

Recommendations of the 9th RCARO SAC Meeting

Vienna, Austria
10 September 2009

1. RCARO Workshop on Partnership Promotion and Sustainable Development

With regard to the Report of the RCARO Workshop on Partnership Promotion and Sustainable Development held last July in Jeju, Korea, the SAC commended the RCARO for its continuous efforts for the RCA and agreed to report to the GCM on the recommendations of the Report for each session, subject to the agreed amendment:

- (Session 3) Revising to "(RCARO) to build up skills and acquire knowledge *to assist MSs in managing and implementing RCA projects.*"

2. Development of New RCARO Projects

With regard to the development of new RCARO projects, the SAC recommended the RCARO to use the fast track mechanism as set out in the RCA GOR, thus the RCARO would

- Refine the prioritized concept papers in terms of both avoiding duplication of the work scope with other RCA projects and the revision of performance indicators with focus on project outcomes;
- Circulate to the NRs the refined project proposals for consideration and comment by the end of October 2009;
- Ensure that the RCA Chair would communicate with NRs, SAC members and the RCARO for further refinement of the concept papers; and,
- Report to the next NRM on the progress relating to the project preparation in collaboration with the partner organization (the UNDP).

3. Progress of the RCA/UNDP Project

The SAC took note of the progress of the RCA/UNDP project and suggested the RCARO to ensure that the project results would be shared with potential end-users to integrate into an environment management strategy for policy action in the concerned member countries.

It was noted that the project results attracted an end-user of isotopic hydrology in SRL, Water Resources Board, which was commended as a successful example of outcomes from the Project.

4. Publication of the 3rd Batch of RCA Success Stories

Concerning a new booklet format relating to the publication of the 3rd round of RCA Success Stories in the agreed four areas, the SAC discussed the merits of developing a new form of publication and recommended the following:

- The RCARO would continue to publish the 3rd batch of the RCA Success Stories in a leaflet format;
- In parallel with this, the RCARO would endeavor to produce a booklet format of RCA Success Stories to identify value in the public consumption and partnership development aspects; and,
- For a successful publication of RCA Success Stories in a booklet format, the SAC agreed that tripartite collaboration among the PLCCs of the 4 selected projects, the RCA Focal Person and the RCARO would be essential.

5. Participation in Regional and International Conferences to Increase the Awareness and Partnership of RCA

With respect to the participation in conferences to increase the awareness and partnership of RCA, the SAC noted the significant progress made by the RCARO in promoting the RCA activities and in eliciting cooperation with potential partners such as the Office of UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction.

Regarding the methodology relating to participation in the EAS Congress 2009 alongside the paper presentation by the three RCA experts, the SAC noted that the RCARO participation would be made in the form of setting up a booth in the event to publicize the activities of RCA and RCARO.