

Break out group 2

Information users

Who are the users?

- Micro-level (farmers, households)
- Macro-level (local, federal government, etc)
- Meso level Development Banks
- Natural resource managers or pro-poor development practitioners

What is the scale of intervention that data needs to support?

- Within sectors
- Across sectors (cross-sectoral issues need to be considered—eg. issue of privatisation and linkages to vulnerability)

Depending on the scale, the following types of data will be required

- traditional knowledge/local empirical knowledge
 - “good practices”
 - Trends in key indicators (e.g. disease, economic indicators - incomes, assets, sources)
 - Time-series data – links to vulnerability assessment
 - Information relevant to development objectives

Problems in Accessing/Using data

- Lack of data
 - lack of historical data
 - no data on valuation of ecosystem services
 - no information on the economics of climate impacts
 - no information on the costs (and benefits) of interventions (in a climate change context) - “welfare” analysis of adaptation interventions
 - Data for prioritization

Problems in Accessing/Using data

- Accessibility of data
 - creating databases
 - dispersed information
 - Macro- and micro-data – how to collect data in a systematic way
 - Capitalising on opportunities to undertake valuation

Problems in Accessing/Using data

- Capacity to use data
 - Development of skills, thought process in conceptualising problem and framework of analysis
 - improving links between providers and users