

**8th MEETING OF
THE WORKING GROUP ON RCA MTS COORDINATION**

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**Work Plan Item 3
GOR Guidance on Regional Resource Units (RRU)**

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Questions / Expected Outcomes

- **How the RRU concepts should be?**
- **Develop new proposed RRU guidance for GOR (if needed)**

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| <p>THE 42nd MEETING OF THE NATIONAL RCA REPRESENTATIVES - a systematic review of the RRU concept be conducted</p> | <p>NRM agreed to have a systematic review of RRU and need to know how the RRU has been selected and the roles of RRU</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Define Clear Concept & Criteria of RRU 2. Roles & Function as RCA RRU 3. How to be recognised as RRU (Process/Flow Chart) | <p>Regional Resource Units (RRU) <u>Concept & Mechanism</u></p> <p>The concept of Regional Resource Units (RRUs) was introduced into the RCA Programme by the GPs as a mechanism for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Increasing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC); (b) Increasing self-reliance: and, (c) Enhancing their ownership of the Programme. <p>It was also seen as a mechanism for recognising the successful outcomes from national and international investments that have been made to establish and improve nuclear science and technology, and which have resulted in some GPs achieving a high level of knowledge, training, expertise and capabilities in the application of nuclear science and technology.</p> |

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| | | | <p>Criteria</p> <p>By their nature, RRUs will be located generally within a national organisation, normally a National Nuclear Research Institute (NNRI),</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Having well-established laboratory facilities relevant to the project activities;b) having well established expert groupc) able to provide technical support to a RCA project; |

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| | | | <p data-bbox="1227 212 1536 256"><u>Role & Function</u></p> <p data-bbox="1227 300 2047 547">The RRUs operate at the project level and provide additional value to the project through extending the implementation of project activities at little or no extra cost to the project budget.</p> <p data-bbox="1227 587 2047 783">provide the project with specified resources for use by other GPs participating in that project, through a range of modalities such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1227 826 2047 970">(a) Provision of analytical services for those GPs that do not have the necessary facilities; <li data-bbox="1227 1010 2047 1153">(b) Provision of standards and reagents to other participating GPs (if relevant to the specific project area); <li data-bbox="1227 1193 2047 1345">(c) Development of Manuals/ Hand Books (if relevant to the Work Plan of the Project); |

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| | | | <p><u>Role & Function (contn'd)</u></p> <p>(d) Subsidised hosting of Training activities; and,</p> <p>(e) Cost-sharing in the provision of Expert Services.</p> <p>Importantly, the role of the RRU is defined as part of the project design and is only committed to provide support in the agreed project area.</p> <p>The RRU ceases its operation once the project has been concluded and thus ensures that the commitment is defined, as part of the project design process, and is not open-ended.</p> <p><u>The process framework for the recognize of RCA RRU is as shown in Figure XX</u></p> |

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| <p>REPORT OF THE 49th RCA GENERAL CONFERENCE MEETING:</p> <p>The Meeting agreed in principle with the recommendations of the RCA-FP on the use of the unspent funds in 2020 as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Procuring equipment needed by RCA GPs for implementing the on-going projects including the Regional Resource Units (RCA RRUs); | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GPs/ NRs need to know the current list of RCA RRUs for every projects. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - List of registered /recognised RCA RRU 2020-2021 - How many RRU for each projects - Is there any limitation on funding? | <p>The List of active/recognised RCA RRU for 2020-2021 is shown in RCARO Website</p> |
| <p>For the new project designs for 2022-2023 and beyond, the Meeting agreed that it is necessary to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Define and include equipment procurement needed by RRUs to provide services to other GPs and procurement of spare parts for maintaining equipment used by GPs for implementing projects | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GPs/NRs need to know the potential RCA RRUs for the new project designs for 2022-2023 and beyond | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - List of potential RCA RRUs for 2022-2023 - Type of assistance | <p>Update the PPF: Part 2 : Availability of your GP to Provide Support to other Government Parties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Define Equipment - Needed expected cost |

SUMMARY OF GPs RESPONSES IN PPF REGARDING RRU

Based on the declarations to provide support for regional training

| Project | AUL | BGD | IDN | IND | MAL | MNG | PAK | NEP | THA | NZ | SIN |
|---------|----------------|-----|-------|------|------|-------|--------|----------|--------|----|------|
| RAS5087 | 2 (A) 1 (B) | 0 | 0 | - | - | 1 (B) | 1(A) | 1(I) | 1(B) | 0 | 0 |
| RAS6096 | 0 | 0 | 1 (I) | - | 1(B) | 1(B) | 1(I) | 1(B/A) | 0 | 0 | 1(I) |
| RAS6097 | 1 (I) | 0 | 1 (B) | - | 1(B) | 1(B) | 1(B) | 1(B/I/A) | 4(I) | - | - |
| RAS7035 | 1 (A) | 0 | 1 (I) | 1(A) | 1(B) | 1(B) | 1(I) | - | 1(B/I) | 0 | 0 |
| RAS7037 | 1 (A) | 0 | 1 (B) | - | 1 | 1(B) | 1(B) | - | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| RAS9092 | 1 (I) | 0 | 0 | - | - | 1(B) | 1(B/I) | 1(B) | 1(B) | - | - |
| RAS5088 | 1 (A) | 0 | 1 (B) | - | 1(B) | 1(I) | 1(B) | 1(B) | 1(I) | - | - |

A – Advance; I – Intermediate; B – Basic

DRAFT RRU PROCESS FRAMEWORK

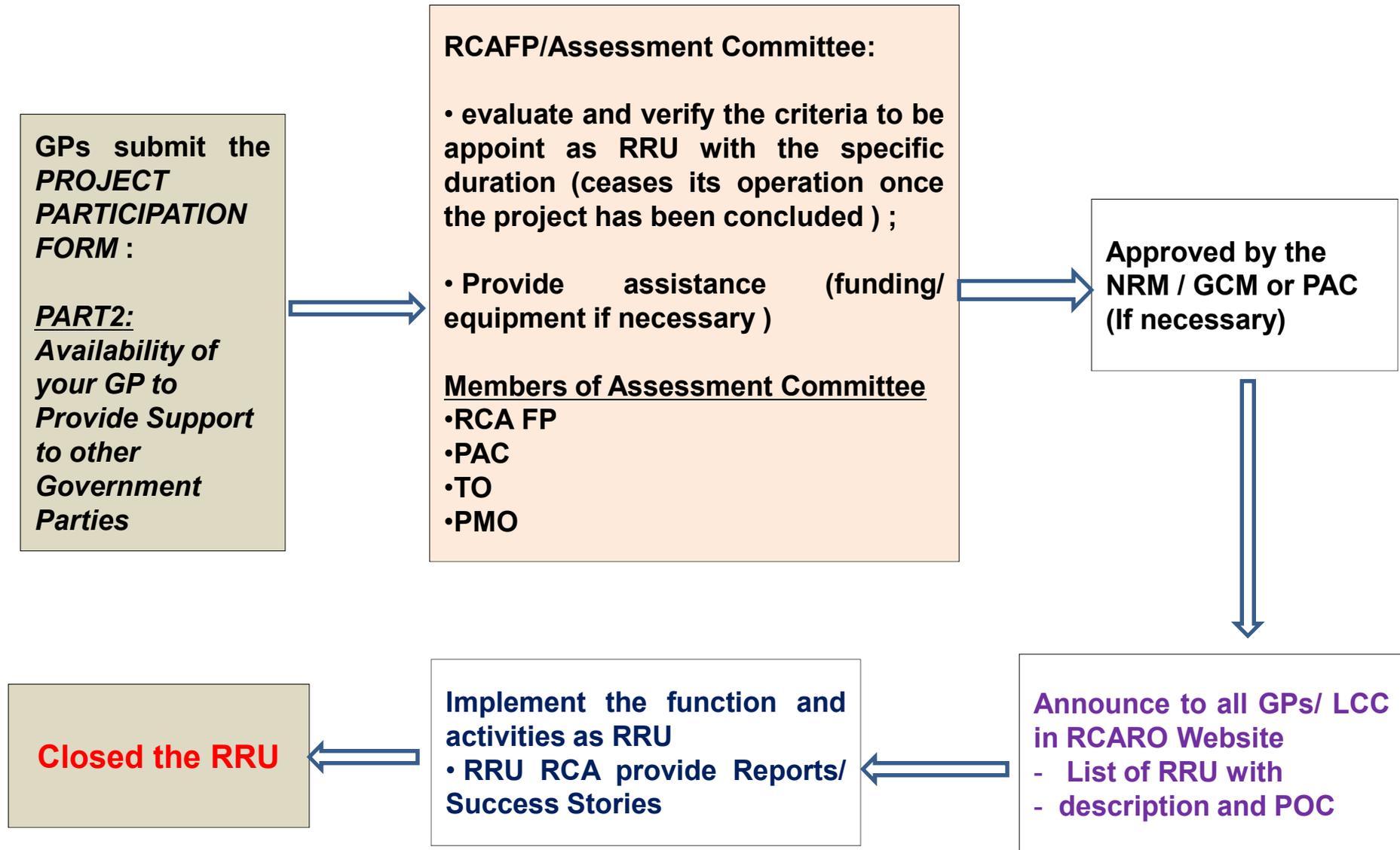


Fig. XX

Thank you