Efforts on Key Result Area 4 on Monitoring of Investment and Results pointed to the following key issues required special attention of the Summit.

(a) The various experiences in the region pointed to the urgent needs to improve effective policies for monitoring of investment and results, and to develop integrated mechanisms in most of the developing countries for better policy and decision making, as required by the prevailing rapid socio-economic growth in the region. This fact led to difficulties in embarking on major improvement in water resources management in most countries in the region.

(b) The water resources management issues and actions taken to deal with them are mainly at the local level. Past regional efforts usually faced with difficulties in bringing countries together, unless they aimed at the common goals such as the MDGs on water. Further regional efforts should be made to link monitoring of investment and results in water resources management to priority issues, such as water and climate change, water and food security and water and nature.

Key messages for priority policy issues on monitoring of investment and results in the water sector are as follows:

(a) To create knowledge hubs in water supply system, ecosystem management, irrigation moderation and water related disaster management.
(b) To convene a ministerial conference on monitoring investment and results with special attention to water and climate change; water and food security; and water and nature.
(c) To expand existing frameworks of sub-regional Ministerial Conference on Water towards the development of a Council of Ministers on Water Resources for Asia-Pacific.