## Policy and Institutional Challenges on MSP and Recommendations GROUP 1

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## CHALLENGES

- 1. Policy decision
- 2. Institutional authority
- 3. Capacity of the Country
- 4. Establishment of inter-sectoral committees

## **CHALLENGES & RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1. **Policy Decision**: There is need for a high-level policy decision for implementation of MSP (e.g. Cabinet/Parliamentary level) as well as including clear goals and objectives and policies on MSP (e.g. Djibouti);
- 2. Institutional authority: Institute responsible for MSP should have the legal mandate and authority to institute effective and coordinated MSP in the area (avoidance of sector-based approaches);
- 3. Capacity of the country: Funding, personnel and technical capacity and regional partnerships established to facilitate MSP as a collective responsibility. Within the region, all the countries which have initiated actions on MSP have reached different levels of implementation some lack technical capacity/funding/personnel/number of people. It is further recommended that there is need to take action as a region to provide support to those lagging behind.
- 4. **Establishment up of inter-sectoral committees:** these committees can serve to steer the process, sharing of information, implementation and monitoring.