

## Regional Project Concept Template (Category A)

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<b>Region:</b>	Pakistan		
<b>Regional/Cooperative agreement</b> (if applicable)		<b>Priority no. given by regional/cooperative agreement</b> (for concepts proposed under the auspices of regional cooperative agreements)	
<b>Title</b>	Introduction of cardiac SPECT/CT hybrid imaging in evaluation of coronary artery disease. Strengthening and improvement in the quality of its current practice.		
<b>Field of activity</b>	Hybrid imaging in Cardiology		
<b>Regional project category<sup>1</sup></b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Transnational <input type="checkbox"/> Regional standard setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capacity building for developing countries <input type="checkbox"/> Joint TC activities with a regional or international entity		
<b>Names and contact details of project counterparts and counterpart institutions (starting with the main counterpart)</b>	<p>Project counterparts:- Dr Sadaf Tufail Butt, Dr Shazia Fatima            Contact details: NORI hospital, Hanna Road, G-8/3, Islamabad, Pakistan  <b>MAIN COUNTERPART INSTITUTIONS:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>NORI</b>      <b>Nuclear Medicine Oncology &amp; Radiotherapy Institue</b></li> <li>2. AEMC      Atomic Energy Medical Centre, Karachi</li> <li>3. BINO      Bahawalpur Institute for Nuclear Oncology, Bahawalpur</li> <li>4. CENAR      Centre for Nuclear Medicine &amp; Radiotherapy</li> <li>5. CENUM      Centre for Nuclear Medicines, Lahore</li> <li>6. GINUM      Gujranwala Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Radiotherapy</li> <li>7. INMOL      Institute of Nuclear Medicine &amp; Oncology, Lahore</li> <li>8. INOR      Institute of Nuclear Medicine Oncology &amp; Radiotheryapy, Abbottabad</li> <li>9. IRNUM      Institute of Radiotherapy &amp; Nuclear Medicine, Peshawar</li> <li>10. KIRAN      Karachi Institute of Radiotherapy &amp; Nuclear Medicine, Karachi</li> <li>11. LINAR      Larkana Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Radiotherapy, Larkana</li> <li>12. MINAR      Multan Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Radiotherapy, Multan</li> <li>13. NIMRA      Nuclear Institute of Medicine &amp; Radiotherapy</li> <li>14. SKMCH      Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital, Lahore</li> <li>15. AKUH      Agha Khan University Hospital, Karachi</li> <li>16. NMC      Nuclear Medicine Centre, Rawalpindi</li> </ol>		
<b>Analysis of regional Gap / Problems/needs</b>	<p><i>Cardiovascular diseases are becoming a major health burden in developing countries. World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that in the low-income Countries the number of deaths due to cardiovascular disease (CVD) is on steady rise. Eighty percent of the deaths due to CVD and 86% of the global burden of CVD are in the developing countries including Pakistan.</i></p> <p><i>CTA &amp; myocardial perfusion SPECT are being long been used for risk assessment in coronary artery disease. SPECT/CT CA can improve specificity &amp; positive predictive value (PPV) by providing physiological information on myocardial perfusion and function correlated to detailed anatomical information regarding the coronary vasculature, thus allowing a precise non-invasive identification of culprit coronary lesions and correlating their location with functional significance. The technique</i></p>		

<sup>1</sup> See the document entitled "Policy and Procedures for TC Regional Projects" at:  
[http://pcmf.iaea.org/DesktopModules/PCMF/docs/2014\\_15\\_Docs/notes/Regional\\_TC\\_Project\\_Policy.pdf](http://pcmf.iaea.org/DesktopModules/PCMF/docs/2014_15_Docs/notes/Regional_TC_Project_Policy.pdf).

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	<p>has excellent growth potential in the next 3-4 years and are likely to enhance patient care</p> <p>In Pakistan, as in other developing countries, structural deficiencies due to the current economic situation have led to considerable deficits in social policies — including those related to public health care.</p> <p>Only one centre in the country (PINUM, Faisalabad) has SPECT /CT equipment. Whereas NORI, Islamabad will have its SPECT/CT scanner by 2013.</p> <p>Starting this project of Introduction of cardiac SPECT/CT hybrid imaging in evaluation of coronary artery disease will benefit a large population as it will prevent invasive diagnostic procedure where it is avoidable. The technique is fast, comprehensive, efficient and even financially advantageous.</p> <p>As most of the Institutes are using myocardial perfusion SPECT imaging for risk assessment. At least one institute in a region may be encouraged to have a CT SPECT scanner.</p> <p>Existing practice of hybrid imaging is still in development phase, it needs to be strengthened by financial assistance of such projects.</p>
<b>Why should it be a regional project?</b>	<p>SPECT/CT scanner is available in PINUM, Faisalabad, it will be available in NORI Islamabad by 2013. Its use in risk assessment in coronary artery disease will benefit patients undergoing unnecessary interventions.</p> <p>This project is going to introduce a new better technique that is hybrid imaging in the region. It's availability will add to experience &amp; knowledge of the physicians &amp; will help in correct management of patients</p>
<b>Stakeholder analysis and partnerships</b>	<p>NORI has highest number of nuclear Physicians; it will serve as the main counterpart institute. it will have its SPECT-CT equipment installed by 2013. cardiologist assisting in CT/SPECT reporting will be expected stake holders.</p>
<b>Overall objective (or developmental objective)</b>	<p>Better risk stratification &amp; better management of patients with coronary artery disease.</p>
<b>Analysis of objectives</b>	<pre> graph TD     A[need for hybrid imaging] --&gt; B[need for a cost effective &amp; time consuming investigation of disease]     B --&gt; C[increased prevalence of coronary artery diseases]     B --&gt; D[economic situation]     C --&gt; E[Sedentary life style]     C --&gt; F[increased prevalence of diabetes &amp; hypertension]     C --&gt; G[increased intake of saturated fatty acids]     C --&gt; H[obesity]     C --&gt; I[smoking]     C --&gt; J[Genetic predisposition]   </pre>

<b>Role of nuclear technology and the IAEA</b>	Utilization of SPECT/CT for improving diagnosis in CAD will introduce newer technique in the region which has a comparative advantage over non-nuclear techniques IAEA expected to provide help in capacity building by provision of infra-structure & human resource.		
<b>Project duration</b>	Start by of 2014 and four years is proposed project duration		
<b>Requirements for participation</b>	NA		
<b>Participating Member States</b>	List the Member States expected to participate in this project that meet the requirements established above. Indicate the role of each Member State in the project. Country: <u>Pakistan</u> Role: <input type="checkbox"/> Resource (providing expertise) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Target (receiving expertise)		
<b>Funding and project budget</b>	Provide an estimate of the total project costs and the funding expected from each stakeholder:		
		Euro	Comment
	Government cost-sharing	100000	(to be sent to the IAEA)
	Counterpart institution(s)		
	Other partners		Who?:
	IAEA Technical Cooperation Fund (TCF):	100000	
	Fellowships / Scientific visits / Training courses/ Workshops		
	Experts		
	Equipment	200000	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>400,000</b>	