reliant on subsistence harvests as part of their traditional diet. Speakers are encouraged to address these issues.

The webinar details are as follows:

Date: September 22, 2020

Location: Online

Time: 14:00 – 19:00 CEST

Registration:

You can register for the ACAP Webinar on Mercury by clicking this link:

https://bit.ly/ACAP_Workshop-Mercury (registration will close on September 17, 2020).

Call-in information:

Please join the webinar from your computer, tablet or smartphone using the following link:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/844210717>

You can also dial in using your phone (**Access Code:** 844-210-717):

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If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the ACAP Secretariat (acap@arctic-council.org).

Sincerely,

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