

Multiple Challenges; Multiple Solutions

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Global Policy Challenges

- No global consensus on the cost of inaction on chemicals management
- Effects of chemicals production and use has not been described in economic language of key financial decision makers
- Chemicals management has not adequately been linked with sustainable development

National Challenges

- Balance risks and benefits when making national decisions
 - Lack of financial resources for chemicals management
 - Lack of coherent legislation and coordination between ministries
 - Lack of institutional, technical and legal capacities for development, implementation and enforcement of legislation
 - Lack of information and awareness of the impacts of chemicals on the environment and health

Solutions

Lack of financial resources for chemicals management

- Integration of sound management of chemicals into development plans (mainstreaming) to ensure:
 - Multilateral funding
 - Bilateral funding
 - National funding

Solutions

Lack of coherent legislation and coordination between ministries

- Development of national government coordination structures
- Consolidated and coordinated international approach to assist developing countries in building the necessary infrastructure and legislation
- Public participation and stakeholder involvement

Lack of institutional, technical and legal capacities for development, implementation and enforcement of legislation

- Need for central ministerial institutions responsible for the technical and legal work on government policies on chemicals
 - Assessment of chemicals
 - Issuing authorizations
 - Running registers on chemicals
 - Participating in international meetings
 - Implementing MEAs on chemicals
- Need for enforcement agencies, custom controls etc

Lack of information and awareness of the impacts of chemicals on the environment and health

- At the political decision level.
 - Improve communication between technical ministries and the financial and planning ministries
- At the technical level in ministries and industries
 - Improve awareness of national enforcement structures including custom officers on the need for enforcement of chemicals legislation
 - Improve the awareness of cost effective alternatives, best available techniques
- At the local level
 - Increase awareness of the users of chemicals to the health and environmental effects of chemicals use