

Group 1:

- Climate change impacts in the region
 - Drier climate, droughts, desertification
 - Dust storms
 - Floods incl. flash floods

Challenges

- Climate change relatively new policy area in countries
- Despite the vulnerability of the countries in the region to climate change, adaptation not yet a key priority in many of the countries
 - Institutional limitations
 - Data availability, quality, accessibility and affordability
 - Limited Capacity and expertise
 - Absence of relevant legislation and regulation
 - Limited financial resources to maintain datasets, and develop and sustain human and institutional capacity

Main messages

- Regional frameworks were overviewed briefly. Mainly to address transboundary resources such as water, and glaciers
- Priorities for regional cooperation
 - Sharing of experiences and lessons learned
 - Data sharing and creation of hydrometeorological databases, including possible common formats which could enable collaboration
 - Capacity development and technological support

How?

- Support to countries to develop own national priorities, develop adaptation plans and strategies as a way of helping to raise the profile of measures to address climate change impacts and adaptation
- Identification of institutions that could champion regional cooperative efforts e.g regional development banks etc.
- Support to develop & enhance climate and observation services