

Analysis of National Priority Survey for Asia - Pacific Capacity Building

1. Questionnaire sent to: Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kiribati, Republic of Korea, Kuwait, Lao Peoples Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Malaysia, Maldives, Micronesia, Mongolia, Nepal, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Tonga, United Arab Emirates, Viet Nam, Yemen, and Japan (**34 out of 54 countries of the IFCS Asia - Pacific region**)
2. Response received from: Thailand, Syria, Fiji, Indonesia, Viet Nam, Philippines, Nepal, Samoa, China, Jordan, Iran, Lao, Micronesia, Korea, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Bangladesh, Kuwait, and Japan (**19 out of 34 countries**).
3. Question 1: priority
 - More countries ranked *High Priority* for: E2 (15), B1 (12), C1 (12), C3 (12), D3 (12), E3 (12), A3 (11), D2 (11), D5 (11), D7 (11), E1 (11), E4 (11);
 - Less countries ranked *Low Priority* for: D2 (0), D5 (0), D6 (0), D1 (1), D8 (1), A1 (2), B1 (2), C1 (2), C2 (2), D4 (2), D7 (2), D9 (2), E1 (2), E2 (2), E3 (2), F1 (2), F2 (2); and accordingly,
 - **Highest attention should be given to: B1, C1, D2, D5, D7, E1, E2 and E3.**
4. Question 2: barriers
 - *Poor co-ordination of information* was ranked *highest* for 12 items (A3, B1, C1, C2, D3, D5, D6, D9, E1, E4, F1 and F2), *Cost* for 11 items (A2, D2, D3, D4, D5, D7, E2, E3, E4, F1 and F2), *Lack of information about methodology* for 5 items (A1, D1, D3, D8 and D9), and *Language barriers* for C3;
 - A1 was ranked *highest* for *Lack of standards for nomenclature* and for *Lack of information about methodology*, C3 for *Language barriers*, B1 for *Code inadequacy*, D9 for *Confidentiality*, D7 and E3 for *Cost*, E2 for *Timeliness*, F1 for *Inconsistency in policies and regulations*, E1 for *Poor co-ordination of information*, A2, C1 and E3 for *Difficulty in identifying contact*, and A3, B1, C3, D3, D6, F1 and F2 for *Others**; and subsequently,
 - **Lack of information about methodology will be the most critical to A1, Language barriers to C3, Cost to D7 and E3, and Poor co-ordination of information to E1.**

*Other barriers noted: *transparency, limited facility, reluctant industry, lack of technical capacity, lack of trained manpower, weak implementation, cost of advocacy work, lack of clear policy guideline, training and resource unavailability, reluctant customs department, unawareness of constraints, and weak public relations.*

5. Question 3: request of assistance

- *Technical assistance* was *the highest* requested for 21 items (A1, A2, A3, B1, C1, C2, C3, D1, D2, D3, D4, D5, D6, D8, D9, E1, E2, E3, E4, F1 and F2) and *Funding* for 4 items (D4, D5, D7 and F2);
- *Human resource* was *the least* requested for any item and apparently, mostly accompanied with *Technical assistance* or *Technical assistance & Funding*.
- A1, D8 and E4 were ranked *highest* for *Technical assistance*, C2, D7 and F1 for *Human resource*, and D7 for *Funding*; and therefore,
- ***Technical assistance will be the most critical to A1, D8 and E4, and Funding to D7. Human resource only will be of little assistance in most countries.***

6. Question 4: potential donor

- No *funding* from any countries will be available; but
- *Technical assistance* and/or *Human resource* can be available for all or part of the items from: Thailand, Fiji, Philippines, Nepal, China, Korea, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, and Bangladesh (***10 out of 19 countries***);
- ***Thailand, Korea, Malaysia and Japan with capacity of Technical assistance donor;***
- ***Fiji, Nepal, Papua New Guinea and Bangladesh with Human resource; and***
- ***Philippines and China with capacity of providing Technical assistance & Human resource.***

7. Next Action

- Brief report to the FSC, Trinidad-Tobago 3-5 October 2001;
- Informal Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Steering Group during the FSC sessions;
 - Provisional regional priority: ***B1, C1, D2, D5, D7, E1, E2 and E3***
 - Re-grouping of countries for group approach to regional action plans
Criteria: common/different priorities; common/different barriers; potential donor included each; political, geographical or religious consideration; etc.
 - Reminder/Solicitation for countries that have not responded;
 - Fund raising

- Regional Conference 2002: insight for logistics and agenda, plenary issues, group approach, etc.