

RCARO's FUTURE ROLE IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF RCA

IAEA'S POINT OF VIEW

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MAIN TOPICS

- IAEA's role in the RCA
- Strategic Goal and Objectives of the TC Programme of the IAEA
- Criteria for RCA Projects
- Mandate of the RCARO
- RCARO's future role

IAEA's ROLE IN THE RCA

- RCA Agreement established under the auspices of the IAEA but not a party to the Agreement
- Performs secretariat duties under the Agreement
- Supports RCA cooperative projects under the Technical Cooperation (TC) Programme in accordance with principle, rules and procedures governing provision of technical assistance
- Provides technical and administrative support for implementation of the RCA projects

Strategic Goal of the Technical Cooperation programme

“To increasingly promote tangible socio-economic impact by contributing directly in a cost effective manner to the major sustainable development priorities of each country”

TC Objectives

- To produce sustainable benefits within the framework of national development plans
- To gain recognition as a partner in resolving development problems through the cost-effective transfer of nuclear technologies
- To increase the level of funding for technical cooperation activities particularly from non-traditional sources, and to increase the number of opportunities for direct and “parallel funding” to help resolve development problems.
- To strengthen the capacity of institutions in Member States using nuclear technologies to become more technically and financially self-reliant.

CRITERIA FOR RCA PROJECTS

- Should contribute to achieving the RCA Vision and Mission.
- Must demonstrate that it has both regional nuclear cooperation and a prominent nuclear component as essential and indispensable aspects of its design.
- Participating Member States must have adequate physical infrastructure and human resources as well as financial support for participation in the project at national level.
- Should comply with International Basic Safety Standards and appropriate security requirements and recommendations
- Should conform to the Medium Term Strategy of the RCA (after its development and adoption)
- Be aligned with the objectives and priorities of prospective funding Agency(ies)

Mandate of the RCARO

- To pro-actively seek out opportunities for the RCA to participate in projects being funded by major regional and international donors, including international agencies
- To negotiate and secure funds for the RCA projects,
- To promote the peaceful uses of appropriate nuclear technology to assist in addressing regional and national needs,
- To provide enhanced visibility for the RCA at regional and national fora and
- To implement the directives of the RCA Member States as agreed upon at the National RCA Representatives Meetings

Issues on Sustainability of RCA

- Current level of funding by IAEA may not continue (approx. 2.5 million per year or 80% of the budget)
- Member States may have to take more responsibilities in managing the programme in the future

Seeking opportunities to participate in projects funded by donor agencies

Issues

- Donor requirements vs. conformity to RCA criteria
- Degree of collaboration
- Implementing agency
- Time frame and procedure for project development

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Needs

- Knowledge of development projects in the region funded by donor agencies to identify the potential for collaboration
- Information on project development procedures of donor agencies and time frames
- Negotiation and agreement on conditions for collaboration with potential donors on the degree of collaboration

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Constraints

- Meeting the requirements to establish RCARO as the entity authorized by RCA to negotiate on its behalf

Securing funds for the RCA projects

- Information on potential donor funding for projects during “up-stream work.”
- Negotiations with donors for funding of Project Concepts approved by Member States.

Promoting the peaceful uses of appropriate nuclear technologies

- Pro-active role in up-stream work
- Project initiation by RCARO
 - Need adoption of procedures by Member
- RCARO as the project manager
 - Agreement of Member States
 - Technical and administrative requirements
 - Interaction with IAEA
 - Safety and security issues



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Enhancing the visibility of the RCA at regional and national fora

- Most successful area of RCARO activities
- Collection and publicizing information on contribution of RCA to needs of Member States (RCA Success Stories) to facilitate attraction of donor funding.

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