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# Project Proposals for the RCA Programme 2020/2021 1<sup>st</sup> Round Project Concept Template

## Part 1: Information Sheet

Project proposals for the RCA Programme 2020/2021 are to be prepared using the attached template. Completed templates will be reviewed by the RCA PAC in November 2017.

- **PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL PROSPECTIVE CONCEPTS REQUIRE INFORMATION THAT IS LODGED ON THE RCARO WEBSITE (access is only required to the RCA information not the whole Members Only site).**
- **YOU WILL HAVE TO APPLY FOR A PASSWORD AND ACCESS CODE TO ENABLE ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION.**
- **PLEASE GET ENDORSEMENT FROM YOUR NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THIS ACCESS.**

The important documentation for the concept designs is: (*LIST TO BE DEVELOPED*).

A proposal will be evaluated against the following criteria:

- **Is its aims and objectives in line with priorities set out the RCA Medium Term Strategy for 2018/2023?**
- **Identify which elements of the MTS are being complied with.**
- **Why it should be a regional project.**
- **The essential role of the nuclear technology in the project.**
- **Does the proposal identify links to previous projects in this area of technology?**
- **Does the proposal overlap or duplicate current or previous RCA projects?**
- **Is a convincing case made to justify further projects in this area?**
- **Is there a strong TCDC component to exploit the benefits from the earlier projects?**
- **Is there a readily available baseline against which to measure the effectiveness of the project?**
- **If the proposal is essentially an extension of previous projects in this area that have been implemented for more than 2 TC Cycles, does the proposal include arrangements for the transfer of project leadership to others?**

Please note that your National Representative will be reviewing the concept document to ensure that it has been prepared in compliance with the RCA special requirements.

**Please be aware that, if your concept design does not take account of the special requirements for the RCA programme, it will be rejected.**

## Part 2: Concept Template

**Title:**

*The title should be as concise as possible and should summarize the objective of the project.*

**Compliance with the RCA Medium Term Strategy for 2018/2023:**

*All RCA projects have to comply with the RCA MTS for 2018/2023 - please refer to the MTS document. Briefly indicate to which specific MTS priorities this project proposal contributes and how will these be achieved?*

**Overall Objective:**

*State the objective to which the project will contribute. Note this has to be in line with the RCA MTS for 2018/2023. It should be a short description expressed as: To do .....*

**Proposed Participating Government Parties:**

*List the Government Parties expected to participate in the project:*

**Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC) Project Component:**

*Review the documentation on line – [www.rcaro.org/](http://www.rcaro.org/) ????. Outline the TCDC strategies to be used in the project to enhance regional cooperation:*

*Will the project design feature partnering arrangements between those advanced and those less advanced in the technology?*

*If so, list those expected partnerships.*

**Analysis of gaps / problems / needs as applied to the RCA region:**

*Outline the major gaps / problems/specific needs to be addressed by the project (~ 300 words):*

*Review the resource documentation and list any past RCA projects that have addressed similar problems/needs in this area of technology.*

*What are the major additional capabilities/skills in this area of technology that will be provided through this project (~ 200 words).*

**Requirements for participation:**

*Indicate the minimum requirements that the counterpart institutions in Government Parties would need to meet in order to participate in this project.*

**Stakeholder analysis and partnerships:**

*Briefly describe who are expected to be the principal beneficiaries of this project and any role that will be defined for them in the project.*

*Have any extrabudgetary funding possibilities, sponsors and partners been identified?*

*Have they been involved at this concept stage?*

**Role of nuclear technology:**

*Indicate the essential nuclear technique that would be used and outline why it is suitable for addressing the problems/needs in question.*

*Is this the only available technique?*

*Does it have a comparative advantage over non-nuclear techniques?*

**Duration of the project:**

*Indicate the number of years required to complete the project.*

### Part 3: National Representative Endorsement for Project Concept

The attached project concept proposal for the RCA Programme 2020/2021 has been prepared using the specified template.

It has been reviewed to ensure that it addresses the following important aspects related to RCA project design priorities:

- Are its aims and objectives in line with priorities set out the RCA Medium Term Strategy for 2018/2023?
- Is there a strong TCDC component to exploit existing regional knowledge and capabilities?
- Does the proposal identify which elements of the MTS are being complied with?
- Does the proposal identify why it should be a regional project?
- Does the proposal identify links any to previous regional projects in this area of technology?
- Does the proposal overlap or duplicate current or previous RCA projects?
- If “Yes”, has a convincing case made to justify further projects in this area?
- If the proposal is essentially an extension of previous projects in this area that have been implemented for more than 2 TC Cycles, does the proposal include arrangements for the transfer of project leadership to others?
- Is the essential role of the nuclear technology in the project identified?
- Is there a readily available baseline against which to measure the effectiveness of the project?
- There is no support requested for Fellowships/Scientific Visits or major procurement of materials and equipment.
- The concept is not for a research project.
- The concept is not for a national project.

I have endorsed the proposer to have access to the RCARO web page for the resource documentation necessary to complete the attached concept document.

The concept meets the RCA project requirements and I endorse it as a priority for the RCA Programme 2020/2021.

Signed:

Date:

**Part 4: RCA PAC Concept Review Template**

RCA Project Concept Template Questions	Accept	Revise
<p><b>Title:</b>  <i>The title should be as concise as possible and should summarize the objective of the project.</i></p>		
<p><b>Compliance with the RCA Medium Term Strategy for 2018/2023:</b>  <i>All RCA projects have to comply with the RCA MTS for 2018/2023 - please refer to the MTS document.  Briefly indicate to which specific MTS priorities this project proposal contributes and how will these be achieved?</i></p>		
<p><b>Overall Objective:</b>  <i>State the objective to which the project will contribute.  Note this has to be in line with the RCA MTS for 2018/2023.  It should be a short description expressed as: To do .....</i></p>		
<p><b>Participating Government Parties:</b>  <i>List the Government Parties expected to participate in the project:</i></p>		
<p><b>Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC) Project Component:</b>   <i>Review the documentation on-line - <a href="http://www.rcaro.org/">www.rcaro.org/</a> ???   Outline the TCDC strategies to be used in the project to enhance regional cooperation:   Will the project design feature partnering arrangements between those advanced and those less advanced in the technology?   If so, list those expected partnerships.</i></p>		
<p><b>Analysis of gaps / problems / needs:</b>  <i>Outline the major gaps / problems/specific needs to be addressed by the project (~ 300 words):</i></p>		
<p><i>Review the resource documentation and list any past RCA projects that have addressed similar problems/needs in this area of technology.</i></p>		
<p><i>What are the major additional capabilities/skills in this area of technology that will be provided through this project (~ 200 words).</i></p>		
<p><b>Requirements for participation:</b>  <i>Indicate the minimum requirements that the counterpart institutions in Government Parties would need to meet in order to participate in this project.</i></p>		

<b>Stakeholder analysis and partnerships:</b> <i>Briefly describe who are expected to be the principal beneficiaries of this project and any role that will be defined for them in the project.</i>		
<i>Have any extrabudgetary funding possibilities, sponsors and partners been identified?</i>  <i>Have they been involved at this concept stage?</i>		
<b>Role of nuclear technology:</b> <i>Indicate the essential nuclear technique that would be used and outline why it is suitable for addressing the problems/needs in question.</i>		
<i>Is this the only available technique?</i>		
<i>Does it have a comparative advantage over non-nuclear techniques?</i>		
<b>Duration of the project:</b> <i>Indicate the number of years required to complete the project.</i>		

<b>RCA PAC Assessment</b>		
<b>Is the concept recommended for further development?</b>  <b>If not recommended, what are the major reasons?</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>RCA PAC Committee Member:</b>		