

RCA Programme Advisory Committee (PAC)

Other RCA Issues

Background:

The Meeting of the RCA PAC held on 6-10 May also considered several other matters in addition to the method of calculation of “in-kind” contributions and revision of the procedure for development of RCA Technical Cooperation projects. The issues considered and the recommendations of the PAC are given below.

1. Surveys on RCA Matters

Based on the experience gained through the survey conducted on reporting on “in-kind” contributions, PAC recommends the following regarding future surveys.

Recommendation

Future survey forms should be designed with “interactive functions” so that the logical structure in the document is strictly followed. In addition, it would be beneficial if survey forms such as free online surveys which could also utilize automatic functions that consolidate and analyze the responses.

2. High Turnover of NRs.

The PAC was of the opinion that the significant number of “Not Known” or “Blank” responses from the NRs in the Survey on “in-kind” contributions was due to the high turnover of NRs, as reported by Chair of the RCA PAC at the 41st NRM, resulting in some of the current NRs not having access to information on past RCA activities. The PAC made the following recommendation in this regard.

Recommendation

Actions should be undertaken to address the potential knowledge gaps that might result from the frequent changes in NRs. This might be addressed through the provision of events to brief them on the RCA Programme and its policies and current important issues. These could initiatives could be implemented through activities such as Workshops, based on the previous RCARO model, and briefing sessions for NRs ahead of the NRMs and GCMs.

3. 50th Anniversary of the RCA

RCA PAC noted that the 50th Anniversary of the RCA which was formed in 1972 would be in 2022, and made the following recommendation in this regard.

Recommendation

The GPs should urgently form a Steering Committee for the celebration of the RCA 50th Anniversary, with the direct aim of using this event to strongly promoted the achievements of the RCA to senior GP decision-makers, such as Ambassadors and Government Ministers, with the specific aim of securing their commitment and their support, both political and financial, to increasing the scope and the extent of the RCA Programme.

Proposed Action

The approval of the GCM is sought for the recommendations of PAC regarding a) future surveys, b) high turnover of NRs and c) celebration of the 50th anniversary of the RCA.