

Integrated Assessment: Issues and Capacity Building Needs

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Promoting inter-ministerial cooperation

- IA can help agreement on common development objectives
- Engage technical and decision-making levels
- Create one focal point among ministries, and possibly cabinet sub-committee
- Develop methodology, hold training workshops, and ensure follow-up

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Promoting multi-stakeholder engagement

- Emphasise social and economic aspects to engage more ministries and stakeholders
- Securing the most relevant stakeholders - difficult
- NGOs more interested in environment
- Target high profile national and regional institutions for engagement, which in turn stimulate more engagement from others

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Enhancing ownership of assessments

- Invest in presentation of results, including to high-level decision-makers
- Presentation by the focal ministry rather than consultant
- Engage regional and international institutions and use their profiles

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Support from regional organisations

- In relation to regional/transboundary issues raised by assessment – eg water resource management
- Regional economic/trade cooperation bodies
- Non-governmental and informal regional groupings

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Addressing needs of vulnerable groups

- Requires adequate funding for PRA and RRA techniques
- Gender and poverty-related issues are deeply entwined – address together
- Develop new indicators, eg linked to the MDGs

Indicators for assessment

- Develop complimentary poverty and environment indicators
- Establish a core set of indicators for integrated assessment
- Physical environmental indicators most robust, but monetize wherever possible
- Input environmental indicators/considerations to institutions working with economic and social indicators

Enhancing information exchange on IA

- A crucial objective, especially so as to reach economic policy makers
- Strong follow-up to assessment required, to reach economic actors in a sector, extension services, also requiring training and workshops.
- Practitioners to demonstrate IA use to others
- What role for regional and international institutions?
- Create a specific forum or network, particularly at regional level.