

Comments on the Research Programs

The process for advice will be broadly guided by the following criteria:

- The program has clear objectives, strategy and identity;
- The program provides individual projects with a sense of identity by offering novel perspectives beyond each project, and by seeking synergy between them;
- The program contributes to the implementation of RIHN mission through collaboration between programs and with other sections of RIHN community.

Program Two Comments Summary

The committee finds Program Two to be particularly relevant, with fairness and equity considered to be critical issues for society and fundamental to sustainable transformations. The problem statement and objectives are deemed to be clear and well-defined and the approach exploring multiple resources across spatial scales with diverse stakeholders found to be meaningful and useful. However, there is still a need to deepen the conceptual and practical framework especially of fair use and equity, and these need to be contextualized in what is happening in various parts of the world. Philosophical and practical perspectives are being encouraged.

EREC also understands that the leadership transition has led to limited activities for this program. On the one hand, the current projects under Program 2 are considered to be strong but ambitious and large in scope. On the other hand, synergy between the projects needs to be better developed. There are also high expectations of the new project. The challenge is for the program to provide an integrated perspective considering the diversity in focus of the current projects under its umbrella.