

Addressing Special Needs of New RCA GPs

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Coordination of the RCA Medium Term Strategy
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New RCA GPs

- Nepal (2012)
- Palau (2013)
- Cambodia (2014)
- Laos (2015)
- Fiji (2015)

All other RCA GPs joined prior to 2000, and most long before that

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Possible Further Assistance to New RCA GPs

- RCA Projects that exclusively involve and assist new GPs
 - Noting that these would need to be regionally focussed, otherwise could be part of Country Programmes.
- RCA Projects that include other GPs but specifically address priority needs of new GPs
- RCA Projects that include other GPs but incorporate activities that specifically assist new GPs
- Further clarification of IAEA and/or RCA procedures

Information Sources for Planning Further Assistance to New RCA GPs

Direct communication

- Survey, email or video communication with new GPs to ask what their needs are
- PMOs and TOs also have insights to offer

RCA documents (Secretariat, RCARO)

- List of which current/past RCA projects the new GPs have participated in
- Country Reports presented at from 2016 Workshop (KAM, FIJ, LAO, NEP)
- Their past rankings for RCA concept documents, as a means of identifying their needs
- Regional Programme Framework recently updated by PAC (lists needs of new GPs)
- Any PPFs or PPARs they have completed recently.

Other IAEA documents

- Country Frameworks and non-Agreement projects that each new GP has underway

Recommendations to NRs

NRs can consider approving any/all of the following to enable the RCA programme to give more support to new GPs

- Endorse the WG MTSC to prepare an options paper to be considered by NRs and outlining the needs of new GPs and means to address them
- Encourage the incorporation of activities into Project Designs for the next TC cycle that will specifically address the needs of new GPs
- Permit a new Concept to be developed that specifically addresses the needs of new GPs for the 2022/23 cycle, and skip the deadline for the Pre-Concepts
- Consider whether the ratings from new GPs should be given higher weight when the Concepts are assessed.