

## Working Group 1: Developing a coherent policy, legislative and institutional framework

Five Cs as the *overarching approach*:

**Coherence**  
**Coordination**  
**Consistency**  
**Continuity**  
**Cost-Efficiency**

The core elements for these are:

- 1) **National Profile**: to be ongoing with the multi-stakeholder coordinating committee to achieve these five Cs. develop national profile to consider:
  - a. ideal state
  - b. present state
  - c. obstacle to progress
  - d. recommendations
- 2) **umbrella chemicals legislation**
- 3) a **National Chemicals Coordinating Committee**
- 4) **institutional reorganization** to simply concentrate authority for effective chemical managements
- 5) **Inventory**  
Checklist of legislative elements and framework based on the life cycle management approach:  
Handling/use environment,  
Work environment,  
Putting chemicals on the market
- 6) **Host/Home** for legal instruments to show best practices with the regional approach
- 7) Need for **political will** driven by cost-efficiency  
Three levels interconnected:
  - a) political will
  - b) strategy
  - c) implementation: Top Down and Bottom Up Approach, Integration between focal points and secretariat, Model institutions,

Toolbox –exchange of information to know experiences of the countries and examples of national legislation with regional approach.

**Problems**

- ... resources and lack of institutional capabilities
- ... fight with other ministries
- ...coordination between focal points
- ...fragmented legislation and institutional framework.
- ...no continuity in governments, departments...
- ...constraints related to financial resources
- ...the need to have a national master plan
- ...civil society must be part of the decision making process
- ...there is legislation and standards but no enforcement.