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