

Developments on Regional Resource Units (RRUs)

At the 23rd RCA Meeting of National Representatives in Dhaka, Bangladesh in March 20001, the issue on the performance of RRU was reviewed. MSs agreed that the RRUs should be evaluated by the Project Committee using the RRUs and not outside person, and that since 2 years had already passed since their designation, an evaluation of RRUs was necessary.

The Agency has utilized several RRUs such as by sub-contracting them for analytical services, using their experts for missions, hosting fellowships and regional activities.

At the Lead Country Meeting held in Vienna on 23-27 July 2001, the LC Co-ordinators was required to make an assessment of the performance of the RRUs. In addition to the items to be filled in the RRU Questionnaires, additional questions were asked:

Few replies were received from MSs.

In order to update the list of RRUs, the Agency sent a request to all MSs, especially those in the list of RRUs, to submit an updated questionnaire (see attached) by end of 31 January 2002.

To date the Agency has received few replies.

Concurrently, the Agency has requested a study on the current situation on RRUs. This paper has been circulated to MSs as Agenda 8.2.

The questionnaire to be filled up by RRUs is available in the RCA Homepage, Members only.

Action: MSs are requested to inform if they wish to continue to be RRUs as reflected in the list.