



# **Progress on the Partnerships with the ADB**

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## **Background**

- Preliminary discussions followed by a proposal for collaboration between the ADB and the RCA on energy planning submitted to the ADB on 2 April 2021 by Mr Prinath Dias (PAC Chair)
- Initial meeting held on 19 April 2021 attended by ADB, RCA FP, PAC Chair and RCARO
  - Identified common interests in establishing partnerships on the area of energy planning with the possibility of extending to other areas at a latter stage
- The 43<sup>rd</sup> RCA NRM(April 2021) welcomed the partnership initiative and approved the RCARO to follow up the progress to established a partnership project with the ADB

## **Actions Taken**

- Virtual meetings (May, June) held attended by ADB, IAEA TC, RCA FP, PAC Chair and RCARO
    - Agreed to organize a joint activity in energy planning with a possibility of further extending the collaboration at a later stage
    - Shared the view on concluding a separate MOU between the ADB and the IAEA on energy planning
- \* Cooperation Framework Agreement between the IAEA and the ADB signed in 2018(energy planning, RCA are not included)

## **Future Possibilities**

- Further extending the initial collaboration with ADB in Energy Planning under a new Framework Agreement if necessary.
- Establishing collaboration between RCA and ADB under the existing Framework Agreement between IAEA and ADB in areas of Agriculture and Food Safety, Climate Change, Environment, Human Health, and Water Resources.

## **Proposed Actions**

- The meeting may
  - take note of the progress made in establishing collaboration between the RCA and the ADB;
  - approve to conduct a joint event in Energy Planning as a first step; and
  - approve RCARO and RCA FP to continue negotiations with ADB to establish collaboration under the existing Framework Agreement or under a new Agreement if the need arises.