

The 2nd Working Group Meeting on the RCARO's Future Role

PROVISIONAL PROSPECTUS

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Dates: 20-22 January 2015

Venue: Ramada Plaza Hotel, Jeju, Korea

**Background
Information:**

The progress report of the 1st Working Group Meeting (WGM) to discuss the RCARO's future role was presented to the 43rd GCM held in September, Austria. The 43rd GCM endorsed continuation of the Working Group and gave approval to the WG to schedule a 2nd WGM to progress the activities outlined in section 5.2 of the report and requested the WG to deliver a report on its progress at the 37th NRM.

The Meeting also noted that it will be essential to demonstrate that adequate resources can be secured prior to considering the expansion of the RCARO's role.

**Scope and
Nature:**

The recommendations for WG's future activities made in the report included a number of issues to discuss, especially on some items where detailed criteria and guidelines have to be prepared. The Meeting will consist of six sessions to discuss and identify specific criteria and mechanisms governing the proposal, development, approval and operation of the programmes outlined in section 5.2 of the report. Background material to assist in these deliberations and discussions will be made by the WG members and distributed to the participants prior to the meeting. The participants are encouraged to contribute to sharing their valuable opinions on matters to be discussed and facilitate fruitful and in-depth discussions. A report on the meeting, including conclusions, recommendations and an action plan, will be prepared. It will be submitted by the Chair of the WG to the 37th NRM for consideration by the RCA National Representatives and subsequent agreement on actions as they may determine.

Objectives:

The objectives of the meeting include the following:

- 1) To establish specific criteria and mechanism for the application and operation of Supplementary Projects (SPs) within the RCA programme,
- 2) To establish specific criteria and mechanism for the application and operation of Research Projects (RPs) within the RCA programme,
- 3) To develop guidelines, procedures and criteria for training/education programmes,

- 4) To prepare a revised RCARO mandate covering the proposed extended RCARO functions for the attention of the NRs,
- 5) To prepare option papers for consideration of the NRs on possible funding models to support SPs and RPs implemented by the RCARO,
- 6) To agree conclusions and recommendations on the proposed extended RCARO functions based on the discussions derived from the meeting and prepare an associated action plan.

**Expected
Outcomes:**

A report will be prepared on the meeting, which will be presented by the Chair of the WG for consideration by the NRs at the 37th NRM. The meeting report will:

- 1) Include criteria and mechanisms for the application and operation of the programmes outlined in section 5.2 of the 1st WGM report and,
- 2) Make recommendations concerning future activities of the WG.

Participation:

The participants of the meeting would include Members of the WG and relevant experts as follows:

<WG Members>

Mr. John Easey (Chair)
Mr. Liu Hansi (CPR)
Mr. Kenichi Bessho (NR of JPN)
Mr. Peter Roberts (NZE)
Mr. Waqar Ahmad (PAK)
Ms. Alumanda Dela Rosa (NR of PHI)
Ms. Youmee Baek (ROK)
Mr. Kun Mo Choi (Dir, RCARO)

<Experts>

IAEA, Korea: to be determined
Government Party: Ms. Mayumi Asakura, Mr. Shintaro Ito (JPN)

**Financial
Assistance:**

Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) and a round-trip economy class air ticket will be provided to the Members of the WG within budget limits, subject to the RCARO rules and regulations, in case participants could not bear their own cost for participation in this meeting.

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