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The Brazilian Perspectives on Synergies for Capacity Building Under International Agreements

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Agreements Addressing Chemicals and Waste Management

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Gap Among Countries in Following International Agreements Addressing Chemicals and Waste Management

- ☞ Great deal of policies
- ☞ Some countries are left far behind
- ☞ Development of abilities to pursue chemical safety policies



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Which International Agreements and Initiatives Should Be Included in National Attempts to Identify and Implement Synergies for Capacity Building?

- ☐ Basel Convention
- ☐ Rotterdam Convention
- ☐ Stockholm Convention
- ☐ Global Harmonized System (GHS)
- ☐ ILO Conventions 170 and 174
- ☐ FAO International Code of Conduct
- ☐ Chemical Weapons Convention
- ☐ Aarhus Convention
- ☐ Others



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Which Important “Horizontal” Themes or Obligations, Which Cut Across International Agreements Concerned With Chemicals and Waste Management, Are Relevant for National Capacity Building?

- ☞ Development of coherent National Policies through a multi-stakeholder process
- ☞ Effective education and training programmes
- ☞ Establishment of information exchange and dissemination mechanisms
- ☞ Synergistic activities and communication between the different Conventions’ Secretariats



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Which of These Relevant Cross Cutting Themes Would Benefit from a Co-ordinated or Integrated Approach at the National Level and What Specific Action Should Be Taken?

- ❏ Development of action plans containing relevant policies and strategies to control the management of concerned chemicals covering their life-cycle (from production to commercialization)
- ❏ Strengthening the capacity of states and municipalities for the adoption of methods and alternative activities
- ❏ Incorporation of training into multilateral agreements to ensure their affective implementation, particularly in developing countries



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Which of These Relevant Cross Cutting Themes Would Benefit from a Co-ordinated or Integrated Approach at the National Level and What Specific Action Should Be Taken?

- ❑ Development of national information systems that ensure systematic dissemination of environmental information (PRTRs)
- ❑ Promotion of financial and other economic instruments to countries make use of the best available safety technologies
- ❑ Establishment of appropriate Public and Occupational Health Surveillance Programs and Medical Needs for chemical emergency response



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Which of These Relevant Cross Cutting Themes Would Benefit from a Co-ordinated or Integrated Approach at the National Level and What Specific Action Should Be Taken?

- ☐ Adoption of international principles of corporate responsibility, accountability and liability



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What Are Some Obstacles in Practice to Implement Co-ordinated or Integrated Approach for Capacity Building Under Relevant International Agreements?

- ☞ Lack of Training - difficulties with respect to the hiring and training of staff
- ☞ Donor Reluctance - restrictive financial situations and decrease in funds available from donors
- ☞ Lack of technical know-how and critical evaluation - total or partial inability to meet the requirements of chemical safety policies
- ☞ Lack of appropriate national legislative systems - inability to countries efficiently manage chemicals and waste



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- ☞ Lack of communication



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National Commission on Chemical Safety - CONASQ

- ☞ Set up on December 2000
- ☞ Implement the National Chemical Safety Program - PRONASQ
- ☞ Follows the guidelines adopted by IFCS
- ☞ Comprises 22 institutions, representing stakeholders from government, industry, university, NGOs, union labor

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PRONASQ Action Initiatives

- ☞ Control and Inspection Mechanisms in Chemicals Management
- ☞ Exchange and Dissemination Network for Chemical Safety Information
- ☞ Reduction of Vulnerabilities Due to Chemical Accidents
- ☞ National Strategies for Remediation of Contaminated Sites
- ☞ Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS)



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PRONASQ Action Initiatives

- ☞ Chemical Safety Programs in Universities and Research Institutes
- ☞ Implementation of Chemicals International Agreements
- ☞ Integrated Management of Pests and Vectors
- ☞ Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers
- ☞ Brazilian Chemicals Management Profile



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