

**49<sup>th</sup> GENERAL CONFERENCE  
MEETING OF THE NATIONAL RCA  
REPRESENTATIVES**

*18<sup>th</sup> September 2020*

Presentation of the RCA Programme  
Advisory Committee (PAC)

Dr. Prinath Dias

Chair, RCA Programme Advisory Committee

# 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 42<sup>nd</sup> 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 42<sup>nd</sup> 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 42<sup>nd</sup> 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**