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### **Summary**

El Niño 2015-2016 is currently evolving and generating impacts across the globe. Although there are no identical El Niño events, some lessons from the past are very useful for early preparedness and response. The adequate flux of information at different levels and across them is critical to mitigate impacts and take advantage of the eventual opportunities.

### **Context**

Some key points and activities needed to cope with el Niño 2015-2016 are as follows:

- 1) To ensure an adequate information chain from the global, regional, national to local information.
- 2) To connect and link the El Niño monitoring and global prediction with the seasonal forecast.
- 3) To contribute on the estimation of sectoral impacts: agriculture, water resources, health and infrastructure.
- 4) To contribute in a better coordination among sectors.
- 5) To contribute to better coordination across different levels in the Governance (national, subnational, local).
- 6) To contribute to an adequate dissemination of expected impacts of El Niño to the communities, small farmers, fishermen, indigenous communities and rural media.
- 7) To contribute with contingency and response plans in advance.