

Update on Conducting Social and Economic Impact Assessment of RCA Projects in Support of the 50th Anniversary of the RCA

Despite many difficulties caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, with the close cooperation and great efforts of all concerned parties, the task to assess social and economic impact of the RCA programme was successfully completed as scheduled.

The Report of Social and Economic Impact Assessment of the RCA Programme-Mutation Breeding Case Study is attached.

The report is highly appreciated by the IAEA TC as an innovative breakthrough of the RCA/TCAP. The developed methodology/approach works very well for the thematic area of Mutation Breeding.

A follow-up plan is proposed as follows:

	<i>Action to be taken</i>	<i>Timeframe</i>	<i>Responsible Persons</i>
1	Carrying out the study of socio-economic impact in two sub-thematic areas: NDT and radiotherapy	From Oct. 2020 – Sep. 2021	Experts, RCA FP, TCQAS, RCARO, Chair of PAC, Chair of WG on MTSC, NRs, LCCs, NPCs
2	Reporting the results of the study of socio-economic impact to the 50 th RCA GCM	50 th RCA GCM, Sep. 2021	RCA FP, TCQAS, RCARO, Chair of PAC, Chair of WG on MTSC
3	Refining reports and communication products such as brochures, videos, etc.	From Oct. 2021-Feb. 2022	Experts, RCA FP, TCQAS, RCARO, Chair of PAC, Chair of WG on MTSC, NRs
4	<i>Showcasing socio-economic impact of RCA projects at:</i> <i>The 50th Anniversary of the RCA (1972 - 2022)</i>	<i>Mar. 2022 (44th RCA NRM) and Sep. 2022 (51st RCA GCM)</i>	RCARO, RCA FP, Chair of PAC, Chair of WG on MTSC, NRs

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5	Sharing the RCA experience in assessing socio-economic impact of TC projects	From Mar. 2022 on	RCA FP, TCQAS, RCARO, NRs

It is requested that NRs endorse the above-mentioned plan and provide timely support when asked in the implementation of this plan.