



## Project Description for ARASIA TC Programme

### TC Cycle 2018-2019

**Project Number:** RAS0084

**Project Title:** Leveraging Management for Increased Programme Efficiency and Effectiveness (ARASIA).

**Overall Objective:** To leverage ARASIA management for increased programme efficiency and effectiveness.

**Project Duration:** (2018 – 2019)

**Project Description:** This project aims at leveraging ARASIA management for an effective and efficient implementation of the ARASIA Programme, as well as facilitating the development of this programme in line with the medium term strategy (MTS) 2018-2027. This project focuses on the systematic and sound management of the ARASIA Programme and coordination of functions and outputs within the framework of ARASIA and TC policies and procedures. In this regard, as a step towards mutual learning among ARASIA countries to accelerate development in the area of nuclear technology, the necessary modality, procedures and concrete timeframe for designation of ARASIA regional centres was discussed and agreed upon.

**Problem to be addressed:** The ARASIA agreement is a relatively young agreement as compared to its sister agreements. Through the last decade, the quality and nature of its TC programme, as well as its implementation rate, have improved. However, there is a need to improve the quality of the ARASIA Programme and align it with the MTS for 2018-2027. The recent development of the ARASIA SWOT analysis and recommendations made by the working group in this regard will provide a significant opportunity to enhance the ARASIA Programme and its impact in the region. This project will address some of the identified weaknesses upon prioritization by the ABR 2017: (1) Resource mobilization and partnership; (2) ARASIA regional resource centres; (3) outreach activities; (4) key performance indicator for ARASIA TC Programme; (5) re-conduction of the agreement; and (6) re-enforcement of guidelines and operating rules (GOR).

**This project is proposed as a regional activity for the following reason(s):** This project will provide a platform to enhance the ARASIA management and programme and to build on strengths, deal with weaknesses, exploit opportunities, and alleviate the potential effect of threats under each category which are outlined below:

(1) Generalities/policy; (2) institutional and management setting; (3) strategic planning; (4) development of the programme; (5) implementation and monitoring (evaluation); (6) partnership and resource mobilization; and (7) outreach.



**Stakeholders:** Stakeholders will include ARASIA States Parties, represented by ARASIA national representatives, ARASIA project lead coordinators and ARASIA national project coordinators.

**Partnerships:** Several partners could potentially be included and three types of partnership will be explored under ARASIA upon ABR decision: (1) strategic (regional and international organizations); (2) technical (regional resource centers); and (3) financial (donors and funding bodies).

**Role of nuclear technology:** This project will contribute to strengthening the Agreement's ongoing and future TC programmes.