

Implementation Planning

Way we will proceed:

We will focus our discussion by looking at one question at a time. To stimulate discussion we will have a few people respond to each question and then have some discussion with the audience.

There are 5 questions and we will have approx. equal time for each question.

We will look at the question – get one or two Asian perspective(s), one African perspective, possibly one general perspective and the open discussion.

We will try to have input from every group so I will likely call out names to get the discussion rolling.

The questions:

1. How can we realize the plan for AWCI and AfWCCI in terms of:
 - a) gaining the commitment and technical support from national agencies and organizations .
 - b) Gaining financial support from the funding agencies (JICA, ODAs, World Bank)
 - c) mainstreaming the PDM proposals into national priorities and plans.

The questions:

2. What is(are) the most effective framework(s) for advancing AWCI and AfWCCI activities and building bridges to national governments and international organizations:

- a) Climate change
- b) Sustainable Development Goals
- c) UN Water
- d) Disaster reduction

Please provide a rationale for your recommendation

3. How can we solve the infrastructure issues that may exist in order to:

a) Support data sharing i) within government departments, ii) among agencies and citizens, iii) government to government and iv) to the world,

b) Put in place data transmission and information communications technologies

c) Have a more coordinated approach to training and capacity development

d) Provide the scientific information and models e.g., for downscaling needed to advance the projects.

4. Governments have a major need for assessment capabilities (e.g., for climate change, land use and other factors that affect the environment.) What key services should AWCI and AfWCCI projects offer to their governments? How will the PDM projects contribute to the governments? To what extent can PDM studies be transferred to other basins and generalized to the national scale? What steps can be taken to get government agencies to adopt and provide the services that will be developed from the PDM project?

5. AWCI and AfWCCI are components of GEO. Please define the interactions by identifying how:

- your project could support GEO
- your project could benefit from specific GEO services (define which services)