



## Recommendations

The participants elaborated a set of 20 recommendations requesting national authorities and in particular the health and agriculture sectors, to implement systems that would lead to the sound management of chemicals, throughout their life cycle. Implementing the FAO Code of Conduct would be one way to do so—and also coordinating for awareness campaigns on the health risks inked to hazardous wastes.

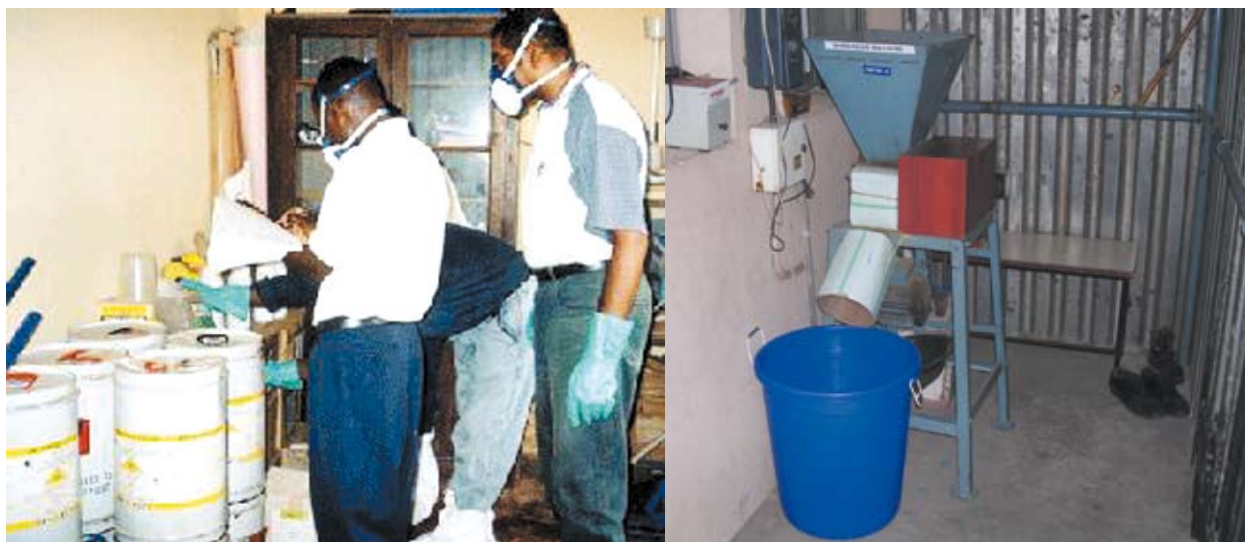
Countries in the region are called upon to implement pest and vector management schemes that rely less on pesticides.

The health sector is asked to boost capacity-building by making use of the IGNOU distance learning course on sound health-care waste management.

Agriculture is encouraged to seek assistance and guidance from FAO to initiate and strengthen national inventories of obsolete pesticide stocks. Both sectors are called upon to guarantee the delivery of the necessary funding, with WHO and FAO support.

The participants singled out two urgent matters and called for immediate national, regional and international actions—to reduce mercury-containing medical devices and to better control drug donations in and after emergencies.

Finally the participants call for stronger proactive regional collaboration, using existing national, regional and international human and technical capacities.



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