

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.
3. Co-production of climate services: Engaging farmers in determining information packages via participatory platforms
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.