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**MEETING REPORT OF**  
**THE 27th RCARO STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Room M0E24, M Building  
IAEA Headquarters, Austria

13 September 2018  
14:00-17:00

## **Introduction**

The 27th RCA Regional Office Standing Advisory Committee Meeting was held in the IAEA Headquarters in Vienna, Austria on September 13, 2018 prior to the 47<sup>th</sup> RCA GCM. The participants were Mr KIM Young Eun (Current RCA Chair, NR of ROK), Mr Imtiaz Kamal (Immediate past RCA Chair, NR of BGD), Mr. Mazibur Rahman (BAEC), Ms Mi Kyung Han (Ministry of Science and ICT), Ms Jae Eun Choi (KONICOF), representatives of the IAEA, Ms Najat Mokhtar (Director of Division for Asia and Pacific), Mr. Oscar Acuna (Section Head of Division of Asia and Pacific Section 1) and Mr. Sinh Hoang (RCA Focal Person).

The RCARO served as the secretariat of the SAC Meeting and was represented by the Director Mr. Hai Joo Moon, Ms. Hyun Kyoung Jeon, Ms. Soo Youn Hwang and Ms. Kyung Eun Shon.

## **1. Opening**

### **Opening Remarks by the RCA Chair (ROK)**

Mr KIM Young Eun, the current RCA Chair, opened the Meeting and welcomed the participants. He wished a fruitful meeting and expressed appreciation to the RCARO for its contributions.

### **Congratulatory Remarks by the IAEA**

Mr Oscar Acuna, Section Head of Division of Asia and Pacific Section 1, delivered the congratulatory statement on behalf of the IAEA. He emphasized the RCARO as the only regional office among the agreements thanked the RCARO for taking its role in expanding the RCA He wished for a successful meeting.

## **2. Adoption of the Agenda and Appointment of a Rapporteur**

The agenda items were reviewed and adopted with no amendment. RCARO was appointed as rapporteur.

The SAC adopted the draft agenda with no amendment and appointed the RCARO as rapporteur.

## **3. Discussions on the Major Issues of the RCARO Activities**

### **3.1. Participation in regional and international conferences and exhibitions to increase the RCA awareness and partnership**

The SAC was informed of RCARO's participation to the following event in 2018;

- 12th congress of the World Federation of Nuclear Medicine and Biology on 20-24 April, Melbourne, Australia

The SAC was informed of RCARO's support to the NZE's promotion of the RCA at the following events during which RCARO provided promotional materials such as brochures, Success Stories, and souvenirs;

- Australasian Environmental Isotope Conference on 26-28, March, Wellington, New Zealand
- International Workshop on Global Atmosphere Watch (GAW) Activities on 7-8 August, Jakarta, Indonesia

The RCARO reported on its plan to participate in the following events in 2018, as approved by the 46<sup>th</sup> GCM and 26<sup>th</sup> SAC;

- Global South-South Development Expo on 28-30 November 2018
- IAEA Ministerial Conference on Nuclear Science and Technology on 28-30 November 2018

The SAC was briefed with the survey result on regional/international conferences to be held in 2019 and was requested to advise on possible conferences for the RCARO's promotional activities in 2019.

The SAC took note of the promotional activities at international conferences and exhibitions that have been carried out by RCARO in 2018 and reconfirmed the plan for promotional activities in 2018 which had been approved at the 46<sup>th</sup> GCM and 26<sup>th</sup> SAC.

The SAC recommended that NRs endorse the RCARO to participate in two conferences in 2019; namely 6<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD 2019) (May 2019, venue to be decided) and 13<sup>th</sup> Regional Conference on Nuclear Science and Technology (August 2019, Viet Nam).

### **3.2 Participation in the IAEA Ministerial Conference on Nuclear Science and Technology: Addressing Current and Emerging Development Challenges**

The SAC was informed of RCARO's plan and progress made in regards to the participation in the IAEA Ministerial Conference on Nuclear Science and Technology: Addressing Current and Emerging Development Challenges to be held on 28-30 November, in the IAEA headquarters, according to the recommendation of the 26<sup>th</sup> SAC.

The SAC took note of the RCARO's plan and progress made so far on the preparation for participation in the IAEA Ministerial Conference on Nuclear Science and Technology: Addressing Current and Emerging Development Challenges to be held on 28-30 November in the IAEA headquarters.

### **3.3 Support of RCA experts for increasing the awareness and promotion of the RCA**

The SAC was briefed on the RCARO's support for three RCA experts (two from MAL and one from INS) for their RCA promotional activities through their participation in relevant conferences in 2018.

For the next cycle, the RCARO presented the SAC with a summary of received nominations and a shortlist of three candidates (BGD, MAL and NEP) for review.

The SAC took note of the RCARO's support for the RCA experts in their RCA promotional activities at relevant conferences in 2018 and agreed to select three candidates (BGD, MAL and NEP) for the next cycle.

### **3.4 Implementation of RAS6083 on Improving Patient Care and Enhancing Government Parties Capacity in Nuclear Medicine Programs in RCA region**

The SAC acknowledged the progress made and activities undertaken under RAS6083, namely, a review meeting (16-20 April in Melbourne, Australia) held in conjunction with the 12<sup>th</sup> Congress of the World Federation of Nuclear Medicine and Biology (WFNMB) (20-24 April ) and three expert missions to THA, PHI and VIE. The SAC took note of the efforts made under the project on the development of e-learning modules, including the platform established on the RCARO website, for sustained educational support for the GPs even after the project is closed.

The SAC took note of the plan for six expert missions (INS, MON, KAM, PAK and THA) to be undertaken in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2019, and a final review meeting to be held on 17-21 December in Singapore.

The SAC took note of the progress made and activities undertaken and work plan for 2018 under RAS6083.

### **3.5 Implementation of RCA/UNOSSC Project on Electron Beam Applications**

The RCARO reported on the progress made and activities undertaken under the RCA/UNOSSC Project on Electron Beam Applications, specifically on the regional training course on electron beam applications for shelf-life extension and phytosanitary measures on foods and three expert missions to MYA, MAL, MON, and SRL. The SAC was also informed of the plan for holding mid-term review meeting to be held on 16-18 October in Indonesia.

The SAC took note of the progress made and activities undertaken in 2018 under the RCA/UNOSSC Project.

### **3.6 RCARO Managed Project: Implementation of a Research Project on Air Quality and Environmental Impact Assessment of Industrial Activities in the Region**

The RCARO reported on the progress in the implementation of the Research Project under the framework of the RCARO Managed Project. A kick-off meeting was held on 9-11 May in Jeju, Korea, where the current status of research activities on air pollution monitoring in the region were discussed and detailed project work plan was reviewed and finalized according to which the participating countries will carry out their research activities.

The SAC took note of the plan for Chief Scientific Investigators (CSIs) to submit Annual Progress Reports for review by the Research Review Committee (RRC) and a Research Coordination Meeting to be held in June 2019.

The SAC congratulated the RCARO for the commencement of the first RCA Research Project under the framework of the RCARO Managed Project and encouraged the RCARO to continue its efforts on implementing collaborative research activities in the region.

### **3.7 Holding of an IAEA/RCARO/KIRAMS joint training course on occupational radiation protection**

The RCARO reported on the plan of holding an IAEA/RCARO/KIRAMS joint training course on occupational radiation protection in the medical area on 5-16 November in Seoul, Korea, to provide the competence needed to apply the methodologies and techniques used for direct and indirect measurements of internal exposure to radioactive material.

The SAC took note of the plan for holding an IAEA/RCARO/KIRAMS joint training course on occupational radiation protection in November 2018.

### **3.8 Selection and Appointment of the Next Director of RCA Regional Office**

The SAC was informed of the guidelines on the selection and appointment of the next director of RCARO approved at the 44<sup>th</sup> GCM were also presented to the SAC.

The SAC took note of the expiration of the term of the present Director of the RCARO and plan for selecting a new Director and agreed to report to the 47<sup>th</sup> GCM for approval of the plan and timeline.

### **3.9 Other Matters**

The SAC was informed of RCARO's other activities: supporting the IAEA for RCA

administrative matters and assisting the RCA Chair for coordination of activities; holding of meetings for Working Group on RCA MTS 2018/2023 Coordination and Working Group on Revision of the RCA GOR; Upload of resource documents on the RCARO website for 2020-2021 RCA Programme; exploring partnership with the ASEAN; RCA/iTRS training course on radiation safety; RCARO/KAERI regional training course; RCARO/KAIST Nuclear engineering master's degree course; inviting temporary staff from the GPs to the RCARO; and EB contribution of the RCARO to the IAEA.

The SAC took note of the other activities of the RCARO: supporting the IAEA for RCA administrative matters and assisting the RCA Chair for coordination of activities; holding of meetings for Working Group on RCA MTS 2018/2023 Coordination and Working Group on Revision of the RCA GOR; Upload of resource documents on the RCARO website for 2020-2021 RCA Programme; exploring partnership with the ASEAN; RCA/iTRS training course on radiation safety; RCARO/KAERI regional training course; RCARO/KAIST master's degree course; RCARO fellowship programme; and EB contribution to the IAEA. The SAC highly appreciated the contribution of the RCARO and encouraged the RCARO to maintain its endeavour in the future.

#### **4. Arrangement for the 28<sup>th</sup> SAC Meeting**

The Meeting was informed that the 28<sup>th</sup> RCARO SAC Meeting would be held on the day prior to the 41<sup>st</sup> RCA NRM which is planned to be held in 2018 in Sri Lanka.

#### **5. Closing**

The Chair of the Meeting thanked RCARO for the excellent work performed by the RCARO so far.

The Chair also thanked all the SAC members for their advice and recommendations.