

**9TH MEETING OF THE WORKING
GROUP ON RCA MTS
COORDINATION**

21-23 July 2021

Presentation on RCA Programme
Advisory Committee (PAC)

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RCA PAC Chair

Topics

- Functions and activities of PAC
- Issues related to MTR of the MTS
- Other current issues

Functions of RCA PAC

1. Advising the National RCA Representatives on the following matters related to the RCA Programme.

- The procedures for development of RCA Cooperative Projects
- The procedures for implementation and monitoring of RCA Cooperative projects
- The procedures for evaluating and recording achievements of completed projects

taking the RCA Medium Term Strategy into consideration.

Functions of RCA PAC

- Carrying out responsibilities delegated to the PAC by RCA NRs in implementing the above mentioned procedures
- Contributing to identification and recommendation of project ideas, concepts and design phases for the RCA projects
- Coordination of the development of the RCA Regional Programme Framework in consultation with the RCA Chair, RCA Focal Person and the WG on drafting the RCA MTS

Functions of RCA PAC

- Advising the RCA NRs on revising the RCA GOR on development, implementation, monitoring and evaluating RCA Cooperative Projects
- Providing inputs to the development of the RCA Medium Term Strategy
- Functioning as the RCA Research Review Committee (RRC)
- Any other relevant matters delegated to the PAC by a meeting of the NRs.

PAC Members

1. Dr. Prinath Dias (SRL)
2. Prof. Tomoaki Tamaki (JPN)
3. Dr. Soledad Castenada (PHI)
4. Dr. Sung Chul Jung (ROK)
5. Prof. Liu Luxiang (CPR)
6. Mr. Peter McGlinn (AUL)
7. Prof. Nahrul Khair Rashid (MAL)
8. Prof. Muhayatun Santoso (INS)

Completed Activities

a) Development of the RCA Programme for 2022/23

- Reviewed of 50 pre-concepts
- Reviewed of 15 Project Concepts
- Supported design of 8 projects

b) RCA Research Programme

- Review of RCA Research Proposals for Phase 2
- Review of Phase 1 Progress Reports

c) Development of the RCA Regional Programme Framework

Current and Future Activities

Development of the RCA Programme for 2024/25

Time Frame	Activity
15 th May 2021	Invitation of Pre-Concepts
2-31 August 2021	Review of the Pre-Concepts
17 th September 2021	Presentation of the outcomes of the reviews to the 50 th RCA General Conference Meeting
January – February 2022	Review of Project Concepts by PAC
March 2022	Submission of the recommendations of PAC to the 44 th NRM

Mid-Term Review of the MTS

MTR - Recommendations

- Use of outcomes of baseline and mid-term reviews to improve the RCA programme
- The need for a final review should be decided based on the above.
- Evaluation of PI 4 – Socio-economic Impact

PI 1- Degree of GP's Commitment

No of GPs that

- have an adequate support staff:
GOR –Part 1, 1.1(e)
- have appointed NTSCs: GOR – Part 2, 1.1(h)
- have regular consultations among NRs, NTSCs and NPCs: GOR - Part 2, 1.1 (i)
- submit progress reports on time:
GOR - Part 2, 1.1 (q)

PI 1- Degree of GP's Commitment

- hold consultations with relevant persons before NRMs and GCM for effective participation – GOR Part 2, 1.1 (r)
- have appointed National Project Teams (GOR Part 4, 1.2.3) and adopted National Work Plans - GOR Part 4, 1.2.2 (h)

PI 2 - Programme Soundness

Number of projects

- designed and implemented with participation of end-users : GOR Part 1, 1.7 (j)
- with final evaluation reports submitted within the specified time: GOR – Part 4 1.2.1 (g)

PI 3 - Programme Sustainability

3.1 Financial Resources

Consider using the percentage of Extra Budgetary funds out of the total RCA budget as an indicator.

Other Issues

Funding

- Implementation of the recommendations of MTSC to 40th NRM
 - Enhancement of IAEA TC funds
 - Enhancement of Extra Budgetary funds from RCA Government Parties - RCA Agreement Article V(3)
 - Partnerships with regional (eg. ADB) and international development agencies

Human Resources Development

- Implementation of recommendations to 40th NRM WG on HRD
 - Duration of RTCs (two weeks instead of one)
 - Assessment of knowledge of participants at the beginning and end of the RTCs
 - Maintaining a repository of training material used in RTCs
 - Group Fellowship training with the support of regional Universities

- Addressing special needs of New GPs
(Recommendation 2 of 8th MTSC Meeting)
 - Virtual meeting with NRs of new GPs, with participation of RCA FP, MTSC Chair and PAC Chair
- Duplication of RCA and non-RCA projects
- RRU
 - Feedback from NRs on revised GOR (Annex 36)?

Thank you for your attention