

# **Report of the Consultation Meeting on the Establishment of the Working Group on Drafting the RCA MTS 2024-2029**

**(Virtual Meeting via MS Teams)**

**18<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

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## **1. Introduction**

The 42<sup>nd</sup> RCA Meeting of the National Representatives held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2020 had endorsed the establishment of a new Working Group (WG) to draft the RCA Medium Term Strategy (MTS) 2024-2029. Ten (10) GPs, namely AUL, BGD, CPR, IND, JPN, MAL, PHI, PLW, ROK and THA, expressed their interest in joining the WG and agreed to submit candidates' names together with their relevant expertise/experience (or CVs) to the RCA Chair by 8 May 2020. The Meeting had also agreed that the membership of the WG should reflect the balance of the expertise required, bearing in mind the possibility of involving external experts if required and the criteria for the appointment of WG members is to be discussed by the RCA Chair with the chairs of RCA PAC and WG MTSC and the RCA FP.

Hence, a Consultation Meeting on the Establishment of the WG on Drafting the RCA MTS 2024-2029 was held on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2020, via video conferencing. The WG MTSC Chair, RCA PAC Chair, RCA-FP and RCA Chair attended the Meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the nomination candidates received from the GPs, the criteria for WG members and the roles and responsibilities of the WG RCA MTS 2024-2029.

## **2. Overview on the Nomination for the Appointment of WG Members to Draft the RCA MTS 2024-2029**

During the meeting, the RCA Chair has presented that, as of 17<sup>th</sup> August 2020, seven nominations had been received namely from AUL, IND JPN, MAL, PHI, ROK and THA. The brief information and background of the seven nominations received was subsequently reviewed and a summary of candidate's information, criteria, area of expertise, work experience, qualification, current position and involvement in the RCA/IAEA is as attached in **Annex 1** of this report.

The meeting agreed that three more candidates for the MTS 2024-2029 WG should be nominated by the relevant GPs, at least two weeks after the 49<sup>th</sup> GCM. WG MTSC Chair recommended that, the MTS 2024-2029 WG should also have experts in the area of environment and agriculture to balance the fields of expertise thus far, which could come from the remaining three candidates.

RCA-FP highlighted that the good establishment and success of a working group would depend on a strong leadership and hence the chairmanship of the group should be carefully considered, besides the optimal composition of the members in the working group.

### **3. Roles and Responsibilities of the RCA MTS 2024-2029 WG**

RCA Chair presented the early draft on the proposed roles and responsibilities of the RCA MTS 2024-2029 WG, as in **Annex 2**. RCA PAC Chair recommended that the roles and responsibilities of the WG should be different from the RCA PAC, simpler, more specific and clearly defined.

RCA FP proposed that the current Chair of MTS WG be appoint as MTS 2024-2029 WG Chair. The meeting however agreed that the working group members could decide the RCA MTS 2024-2029 WG Chair during the first meeting.

### **4. Conclusion**

The Meeting in principal agreed on the seven nominations and the proposed roles and responsibilities for the RCA MTS 2024-2029 WG as presented by the RCA Chair, and recommended these for the approval of the 49<sup>th</sup> RCA GCM.

#### **Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the 49<sup>th</sup> RCA GCM approve:

- seven (7) nominations from AUL, IND JPN, MAL, PHI, ROK and THA as the members of the MTS 2024-2029 WG
- remaining three (3) GPs to send in their nominations soonest possible
- roles and responsibilities of the WG MTS 2024-2029 as drafted
- WG MTS 2024-2029 to nominate the Chairman

**Summary Information of Nominations for WG RCA MTS 2024-2029**

| <b>Area of Expertise</b>   | <b>Work Experience</b>   | <b>Qualification / Education</b>                | <b>Current Position</b>                                   | <b>Involvement in IAEA /RCA</b>                     |
|--|--|---|---|---|
| <p>Molecular Biology, Microbiology, Microfluidics, Genetic Diagnosis and Bioinformatics (1)</p> <p>Radiology and Radiation Oncology (1)</p> <p>Radiation chemistry and processing of polymers (1)</p> <p>International cooperation in the field of nuclear energy (1)</p> <p>Mathematics, computer-related Issues and general engineering (1)</p> <p>Data Telecommunications &amp; Networks (1)</p> <p>Chemistry (1)</p> | <p>&gt;30 years: (3)</p> <p>&lt; 30 years: (1)</p> <p>No info: (3)</p> | <p>Doctorate /PhD: (5)</p> <p>No info : (2)</p> | <p>Top Management: (6)</p> <p>Middle Management : (1)</p> | <p>Yes: (5)</p> <p>No: (0)</p> <p>No info : (2)</p> |

## **Roles and Responsibilities of WG to draft the RCA MTS 2024-2029**

- to prepare the RCA MTS for 2024-2029
- to explore and identify focus strategic directions and priorities of RCA for increasing and managing extra-budgetary contributions in support for the RCA Programme;
- to provide recommendations on milestones of the MTS to the NRs based on the Performance Indicators of the MTS, in consultation and coordination with the RCA Programme Advisory Committee (RCA PAC);
- to assist the NRs in implementing the MTS by preparing Annual Work Plans to be presented to the NRM and GCM including recommendations for the formation of additional Working Groups when needed;
- to develop Annual Progress Reports based on the activities undertaken in previous years to be presented to the NRMs and GCMs;
- to make recommendations to the NRs on the update of the RCA Guidelines and Operating Rules (GOR), when necessary;