

Summary of the Report of the RCA PAC Meeting held on 6-10 May 2019

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Introduction

The following issues were considered by the RCA PAC Meeting held on 6-10 May 2019 at IAEA Headquarters

- Reporting of in-kind contributions by RCA GPs
- Revision of procedure for RCA projects supported by the Technical Cooperation Program of the IAEA
- Surveys conducted on RCA Matters
- High turn over of RCA NRs
- 50th Anniversary of the RCA

PAC Recommendations on these issues are contained in the Background Papers RCAGCM(48)/5 (three separate papers)

Recommendations on in-kind Contributions

- Issue
 - Difficulties faced by NRs in reporting in-kind contributions to RCA
- Recommendation
 - The future recording of the GPs' annual "In-kind" contributions should be taken in 2 stages as regional and national contributions
 - Regional Contribution:**
Participation of the GPs in the RCA regional activities based on the Agency's records – To be prepared by RCARO
 - National Contribution:**
 - a) The contribution made by GPs to RCA Projects by conducting national training events – To be reported by NRs
 - b) The contribution made by the GPs by providing cost free experts, analytical services, equipment, materials, chemicals for the RCA Program – To be reported by NRs

Recommendations on in-kind Contributions

Euro values to be used

- GP Hosting of RTCs - €3,200/working day;
- GP Hosting of Regional Meetings/Workshops - €1,600/working day;
- GP Provision of Experts/Lecturers for Regional assignments - €160/person/working day;
- GP Implementation of National Training related to RTCs - €300/working day/event;
- GP Provision of “Cost-free” services that were not subject to financial support from the Agency – GPs should calculate an appropriate value based on the currently established values where possible.

Recommendations on in-kind Contributions

- **Recommendation**

WG-MTSC considers the submission of the annual report by GPs of their “In-kind” Contributions to the RCA Programme as an additional metric for the PI on “Degree of GPs’ commitment to implementation of their allotted portions of the RCA projects”.

Revision of Procedure for RCA Projects Supported by IAEA TC Program

Recommendations

- Division of steps in the procedure into three stages (Pre-Concept State, the Concept Stage and the Design Stage) to improve clarity
- Removal of the limit of two Pre-Concepts per GP, retaining the condition there should be only one Pre-Concept in a given technological area.
- Inclusion of a limit of two Project Concepts per GP. This limit will not apply to fully EB funded projects.
- Inclusion of an additional step on identifying suitably qualified and experienced contact persons from participating GPs, for providing LCCs information needed for project design.

Other Issues

- **Issue - Surveys on RCA Matters**

Recommendation

Future surveys should be done online and designed with “interactive functions” so that the logical structure in the document is strictly followed.

- **Issue – High turnover of NRs**

Recommendation

Actions should be undertaken to address the potential knowledge gaps that might result from the frequent changes in NRs by arranging briefings for new NRs on the RCA Program, its policies and current important issues.

Other Issues

- **Issue - 50th Anniversary of the RCA**

Recommendation

Formation of Steering Committee for the celebration of the RCA 50th Anniversary in 2022 with the direct aim of using this event to strongly promote the achievements of the RCA to senior GP decision-makers.