



7th Meeting of the RCA Working Group on Medium Term Strategy Coordination

17-20 February 2020

Vienna, Austria



Summary

- Report and supporting Annexes provided as RCANRM(42)-7
- Major points of discussion
 - Review process for conduct of Mid-Term Review by PAC
 - Review outcome monitoring processes
 - Review usability of PPFs
 - Review GOR guidance on RRUs
 - Develop recommendations for drafting of 2024-2029 MTS

#	Recommendation
1	The MTSC WG recommends that the 42 nd NRM endorse PAC to conduct the MTR of the MTS, presenting the report to the 49 th GCM (or 43 rd NRM if further time is needed).
2	The MTSC WG recommends that the 42 nd NRM request the Secretariat to provide training on outcome monitoring to relevant stakeholders (e.g. LCCs, NPCs, NRs etc.) through appropriate fora (e.g. project Design Meetings, Coordination Meetings).
3	The MTSC WG recommends that the 42 nd NRM commission a <i>strategic</i> review and update of the GOR, either by MTS 2024-2029 Drafting WG or a dedicated WG.
4	The MTSC WG recommends that the RCA Chair send a letter to the Permanent Missions of all GPs following up on the 2018 Declaration, highlighting the lead up to the 50 th anniversary of the RCA would be an opportune time for EB contributions.
5	<p>The MTSC WG recommends that the 42nd NRM consider whether a systematic review of the RRU concept is required. Such a review could consider aspects such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whether RRUs should be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> self-nominated or appointed by project stakeholders identified prior to project initiation or following a needs and gap analysis Whether a verification or qualification process is required What would be the resource implications of the above if they were adopted

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6	<p>It is recommended that the 42nd NRM approve the suggested changes to the GOR reflected in Annex 6. These changes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new paragraph in Section 1.7, Part 1 reflecting the principle of identifying EB activities in project design; • A new Section 1.8, Part 1, describing the need for, and broad parameters to be considering in, drafting an MTS; • Minor clarification revisions to the advice on RRU's (Section 3, Annex 1); • A revised Project Participation Form (Annex 11) to provide clarification on some parts and make it more user-friendly; • Revised National Report Templates for the First, Mid-Term, and Final Review Meetings (Annexes 12, 13 and 14, respectively) to include outcome monitoring aspects; • A new Annex 16 explaining outcome monitoring aspects; and • An updated MTSC WG Terms of Reference (Annex 6) to reflect changes approved at the 48th GCM. <p>In approving these changes, it is recommended that the RCA Chair instruct RCARO to publish the new GOR on the website.</p>
7	<p>The MTSC WG recommends that the RCA Chair request NRs to remind prospective LCCs of the importance of early and ongoing engagement with potential counterparts during the project design life cycle.</p>
8	<p>The MTSC WG recommends that the 42nd NRM note the MTSC WG considerations for the 2024-2029 MTS and provide these to the anticipated drafting WG.</p>
9	<p>The MTSC WG recommends that the 42nd NRM consider whether they want PAC to be advising on "mechanisms to identify funding opportunities through donors outside the IAEA", and amend their ToR if required.</p>
10	<p>It is recommended that the 42nd NRM endorse the MTSC WG Annual Work Plan 2020.</p>

#	Action	Timeframe
1	Review the appropriateness of the target criteria for PI 1.2 ahead of the MTS Final Review.	Following Mid-Term Review
2	Undertake a review of the usability of the PPFs	Completed
3	Undertake a review of the guidance on RRUs in the RCA GOR	Completed
4	Propose updates to relevant documents to include the requirement for project designs to allocate 25% of project activities as extra-budgetary	Completed
5	Establish the parameters for the Final Review of the MTS 2018-2023, taking into consideration of RCA PAC Mid-Term Review results	Following Mid-Term Review
6	Prepare recommendations for inclusion in the GOR on the MTSC WG findings and methodologies on outcome monitoring that can be used by project designers in the 2022-2023 project cycle, as well as LCCs when finalising their project reviews.	Completed
7	Work in cooperation TCPC on development and implementation of the Project on Case Studies of Social and Economic Value of RCA Projects.	Ongoing
8	Prepare a summary document outlining recommendations and advice for input into the MTS 2024-2029.	Completed