

# Quick start guide to preparing an Artisanal and Small Scale Gold Mining National Action Plan

to fulfill obligations under Article 7 of  
the Minamata Convention on Mercury

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Artisanal and  
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Gold Mining

# NAP

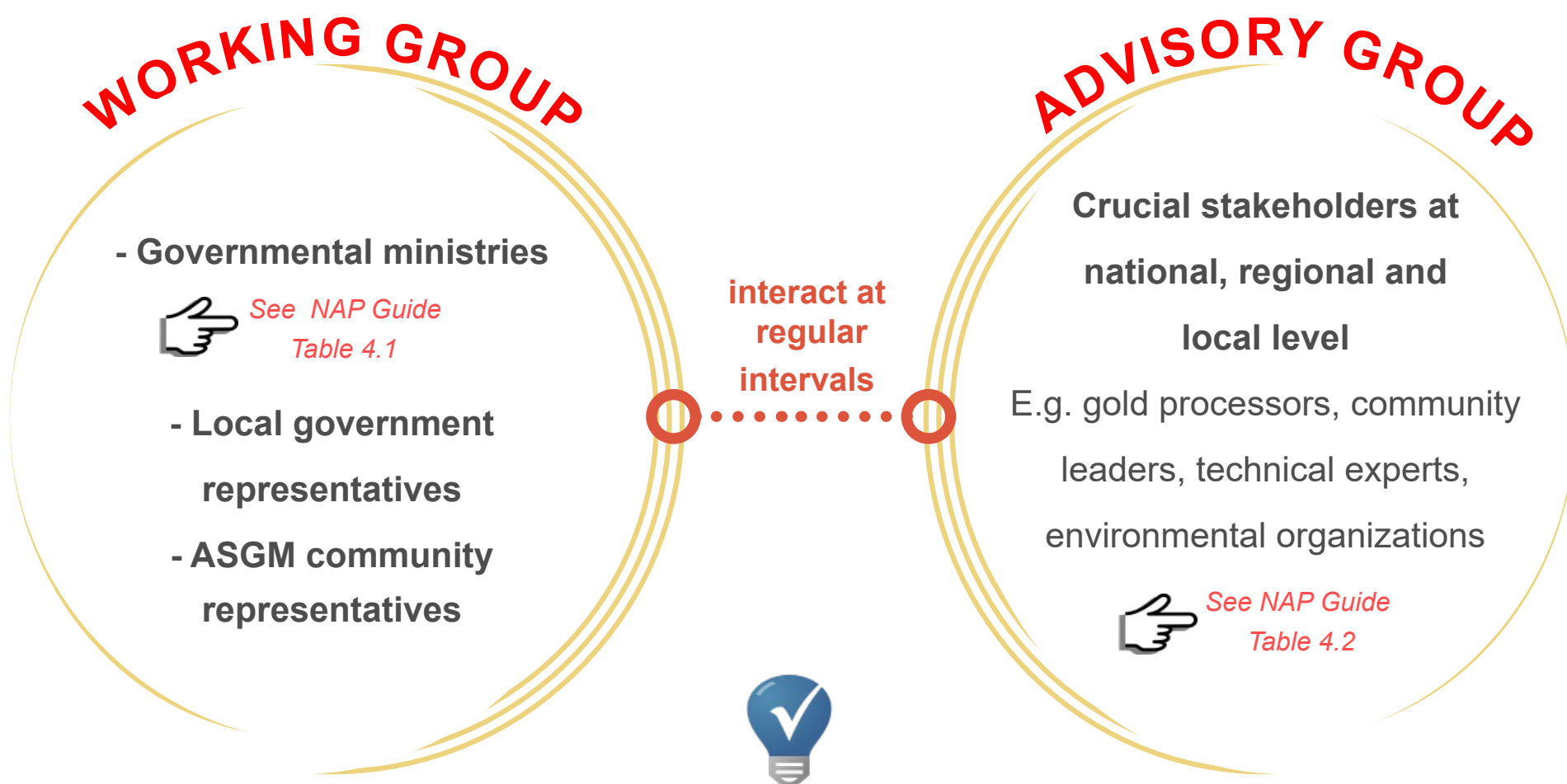
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# STEP 1




## Establish Coordinating Body

To guide the entire process of NAP development



**TIPS:** Define roles and responsibilities clearly; ensure cohesion of NAP with overall governmental environmental, development and economic agendas; reflect the voice of ASGM community

Note: References marked with  refer to UNEP's draft guidance document: "Developing a National Action Plan to Reduce, and Where Feasible, Eliminate Mercury Use in Artisanal and Small Scale Gold Mining".

## STEP 2



See NAP Guide  
Chapter 4.2, Annex 3



# Develop a National ASGM Overview

To identify mercury use and practices in ASGM communities

## COMPONENTS OF THE OVERVIEW and source of information



See NAP Guide  
Chapter 5.2



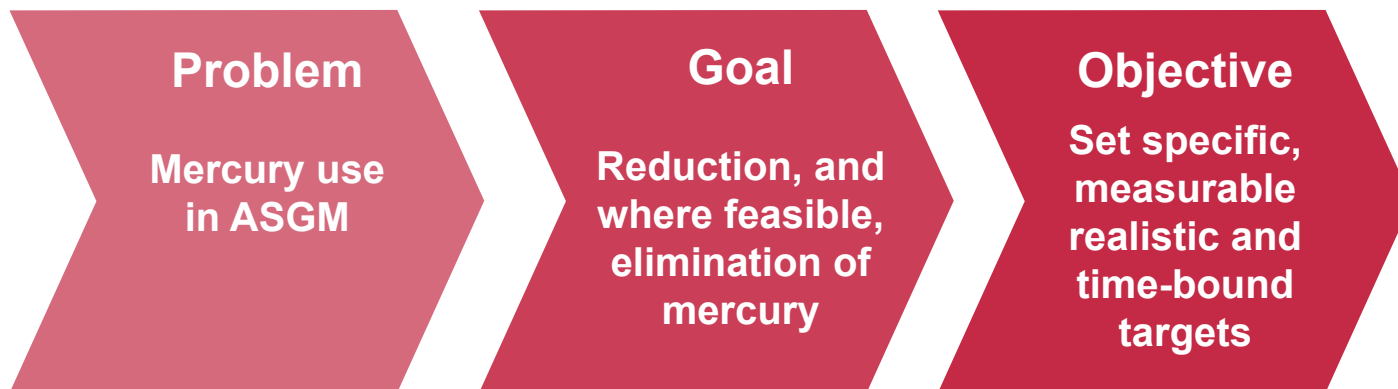
Consult ASGM  
inventories tool

# STEP 3



## Set Goals and Objectives

To identify targets that are quantitative and time-bound



See NAP Guide  
Chapter 5.1

## E X A M P L E S

.....○ By 2018  
all ASGM communities trained  
about alternative mercury free  
methods

.....○ By 2019  
new equipment provided  
to pilot locations

.....○ By 2020  
whole ore amalgamation  
eliminated

# STEP 4



See NAP Guide  
Chapter 4.4




## Develop Implementation Strategies

To identify concrete actions to reach objectives

1. Identify authorities responsible for implementing each task  
*national, regional, and local government*
2. Define scope and logistics  
*national, or phased regionally*
3. Secure resources  
*financial, technical, human, political, social*
4. Identify partners  
*NGOs, private sector, academia, IGOs, IOs*
5. Identify required actions, including:

### Implementation strategy

1. Workplan  *See NAP Guide Annex 4*
2. Outreach plan
3. Time line
4. Overall budget



**Actions to eliminate worst practices**

*Chapter 5.2*



**Steps to facilitate formalization**

*Chapter 5.3*



**Strategies to promote mercury-free methods**

*Chapter 5.5*



**Strategies to manage trade and prevent diversion**

*Chapter 5.6*



**Strategies for public health and vulnerable populations**

*Chapter 5.8 and 5.9*



**Strategies to disseminate information to ASGM community**

*Chapter 5.10*



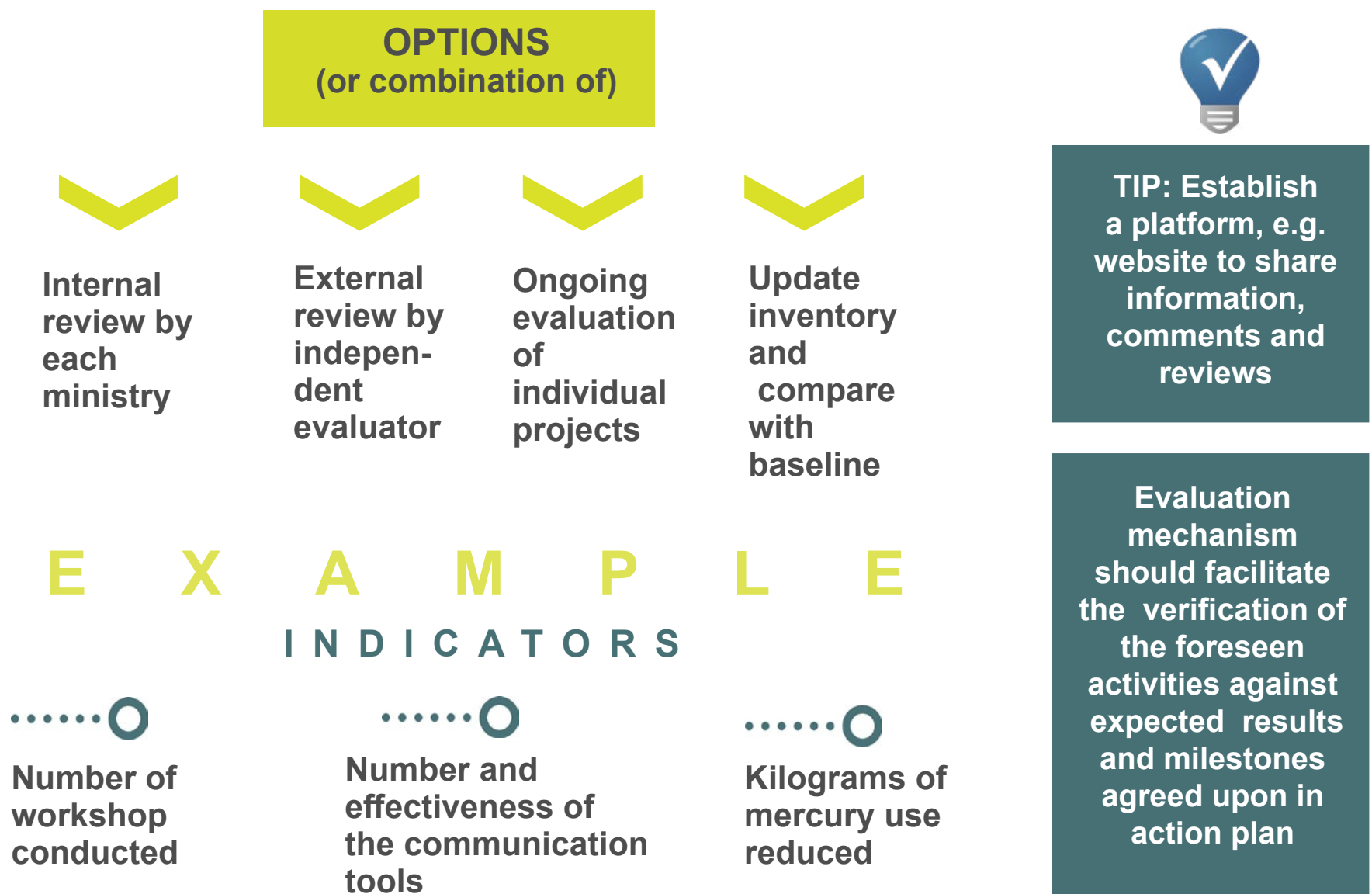
# STEP 5



See NAP Guide  
Chapter 4.5



## Formulate Evaluation Strategy To measure and report on progress made



## STEP 6



### Endorse, Submit

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As required by article 7, Paragraph 3(b), each country must submit its NAP to the Secretariat no later than 3 years after the Convention enters into force for it, or 3 years after notifying the Secretariat that it has “more than insignificant ASGM”, whichever is later.

**APPROVED**

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Before submission, the NAP should be endorsed (approved) by the appropriate decision makers.

# Additional Resources

[UNEP NAP guidance document](#)

[Minimata Convention Interim Secretariat](#)

[NRDC guide to preparing GEF NAP proposal](#)

[UNEP Global Mercury Partnership ASGM area](#)

[GEF funding opportunities](#) for enabling activities under Minamata

[WHO Mercury page](#)



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