

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LEAD COUNTRY COORDINATORS ON
OPERATIONAL MATTERS**

1. The role of the thematic sector LCC needs to be precisely defined in the RCA reference documents such as the Operating Rules and Guidelines and the Lead Country Concept paper.
2. It is recommended that a LC meeting be hosted in Vienna in June 2004.
3. Because of the disappointing quality of some proposals being submitted by the RCA MSs, it is recommended that additional guidance be provided through the provision of additional training materials, assistance and guidelines. It is recommended that the PIS developed in the RW in Taejon in July 2003 be the basis for the RCA project proposals submissions for the 2007-08 biennium.
4. Improved lines of communication should be established, encouraged and enforced.
5. Ensuring that communications among project LCCs and thematic sector LCC is also copied to the relevant National RCA Representative should facilitate the process of project formulation, implementation, and evaluation.
6. The nomination procedure for a Lead Country from the project formulation stage to the election of the Lead Country needs to be rigorously defined.
7. LCCs recommend that there should be a formal cooperation and coordination process with the national projects/programmes during the development of the RCA project proposals by individual RCA MSs.
8. LCC recommend that a strategic plan be developed for each regional thematic sector in order to provide transparency in the development of the future RCA programme and act as the basis of securing future donor support.
9. It is recommended that the thematic sector LCCs, through the National RCA Representative, request the Member States proposing projects in an acting LC role to obtain any additionally required information or evidence by 31 October 2003 to ensure that the full requirements of the Agency are complied with.