

## CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ISACIP 2<sup>nd</sup> STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

(Brazzaville, 21 SEPTEMBER 2012)

The ACMAD' coordinator presented three complete following reports

1. ISACIP 2011 Activity report
2. ISACIP Work plan for 2012
3. ISACIP Activities by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012

After presentation of the three documents, complements given by the representatives of CSC/SADC & ICAPC, members discussed some of the issues related to the project implementation such as :

- Coordination
- Role of various institutions
- Project staff
- Procurement strategy and bank procedures and rules
- Low consumption of funds

Following comments and questions were raised by Members

- Benefits derived by NHMSs are not visible due to lack of communication within the project
- Lack of clear summary of activities conducted, presentations were difficult to follow : In future there should be better way of presentation to enable the steering committee to understand the project activities and give guidance.
- What are strategies for hiring staff and the status of their recruitment?
- Issue of ACMAD premises
- There was need to present the recommendations of the supervision missions to SC members.
- Problem with disbursement and the low rates of expenditure by two out of the four institutions
- Potential linkages of the activities of the project with GFCS
- The project is very important regarding poverty alleviation. However, the activities were poorly designed. NMHSs should have been involved in the project design. Questionnaires should have been sent through PRs to get views.
- How coordination is done between the 4 institutions before the steering committee meeting?
- Congo PR noted that ICPAC has provided for some observations systems in their region while central Africa has gaps and nothing was provided for by ACMAD. Could ACMAD react on this?

After responding to the members comments, issues and questions the Steering Committee made the following recommendations:

- 1) In terms of communication, the SC requested ACMAD to take further actions to enhance communication and visibility of the project
- 2) To take necessary measures to implement the project activities as planned through appropriate coordination and integration and accelerating staff recruitment.

- 3) The SC requests Member states to second staff to the institutions
- 4) The SC requests the project coordination to send supervision reports to its members.
- 5) For the coordination aspect:
  - a) The SC strongly recommends to strengthen coordination among ACMAD and other beneficiary institution and requests the AfD Bank to provide additional financial support for this coordination
  - b) To ensure representatives of the steering committee to be involved in the supervision missions and prepare for mid-term project evaluation aiming more direct support to the African NMHSs which may have greater need for such support.
  - c) To pursue dialogue with the bank regarding efficiency of procurement procedures
- 6) The SC asks ACMAD to establish a clear road map for attaining project objectives.

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