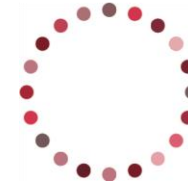


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Discussion 3 Topic:

African government experiences in implementing GHS

- Date: 11th December 2020
- Time: 14:00 – 15:30 (GMT+2.00)
- Presenter: Elize Lourens, South Africa
Christopher Kanema, Zambia
- Facilitator: Andrea Rother, University of Cape Town
- Chair: Maxine Brassell, MPH student, University of Cape Town

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AFRICAN GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCES IN IMPLEMENTING GHS



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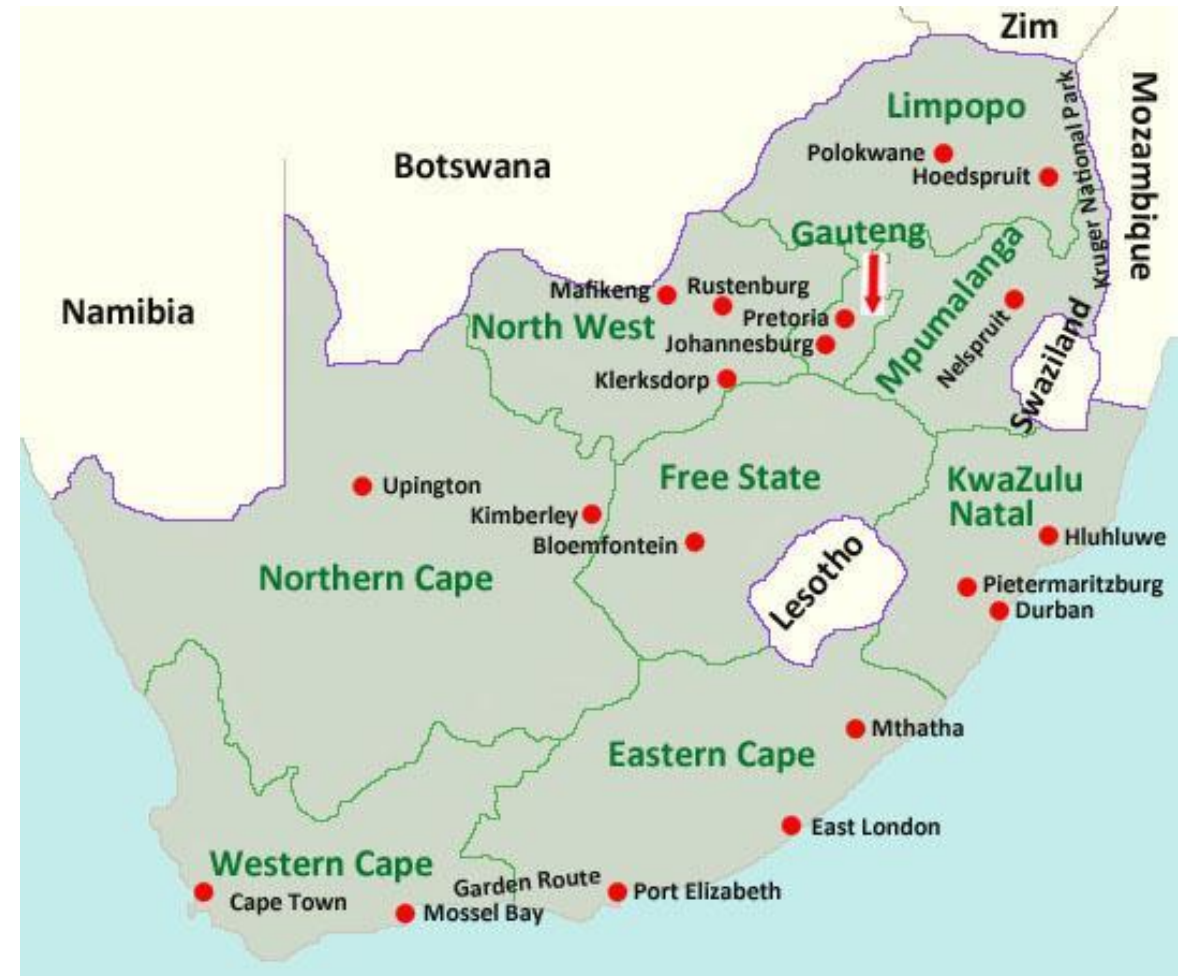


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BACKGROUND TO QUESTION I

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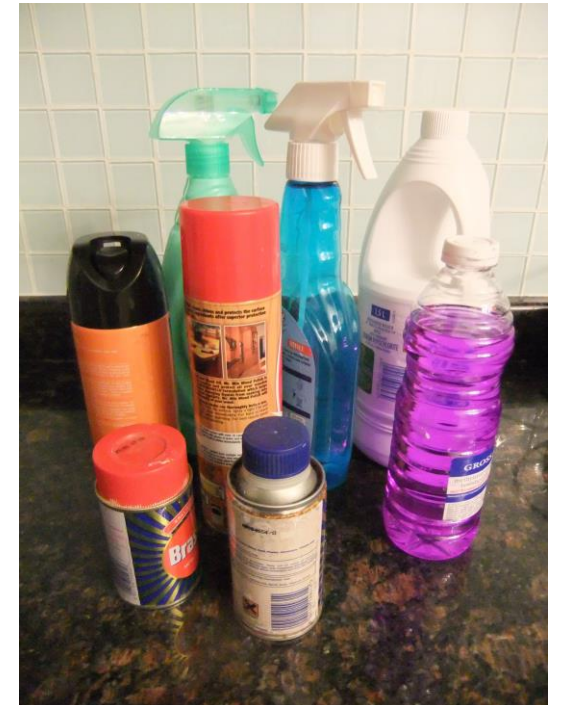
Plan of Implementation, adopted in Johannesburg on 4 September 2002, the World Summit on Sustainable Development encouraged countries to implement the GHS as soon as possible. Voluntary implementation in South Africa



BACKGROUND TO QUESTION I

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- Keen interest from Industry Organised Labour and Government to implement GHS in SA through a legal framework
- Restrictive mandates of Government Department posed a challenge
- Agree on approach amongst Government Departments (GHS building blocks, cut-off limits)
- Technical meetings between government role-players
- Referencing between legislation



QUESTION 1

As chemicals management is cross-cutting over several government departments in South Africa and other countries, what are some strategies that could be implemented to ensure collaboration and standardisation?

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BACKGROUND TO QUESTION 2

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- Organised Labour keen to adopt strategies that will ensure decent work
- GHS classification reduces the need for testing of agents
- Standard way to assess hazard, and communicating hazards (Common understanding)
- Hazard level similar therefore risk reduction measures can be shared for the same hazard class within countries, industry.
- Protection for chemical hazards leading to healthy productive lives



QUESTION 2

As workers can directly benefit from the implementation of GHS, what are the needs of Organised Labour to ensure the greatest benefit from implementation?

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BACKGROUND TO QUESTION 3

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Zambia's experience in implementing GHS:

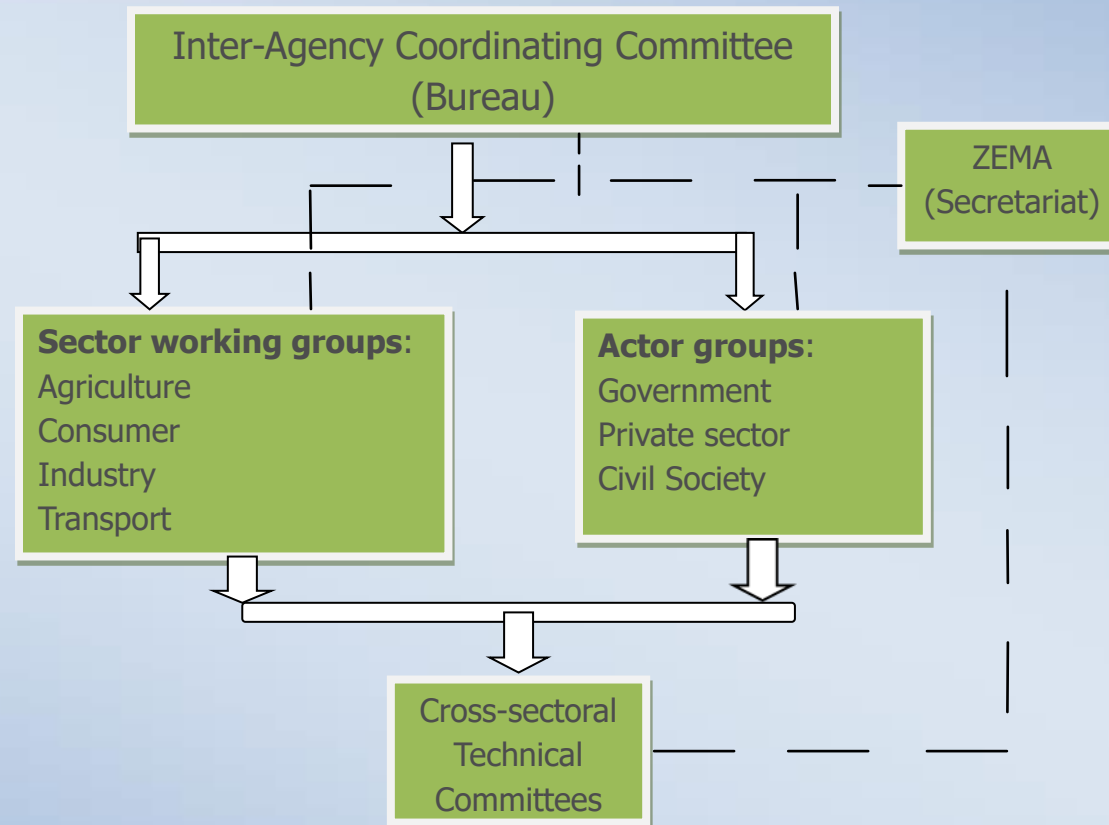
In 2001, Zambia was selected as one of the pilot countries to receive assistance from UNITAR and ILO to develop and implement a National Chemical Hazard Communication and GHS Action Plan.

This task involved a baseline study on the existing chemical hazard communication in the industrial, transportation, agricultural and consumer sectors

The objective was to conduct a situation analysis and develop National Implementation Plan for GHS.

ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL GHS COORDINATING MECHANISM

PRESENTED BY: CHRISTOPHER KANEMA



BACKGROUND TO QUESTION 3: ZAMBIA'S EXPERIENCE IN IMPLEMENTING GHS

PRESENTED BY: CHRISTOPHER KANEMA

Key outputs:

Inter-sectoral Coordinating Committee: (Bureau- Agriculture Consumers, Industry and Transportation

- Capacity building: Training of trainers: training modules developed for different sectors
- Development of awareness materials: brochures
- Situation and Gap analysis on chemicals management
- National Implementation Strategy (NIS)
- GHS Standard (ZS 708): Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

QUESTION 3

How would your country benefit from support from and partnering with donors? What needs to be done to make this happen?

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