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I will offer a donor perspective. In 2001, we organized an Information Workshop on Technical Implementation Aspects Common to International Chemicals Conventions with African participants. Some of the points identified include:

- Initiate country-level roundtable discussions regarding synergies for all chemicals related conventions with all stakeholders.
- Harmonize customs training. Customs officials do not care about conventions but are a crucial target group, although they are not always specifically mentioned in conventions.
- Move to regional approaches, including customs training, after national.
- Donors follow development assistance strategies and recognize conventions merely as tools. Approaches must integrate and bring in health care, poverty reduction, sustainable resources management and environment protection.
- Country needs on the ground are health care and environmental care. We need to look at how conventions can be put into this context.
- Implementation of a convention is not successful if implemented in isolation. The role of UN programmes, focal points in countries and secretariats is to approach development assistance providers and to find ways not to change the direction of chemical priorities but to integrate chemicals into overall priorities.