

## NOTICE:

# Mercury Hair Testing at COP1 for all Delegates

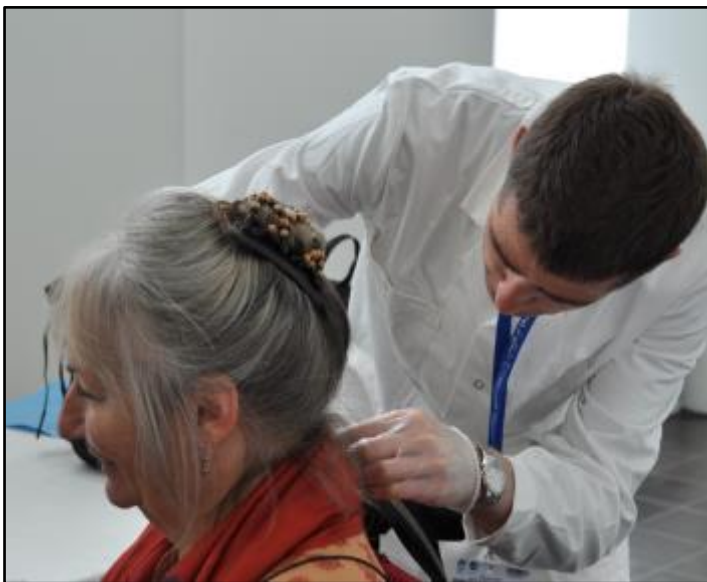
Results to be released at the:

**3<sup>rd</sup> UN Environment Assembly (UNEA3)**, 4-6 December 2017, Nairobi, Kenya

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IPEN and Biodiversity Research Institute (BRI) are inviting all delegates to have their hair tested for mercury levels. During COP1, IPEN technical experts can collect delegates' hair samples at the IPEN COP1 Booth. The samples will be sent to BRI's laboratories for mercury analysis. Results will be compiled and reported on at UNEA3.

Interested delegates can email [ipen@ipen.org](mailto:ipen@ipen.org) for more information.



In 2010, at the Mercury INC1, IPEN and SSNC conducted mercury hair testing among INC1 delegates from 40 countries. Surprisingly, average mercury levels in people from developing and transition countries were twice the levels measured in delegates from developed countries. The difference was statistically significant. The results are available at:

[http://ipen.org/sites/default/files/documents/mercury\\_hair\\_report-en.pdf](http://ipen.org/sites/default/files/documents/mercury_hair_report-en.pdf)

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