

RCA Programme Advisory Committee (PAC)

Mid Term Review of the RCA Medium Term Strategy (2018-2023)

Background:

The 48th RCA GCM held in 2019 requested RCA PAC conduct the Mid-Term Review of the RCA Medium Term Strategy and present the results to the 49th GCM, subject to the workload and schedule of the RCA PAC. The Interim Chair of the RCA PAC attended the Meeting of the MTSC held on 17-21 February to discuss the modalities of carrying out this review. It was further discussed at the Meeting of the PAC held on 24-28 February and the following plan of action is herewith submitted to the 42nd NRM for review and approval.

The MTSC had prepared a detailed guideline for the review of the MTS which had been used for the baseline review. PAC noted that MTSC had taken a period of approximately two years to accomplish this, and taking into consideration the need for the PAC to complete the Mid-Term Review in about 6 months, the PAC decided to slightly modify the sources information in order to complete the task within the required time frame. The MTS Performance Indicators, the Target Criteria, the sources of information used by MTSC and the proposed sources of information to be used by PAC for its review, are given in Annex 1. The proposed timeframe is given in Annex 2. The PAC requests the assistance of the RCARO and the FCA Focal Person to obtain the required data.

Since the PAC also has to be engaged in finalizing the project designs in 2020, if the work load of the PAC does not make it possible to complete the task by September, the PAC intends to submit an interim report to the 49th GCM and the final report to the 43rd NRM.

The PAC recommends that MTSC analyses the outcomes of the Mid Term Review and make recommendations for improving the future implementation of the MTS.

Proposed Action:

The NRM is requested to review and approve the proposed plan of action and the timeframe with any revisions necessary.

Annex 1

Proposed Action Plan for MTS Mid-Term Review by PAC

PI	Target Criteria	Source of Information Used by MTSC for	Suggested Sources of Information for
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		baseline Assessment	Mid-Term Review
Ownership			
1.1. Degree of GPs' commitment to RCA Governance	1. All the GPs deposit Instruments of Acceptance for the 2017 RCA	1. Deposits of acceptance of the 2017 RCA	Office of RCA Focal Person
	2. No of GPs absent for 2 subsequent NR meetings	2. List of Participants at NRMs and GGMs	Meeting reports of NRMs and GCMs in 2018 and 2019
1.2. Degree of GPs' commitment to implementation of their allotted portions of the RCA projects	1. Percentage completion of planned project activities.	1. PPAR 2. Project Work Plans	PCMF and TCPRIDE (a sample of the projects)
	2. Percentage of relevant project reports submitted by GPs by specified deadlines.		
	3. Percentage of NPCs or ANPCs that attend relevant project meetings.		Meeting reports of a sample of projects
	4. Nominations for RTCs are from members from National Project Teams.	Not evaluated	Will not be evaluated
1.3. Efforts made by GPs to provide additional support to RCA programme through EB or IK contributions	1. Percentage of GPs making IK contributions.	1. List of IK contributions annexed to Annual Report. . Office of RCA Focal Person	Annual reports of 2018 and 2019
	2. Percentage of GPs making EB contributions	2. List of EB contributions annexed to Annual Report	Annual reports of 2018 and 2019
Programme Soundness			

2.1. The RCA programme is in full alignment with the MTS	1. There are no projects that are not aligned to the strategic priorities of the MTS	1. Project design papers	A sample of projects in 2018/2019 and 2020/2021
	2. Resources are allotted across strategic sectors based on optimum proportions defined by the GPs	2. Project participation Forms (PPFs)	
2.2. Alignment of RCA projects to national programmes in all participating recipient GPs	1. For Recipient GPs: data indicates strong alignment between the RCA Projects/Programme and their respective CPFs.	1. Country Program Frameworks (public versions) 2. Lists of national TC projects supplied by NRs 3. Project designs 4. PPFs	CPFs of a sample of GPs for 2018/2019 and 2020/2021 cycles.
	2. For Donor GPs: data indicates strong alignment between the RCA Projects/Programme and their respective national priorities/strategies	5. IAEA Website 6. TC Pride	
2.3. Well-identified and defined project activities, outputs and outcomes*	Final Project Designs approved by NRs include high-quality LFMs, incorporating appropriate activities for HRD, TCDC and Resource Mobilisation	1. Project design documents	A sample of project design documents for 2018/2019 and 2020/2021.
2.4 Well-identified and defined next-users and end-users for each Project, and their integration into the Project activities	1. Next- and/or end-users are identified for every GP in the Project Design documents and PPFs	1. 2020/2021 project designs 2. PPFs	A sample of PPFs
3.1. Programme Sustainability			
3.1. Required	1. Project designs	1. Project design papers	A sample of project

financial resources available for the full implementation of the RCA activities	identify at least 25% of budgeted components or activities as extra-budgetary supported..		designs in PCMF.
3.2. Required human resources available for the full implementation of the RCA activities	1. Recipient GPs have identified their workforce requirements (e.g. NPC, ANPC, NPT) in PPFs. 2. RTC participants are from NPTs. 3. Knowledge is shared after attending RTCs as evidenced in PPAR.	Not evaluated due to insufficient data.	Will not be evaluated
3.3. Required physical resources, nuclear and associated infrastructure available for the full implementation of the RCA activities	RRUs or in-country facilities are available and used to meet the requirements of RCA Projects for every GP	1. Project Participation Forms 2. RCARO RRU DB	RCARO RRU DB
4. Programme Impact			
4.1. Contribution of projects to overall sustainable development in the region, through assessable impacts in socio-economic development and environmental protection (in	Baseline is known, and information is available to detect improvement (of any magnitude) against baseline..	Not evaluated	Will not be evaluated

relation to SDGs)			
4.2. The RCA programme is recognised as an effective partner contributing to achievement of socio-economic development and environmental protection (in relation to SDGs)	Baseline is known, and information is available to detect improvement (of any magnitude) against baseline.	Not evaluated	Will not be evaluated

Annex 2

Timeframe for MTS Mid-Term Review

Activity	Time Frame	Responsibility
Data Collection	15th April - 31st May 2020	RCARO (suggested)
Data analysis	1st – 30th June 2020	PAC Members
First Draft of the report	10th July 2020	PAC Chair, PAC Members
Feedback from PAC members and MTSC	15th – 31st July 2020	PAC Members, MTSC Chair
Finalization of the Report	10th August 2020	PAC Chair
Submission of Background Paper for circulation to NRs	15th August 2020	PAC Chair
Presentation at 49th GCM	18th September 2020	PAC Chair