

FIRST MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON RCA MTS FOR 2024- 2029

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Presentation on RCA Programme
Advisory Committee (PAC)

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Functions of PAC (Current)

a) Contribute to identification and recommendation of project ideas, concepts and design phases for the RCA projects

- Mechanisms for identifying and screening RCA project concepts/ideas;
- Mechanisms for improvement of the RCA Programme development at both the concept and design stages;
- Specific functions, roles and responsibilities of each stakeholder;
- Indicative timelines for proper planning and development of the RCA Programme;

Functions of PAC (Current)

b) Provide inputs and advice to the NRs on RCA strategic matters such as:

- Development of the RCA Medium Term Strategy;
- RCA submissions to the TC Best Practice Initiative; and,
- Mechanisms to identify funding opportunities through donors outside the IAEA.

c) Provide input into any other issues that the NRs may from time to time request from the RCA PAC

PAC Membership

- 8 members, each with more than 10 years of RCA experience
- Expertise in Agriculture (1), Environment (2), Human Health (2), Industry (1), Management (2)
- Experience – RCA NR, Advisor to an NR, LCCs, NPCs, RCA WG members, RCA FP

Current and completed Activities

- a) Development of the RCA Programme for 2022/23
 - Review of 50 pre-concepts
 - Review of 15 Project Concepts
 - Support design of 8 projects
- b) Mid – Term Review of the RCA MTS for 2017-2023
- c) Compilation of the outcomes and achievement of RCA Projects implemented since 2007

Current and Completed Activities

c) RCA Research Programme

- Review of RCA Research Proposals for Phase 2
- Review of Phase 1 Progress Reports

d) Development of the RCA Regional Programme Framework

- Survey to identify priorities (in progress)
- Expert groups in each Thematic Sector to draft the RFP
- Expert groups – Chair (NR), IAEA TOs, member of PAC, member of WG on MTS

Future Needs

- Continue good coordination between PAC and WG on MTS
- Clear separation of functions and duties
 - MTS WG – Focus on RCA Policies and Strategies and their implementation
 - PAC – Focus on the programme cycle
- Action to ensure implementation of past and future policy decisions
- Make RCA less bureaucratic and more productive
- A methodology to evaluate the socio-economic impact of RCA Projects

Future Needs

- Clearer TOR for RCA PAC
- Project development – need to streamline the process to improve efficiency and to ensure projects are aligned with regional priorities
- Improvement of project implementation, monitoring and evaluation
- A better mechanism to help LCCs, NPC, and NPTs to understand their roles and responsibilities

Future Needs

- Revision of GOR to make it a user friendly tool
- Greater involvement of the RCA NRs in policy making
- Greater involvement of RCA NRs in managing the RCA Programme
- Improve financial status of the RCA through EB contributions and other means
- Establishment of partnerships

Way Forward

- Agreement on the scope and the TOR of the WG on MTS
- Agreement on the timeframe for development of the MTS
- Suggest provision of copies of the current MTS and baseline and mid-term reviews to WG members

Final Objective

Be able to achieve the RCA Vision

“The RCA shall be recognized as an effective partner in providing nuclear technologies that enhance socio-economic wellbeing and contribute to sustainable development in the region.”

Thank you for your attention