Lessons from Thematic Working Groups
Getting to Scale: NEEDS

• Capacity building at all levels — for all
• Focus on the most vulnerable
• Conceive appropriate business models in each context
• Evaluation to promote positive impact of ideas, and to acknowledge that providing information doesn’t always lead to success for farmers and adjust programs as needed.
Getting to Scale: Innovative Good Practices

1. Integrate climate information into larger agricultural and rural development packages: bundling climate services with inputs and interventions needed to fully put them to use.

2. Coordination between funding agencies in developing shared mechanisms, extending beyond just climate services.


4. Open spaces for dialogue at the outset: two-way communication between farmers, extension agents, met services.
   - Use an understanding of cultural styles of participation and knowledge sharing as a basis for interaction.
   - Apply on both local and regional levels.
Innovative Good Practices (cont’d)

4. Integrate Climate Services into National Plans: Create an institutional framework for the production of farmer focused climate services
   – Bridging the Gap between Met, Agriculture, farmer and boundary organizations
   – Building the institutional linkages needed to enable cross disciplinary partnerships Eg: National framework for
   – Advocate with Policy Makers – engage them - Be creative (take farmers to parliament?)

5. Multidisciplinary approach in producing climate services– we need to involve farmers and other disciplines (as appropriate) from the beginning.
• Open spaces for dialogue with farmers from the outset.
•Demanding integration of climate services into a full development package
• Telling our story as part of meeting societal challenges
• Coordination – let’s take charge and coordinating the work that is relevant to us.
Constraints:
Sustainable Business Models

Capacity

Coordination

Data scarcity and data policies – we need data for better products.