

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROPOSERS OF PRE-CONCEPTS FOR THE RCA
PROGRAMME FOR 2026/27

As per approved procedures for development of RCA Projects implemented under the TC programme of the IAEA, Pre-Project Concept proposals are hereby invited from the RCA Government Parties (GPs). The template for Pre-Concept proposals is attached.

All Pre-Concept proposals must be endorsed by the National Representative of the relevant RCA GP.

The Pre-Concept proposals should be uploaded to the RCA website. Instructions for uploading the proposals will be provided by the RCARO in due course.

To assist with preparation of the Pre-Concept proposals, the following documents are included in the original email:

- a) **RCA Programme Framework for 2024/29 (RPF)**
- b) **Details of the past RCA Projects**

Pre-Concept proposals should be in priority areas of the RCA GPs outlined in the RCA Regional Programme Framework (RPF) and should be based on the results and achievements of the previous relevant RCA projects. Pre-Concepts in areas of new emerging needs that did not exist at the time of the preparation of the RPF require strong justifications. **The Pre-Concepts should conform to the criteria for RCA and TC projects and the RCA Strategic Directions given in pages 5 and 6 of the RPF. NRs are kindly requested to screen the Pre-Concepts to ensure they conform to RCA criteria for TC projects.**

Evaluation Criteria:

The following criteria will be used by the RCA PAC in evaluating the Pre-Concepts.

- a) Conformity to the priority areas of the RCA Regional Programme Framework for 2024-29
- b) Whether the Pre-Concept addresses a regional need
- c) The role of nuclear technology in the project
- d) Whether the Pre-Concept is focused on technology transfer or research
- e) Whether due consideration has been given to previous RCA projects in the same area, in drafting the pre-Concept.

It is recommended the proposers of the Pre-Concepts consult their counter-parts in other RCA GPs to obtain their views on the proposal to avoid duplication. Information on RCA stakeholders can be found in the RCA web-site (<http://rcaro.org>), under Projects/Project Information. It is also recommended the proposers check the RCA website for duplications and take action through the

respective NRs to look into the possibility of submitting combined Pre-Concepts.

The deadline for submission of the Pre-Concept proposals is **1st of August 2023**. The timeframe for development of the RCA programme (up to Project Concept stage) is given below.

You may consult the Chairman of the RCA Programme Advisory Committee (PAC), Dr. Prinath Dias at prinathd@yahoo.com and RCA Focal Person, Dr Sinh Van Hoang, at v.hoang@iaea.org, should you need any clarification.

Time Frame	Activity
May – July 2023	Submission of Pre-Concepts for the projects to be implemented under the RCA Programme for 2026/27 by NRs
1 st August 2023	Deadline for submission of Pre-Concepts for 2026/27 programme
2 nd August – 10 th September 2023	Review of the Pre-Concepts by PAC
10 – 15 September 2023	Consolidation of the reviews of the Pre-Concepts by PAC Chair
22 nd September 2023	Presentation of the outcomes of the reviews to the 52 nd RCA General Conference Meeting
22 nd September – 31 st December 2023	Preparation and submission of Project Concepts by NRs
January – February 2024	Review of Project Concepts by PAC
March - May 2024	Submission of the recommendations of PAC to the 46 ^h NRM