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## Part 3: Promotion of regional cooperation



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## Key Direction 3

**Promote regional cooperation by mobilizing existing international initiatives for supporting local/national efforts.**

## Suggested Actions

- Promote dialogue among representatives of administrative, civil and scientific communities, UN agencies, regional development banks and private sectors.
- Develop regional cooperative frameworks on flood and drought and make implementation plans for demonstration and/or prototyping of regional flood and drought monitoring and early warning support system.
- Share good practices of evidence-based flood and drought risk reduction.

# Axes for Cooperation

- Understanding and promoting drivers for cooperation - fostering relationship between international and local actors can be facilitated
- Role of regional political groupings such as ASEAN, ECO and SAARC
- Creating user pays for watershed services using IWRM
- Regional RS Data and Modelling Platforms

# Axes for Cooperation

- Setting standards for legal preparedness for international disaster cooperation
- Data and Hydro Diplomacy for Regional Cooperation – One-UN and international experts
- Asian Water Cycle, IFI, IDI, IHP, WMO-Commission for Hydrology (CHy), UNESCO Centres and Chairs

# Key Questions

- What are the driving forces for promoting regional cooperation?
- How to organize cooperation and how to proceed?
- How to avoid delays in processes and/or delivery cooperation.
- How to make implementation more efficient by reducing overall coordination cost and time?