

# **Minamata Initial Assessment- Belize**

**ASSESSMENT OF THE POLICY, LEGISLATIVE AND INSTITUTIONAL  
FRAMEWORK RELATED TO MERCURY MANAGEMENT AND  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MINAMATA CONVENTION**



# Terms of Reference

- ▶ **Overall Task**
- ▶ To assess Belize's readiness to ratify and implement the obligations of the Minamata Convention
  - By doing what?
- ▶ Review of policies, laws, institutions related to waste management
- ▶ Examine MEAs to which Belize is a party for similar obligations for waste management
- ▶ To raise awareness of the Minamata Convention by preparing a Cabinet Brief
- ▶ Promote the ratification of the Minamata Convention

# Main Activities & Deliverables

▶ Literature Review and  
Consultations



▶ Draft Assessment Report

Review of Assessment Report by  
NWG



▶ Amended Interim Assessment  
Report

▶ Final Assessment Report

Consult Decision-makers  
to prepare Cabinet Brief



▶ Cabinet Brief on Benefits &  
Obligations of Ratification

# Your Role & Supporting Activities

- ▶ Actively Participate in National Working Group - Learning
- ▶ Review My Outputs and produce ideas - Encouraging
- ▶ Be prepared for and participate in interviews - Provide documents
- ▶ Foster involvement in the project

# Project Results

- ▶ Will show gaps in policies, laws and institutional arrangements
- ▶ Provide information on Optional Legislative & Institutional Arrangements
- ▶ Establish broad elements for inclusion in national implementing framework for Minamata Convention
- ▶ Sensitisation of Decision-makers
- ▶ Ratification of Minamata Convention