

Lead Country – The Role of the Lead Country is in accordance to item 4.2 of the RCA Guidelines and Operating Rules, 1998

Under the RCA Operating Rules and Guidelines, each RCA project should have a Project Committee (PC) composed of designated project co-ordinators from the participating countries. The PC recommends who should be the Lead Country and the Meeting of the National Representatives decides on the recommendations. The LC recommended by the Project Committee must then confirm in writing to the RCA Co-ordinator its agreement to accept the responsibilities set out for the role.

The RCA Co-ordinator forwards the recommendations on the LC, together with written confirmation, to a Meeting of National Representatives.

Table 1 shows the list of projects with Lead Country (and Assistant Lead Country), as well as LC for Sectoral Areas.

At the 24th RCA National Representatives held from 25-29 March 2002 in Daejo/Seoul, Japan offered to be the Lead Country for the health sector when the formulation of the 2005-2006 programme commenced. At that meeting, Japan announced its withdrawal as LC for NDT and India offered to take over as LC for Industry.