

Issue concerning RCA Regional Training Course Travel Expenses
for Experts from Countries with Advanced Technology

Currently, travel expenses to participate in the RCA Regional Training Courses (RTC) are covered by the IAEA/RCA budget only for selected participants from countries eligible to receive technical assistance. Those who are not from eligible countries bear the costs by themselves or by their institutions. There were cases where individuals from advanced countries were not able to participate in RTCs due to budget limitation of their institutions.

We are fully aware of limitation of budgets. It is, however, useful and mutually beneficial for all the Government Parties, to have participants from countries with advanced technology at RTCs for the reasons stated below:

- Countries with advanced technology also have fields in which are not well-advanced and can learn a lot from other countries at RTCs. In addition, they can show their point of views based on their experiences;
- RTCs also provide a useful platform to build network and gather information. Providing chances for more individuals to take part in RTCs will contribute to a better project design in the future; and,
- For meetings which aim to draft regulations or manuals, it is strongly desirable to gather experts from as many countries as possible, to share and learn from their experiences.

Therefore, it is proposed that individuals from countries with advanced technology be also eligible, on a case-by-case basis, for their travel cost to be covered by the IAEA/RCA budget.