Mexico’s Chemical Inventory Program
Path Forward
Design a Phased Approach

• Underlying theme
  – Taking into account limited resources, other national priorities and capacity, develop a national inventory of chemicals in commerce

• Phase 1
  – Initiate discussions among relevant authorities and stakeholders
  – COMPLETED (Sept 2007)
Phase 2
Rationalize the Need in Mexico

- Develop a “SCOPING PAPER”
  - Objective is to ensure political and stakeholder commitment and assign a lead agency
    - Why does Mexico need this
    - What will it be used for
      - Citizen right-to-know
      - Confidentiality issues
    - What substances should be considered
    - Who are the primary players
    - Resource considerations
    - Consider results of Phase 1
Phase 3
What Chemicals??

• Develop the Mexican List of lists
  – Utilize other lists (SALUD)
  – Extract from RETC data

• Extract relevant chemicals for Mexico’s inventory
  – Develop sector contacts
    • PEMEX
    • ANIQ
    • Government agencies
Phase 4
Priority List

• Focus on HPV as initial trial
  – Establish Mexico specific reporting volumes
    • Compatibility with Canada/USA

• Scope the legal authorities/laws in Mexico for collecting data
  – Perform gaps analysis
Phase 4a
Establish technical infrastructure

– Security/financial considerations
  • Confidentiality
    – Industry/business
    – government interagency
  • Transparency/Public access
    – Web sites
– Technical experts, databases, electronic software/hardware, facilities for maintenance of inventory
– Public concerns communicated
Phase 5
Beyond the Initial Inventory

- Refine list of substances eligible for inventory exercise
- Develop categorization criteria
  - Consider previous exercises with NAFTA partners and others (EU, JAPAN)
- Look at potential for sharing with others (GRULAC)