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Mr. Eirik Steindal is a research scientist at Norwegian Institute for Water Research (NIVA) with about twenty years of experience on environment issues working at NGOs, IGOs, research institutes, consultancy sector and government agencies. Between 2012-2017 Steindal was working as a Senior Adviser at the Waste and Chemicals Division at the Norwegian Environment Agency, where he has been working with environmental monitoring and international regulation and management of chemicals, and as a negotiator and deputy head of the Norwegian delegation at the Minamata Convention negotiations. Prior to this Steindal has been working as an environmental researcher at a UN expert research laboratory and with capacity building in developing countries within UN Environment.