

**49th GENERAL CONFERENCE
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REPRESENTATIVES**

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Presentation of the RCA Programme
Advisory Committee (PAC)

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Main Topics

- PACs views on areas for improvement
- Issues presented to the GCM

PACs Views on Areas of Improvement

- Simplification and streamlining of RCA procedures to make them effective and efficient.
- Need for greater participation of RCA NRs in programme development to ensure alignment with regional needs
- The need for a support staff for the NRs.
- Optimum utilization of RCA financial resources

PACs Views on Areas of Improvement

- The GPPs could be more selective in participating in RCA Projects
- Improvement of project implementation, monitoring and evaluation
- Need to attract more funds to RCA and to establish more partnerships
- Need to create a good understanding of roles and responsibilities of all RCA stakeholders (through a more user friendly GOR)
- Final goal – Make the RCA efficient and effective in producing socio-economic benefits to the GPs

Issues Presented to the GCM

1. Report of the PAC for 2020/21
2. Status of the development of the programme for 2022/23
3. Mid-Term Review of the RCA MTS for 2018-23
4. Proposal for revision of the procedure for programme development
5. Proposal for a GOR for Programme Development, Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation
6. Proposal for revision of the TOR of PAC

Mid-Term Review of MTS

- PAC has carried out the mid-term review of the MTS and its report containing conclusions and recommendations has been submitted to the GCM

Proposal for a revised procedure for project development

- Revising the procedure for project development was endorsed by 42nd NRM in principle
- Revised procedure is aimed at greater involvement of NRs in programme development
- A similar procedure had been used previously (and is contained in Section 1.1.1 of Part 4 of the GOR)
- Proposed procedure enables long term planning and addressing specific needs
- Proposed procedure requires the development of a Regional Programme Framework

Development of a Regional Programme Framework

Methodology

- A survey to identify priorities, current status and future needs of all GPs
- For each Thematic Sector, review of the outcomes of the survey and past RCA projects to identify future needs by expert groups.
- Develop a framework containing focal areas for the next 6 years, with technological priorities and specific needs to be addressed and potential partnerships.

Development of a Regional Programme Framework

- A similar document had been prepared to identify key areas for 2013-2018
- Four of the current PAC members had participated in this exercise
- PAC is willing to take the responsibility of coordinating the preparation of the Regional Programme Framework

GOR on Programme Development, Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation

- Drafting a separate GORs for programme development, monitoring and evaluation was endorsed by the 42nd NRM in principle.
- The objective of the GOR is to enable LCCs, NPCs and NPT members to more easily understand their roles and responsibilities in project development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation.

Revision of the TOR of PAC

- The revision of TOR was endorsed by the 42nd NRM
- The objective of the revision is to improve the focus of PAC on all aspects of the programme cycle

Thank you for your attention