



RCA Working Group on RCA Governance Rapid Review: **Aspects related to RCA Programme Advisory Committee**

47th RCA National Representatives Meeting
May 2025 | Fiji



Science. Ingenuity. Sustainability.

Context



45th RCA NRM recommended RCA Committee of Chairs conduct a Rapid Review of Working Groups/Committees and Strategy documents

52nd RCA GCM discussed *Rapid Review on RCA Governance: Guiding Documents, Working Groups and Committees*, including the review's recommendations

53rd RCA GCM established short-term working group to consider the recommendations, especially a revised Terms of Reference for the RCA Programme Advisory Group



52nd RCA General Conference Meeting | 22 Sept 2023 | Vienna Austria

Over-arching principles for the RCA advisory function



Technical advice from within the region is valued

NR and GP leadership and ownership of the RCA TC Program remains significant

RCA TC Programme managerial functions best delivered by IAEA Secretariat

RCA social and economic development projects need to adapt to contemporary situation

Timely to adjust the scope and direction for an updated RCA advisory function

Themes for a renewed scope for RCA advisory function

1

Purpose of advice

Assist RCA signatory Government Parties to deliver on the commitments agreed in the treaty.

Advice to help create a high quality and contemporary regional programme of activities and regional priorities

2

Areas for technical advice

Provide advice at a strategic and holistic view on the current and future direction of the RCA TC Programme.

This type of advice especially important as RCA transitions from smaller projects to larger integrated regional programming

Contribute to quality of RCA TC projects, advice in early stages on project feasibility, and provide overall strategic coherence to the RCA TC regional programme

Out of scope: programme management, project implementation, program decision making and other managerial tasks such as GOR reviews

Themes for a renewed scope for RCA advisory function (*continued*)

3

Appointments

Guidance needed on advisory appointments such as term lengths and process (e.g. processes for calling for nominations, for resignations etc)

Term length suggestions included linking terms to six-year IAEA TC cycle, shorter terms to allow for adaptation and change, limits on terms served.

Chair appointment suggestions included appointment by NRs, by the advisory group, rotational, one year or longer terms.

4

Composition

Inclusive regional balance, age, gender

Differing views on NR as an advisor such as including NRs to ensure accountability, relevance and efficiencies, not include to enhance 'independence', flexibility in either approach, NR as an alternative

Skills, experience and knowledge will depend on advice requested by NRs and may change over time, broad range of experts needed to cover RCA activities, be linked to priorities outlined in RPF

Themes for a renewed scope for RCA advisory function (*continued*)

5

Building connections between NRs and a technical advisory group

Mechanism could be introduced for connecting NRs as a collective to the advisors.

Deeper connection could allow for transfer of knowledge from advisors to NRs, and allow for clarifications from NRs to advisors on technical advice sought.

For instance, virtual meetings between NRs and advisors could occur outside of NRM/GCM to foster exchanges.

Related discussion regarding the RCA Rapid Review on Governance

RPF

Regional Programme Framework

A Logic Programme Framework at the regional level could be created to deliver coherence across the regional projects.

RPF provides practical insights into regional social and economic needs and also represents GP priorities.

MTS

Medium Term Strategy

MTS is no longer needed, especially if the RPF is enhanced to include a regional programme logic framework.

GoR

Guidelines and Operating Rules

GoR is maintained in the current long form as it is a comprehensive guidance document.

Maintained as a living document by the RCA Committee of Chairs.

Current PAC situation

**Current PAC
Terms of
Reference
states 6-8
members**

**Advise on a
range of
matters as
requested by
NR consensus**

3 members

Human Health

- Chief of International Strategy Team
- Radiation Medicine Policy Development Centre
- Korea Institute of Radiological and Medical Sciences

ROK 

Agriculture

- Deputy Director General
- Institute of Crop Sciences and Head of Research Group of Wheat Mutation Breeding
- Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences

CPR 

Environment

- Research Professor, National Nuclear Energy Agency of Indonesia
- Chief Scientific Investigator of the RCA Research Project on Air-Pollution
- National Project Coordinator of RCA Projects on Air-Pollution

INS 

Next steps and way forward

1 Invite NR discussion at this 47th NRM.

2 Chair and Co-Chair draft Terms of Reference for Advisory Group by end of June, for sharing with WG for review.

3 Virtual meeting of WG during July to share discussion on draft Terms of Reference, with a view to finalising in August.

4 Present final recommendations regarding the RCA technical advisory function at the 54th RCA GCM in September.



Thank you