

# Synthesis – Session 2

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# Key Themes

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- **Current BTS structure adds value:**
  - **Coordination**
  - **Facilitates earlier action**
  - **Information sharing**
  - **Forum for reconciling differences**
  - **Existing mechanism to focus attention on substances**
  - **Relationship capital**
  - **Nurture synergies**

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- **Current structure suitable to managing risk; not suitable to assessing risk**
- **Current structure not appropriate to selecting new chemicals for action**
  - **That is a responsibility of the Parties; don't ask stakeholders to take the Parties' responsibility**
- **Be mindful of balance – ensure that zeal to add value does not stifle new investment**

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- **BTS a testing ground for new approaches – given its prior work with innovative approaches**
- **Possible approaches:**
  - **Hybrid: BTS identifies chemicals first, workgroups pursue a sector approach**
  - **Market-based**
  - **Sustainable manufacturing**
  - **Behaviour modification**

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- Green chemistry
- ‘Practical’ precaution
- Geographical; state-based
- Approaches aren’t necessarily mutually exclusive
- ‘Lessons learned’ must inform approach selection; i.e., how do we improve
- Selection of any approach must be grounded in explicit criteria; transparency
- In any approach, must name and prioritize substances

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- **Cannot consider implications of any approach in the abstract; articulate the goal**
  - **Clear definition of the problem (i.e., the risk management objective) drives decisions about approach(es); includes consideration of sources, nature of risk, etc.**
  - **Any BTS approach must be flexible**
- **One substance at a time not necessarily efficient; high transactional costs**

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- **Be mindful of language when describing an approach; i.e, “go after” chemicals, not sectors.**
- **Any approach must engage the appropriate stakeholders; cannot ignore the ‘marketing’ dimension supporting any approach**
- **Combination of approaches likely the appropriate way to proceed**