

Is Information enough?

Working Group # 5

The BIG Q'

- How to connect climate services with other interventions to enable management of climate related risk at the farm Services?
- We acknowledge the farmers for all that they are doing for us in these vulnerable situations.

Case Studies

Results of the MetAgri project: WMO Roving seminars. Jose Camachos (WMO)

Results of the Climate Learning for African Agriculture (CLAA)- CDKN project. John Morton (NRI)

Developing approaches to support smallholder planning and decision making- Petr Dorward (reading University)

Identifying farmer's information needs to manage production risk in the Indo Gangetic Plains of India. Surabhi Mittal (CIMMYT)

Good practices

- The role of progressive farmers in promoting the use and integration of climate information into agricultural management
- Transferring good practices in some countries that bridge the gap between met and service user i.e not only selling the data but also the value added product.
- The development of institutional platforms at national, regional and local levels to integrate all aspects related with agricultural practices including weather and climate information
- Simple planning and decision making tools for farmers to integrate information in decision process and take action. Also enables consideration of scenarios.

Major challenges to implement good practices

- How to feed back the local innovations from farmers to the information providers.
- Scaling up good practices and taking into account the needs of different target groups.
- Capacity building at all levels especially extension services.
- Infrastructure and institutional challenges e.g. electricity, markets

Actionable Solutions

Consortium or a working group to explore ways to encourage met services to provide analyzed historical climate information.

Within the country (across countries) to develop national programs and policy to link climate information with on-going agri. extension prog. and national rural development prog.- keeping in mind the fundamental needs of small farmers

Develop weather based agricultural Insurance policy e.g- National drought policy- WMO, FAO, UNCCD