**Table 1.** Most relevant stakeholders to be considered in knowledge generation and planning for ACS upscaling.

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| **Type of organization/ group/ individual** | **Stakeholder and abbreviation** |
| Local authorities of the State | People’s Councils (PC) at the provincial, district and communal levels |
| National administration | * Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE) * Vietnam Meteorological and Hydrological Administration (VMHA) * Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) * Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI) * Ministry of Finance (MOF) |
| Local administration | * Provincial People’s Committee (PPC) * District’s People’s Committee (DPC) * Provincial Department of Planning and Investment (PDPI) * Provincial Department of Finance (PDOF) * Provincial Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (PDARD) * District Division of Agriculture and Rural Development (DDARD) * Project communes * Non-project communes * Project village leaders |
| Weather forecast provider | Provincial Hydro-Meteorological Station (PHMS) |
| Political-social organization | Women’s Union |
| Public non-business service units | * District Agricultural Extension Center (DAEC) * District Agricultural Service Centre (DASC) – a potential new entity in the government system formed by merging DAEC and some other public service units |
| Private service providers | * SMS service providers * Agricultural input suppliers |
| Civil society organizations | * CARE International in Vietnam (CVN) * Dien Bien Center of Community Development (CCD) |
| Farmer groups | * Village Saving and Loan Association (VSLA) – direct beneficiaries in CVN’s project villages * Other conventional farmer groups (non-VSLA) – farmers residing in the same villages with VSLA. They did not engage directly in CVN projects, but they benefited from accessing ACS provided to CVN’s project villages |
| Other individuals | Other individuals within key organizations and groups |