

## **Revised Criteria for Holding RCA Events outside the RCA Region**

### **Background**

At the 30<sup>th</sup> RCA GC held in Vienna, Austria on 15 September 2001, the National Representatives reviewed a draft set of criteria to guide the selection of events that could be hosted outside the region. The draft criteria was prepared to address the possibility that regional events may also be hosted outside the region

The GC agreed to “adopt the set of criteria after suitable modification is made of the first criterion to state that the decision to hold the event outside the region should be left to Lead Countries in consultation with the RCA Coordinator and Technical Officers, and deleting the phrase on the percentage (50%)”

The revised criteria are indicated below.

#### **RCA events can be hosted outside the region if:**

1. Old: The hosting of the event outside the region gives RCA Member States access to human and physical resources that would not otherwise be available if the event is hosted in the region  
  
New: *The Lead country concerned, in consultation with the RCA Coordinator and relevant Technical Officers, makes this decision.*
2. Old: The event is receiving sufficient funding and other support from sources other than hardcore RCA project budget to justify the additional costs of funding the event outside the region; For example, the event must be fully or partially (more than 50%) funded by other organisations outside RCA, or the event is within a footnote a/ project funded by a country outside RCA providing their facilities for the event.  
  
New: Same as above but with the parenthetical “(more than 50%)” deleted.
3. (No change). The standard agreed RCA implementation arrangements are met which includes allowing fair access to the event by all eligible participants from RCA Member States. (This would include for example, the no visa restrictions.)
4. (No change): If the event is also open to participants from other regions, their participation should not jeopardise the participation of those coming from RCA MSs.
5. (No change). The IAEA would also have a say in the selection of lecturers and participants to the event.

Member States are requested to give their comments and/or agreement to the revised set of criteria.