



**REGIONAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT
INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY**



MEETING REPORT OF
THE 24th RCARO STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Imperial Hall,
Royal Tulip Sea Pearl Beach Resort & Spa
Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh

2 April 2017
15:00-17:00

Introduction

The 24th RCA Regional Office Standing Advisory Committee Meeting was held at Imperial Hall of Royal Tulip Sea Pearl Beach Resort & Spa, in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, prior to the 39th RCA NRM. The participants were Mr. Jafar Sadique (Current RCA Chair, NR of BGD), Mr. Md. Mazibur Rahman (NLO and Director of International Affairs Division of BAEC), Mr. Syed Mohammod Hossain (Director of Human Resources Development of BAEC), Mr. Rummy Parvez (Principal Scientific Officer of BAEC), Mr. Mavag Chadraabal (Immediate past RCA Chair, NR of MON), Mr. Chung-won Lee (Immediate next RCA Chair, NR of ROK), Ms. Mi-kyung Han (Ministry of Science, ICT and Future Planning), Ms. Ji-young Kim (KONICOF), representatives of the IAEA, Ms Najat Mokhtar (Director of Division for Asia and Pacific), 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 Remarks by the RCA Chair (BGD)

Mr. Jafar Sadique, 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.

2. Adoption of the Agenda and Appointment of a Rapporteur

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

The SAC agreed to adopt the draft agenda with no amendment and appointed RCARO as rapporteurs.

3. RCARO 2016 Work Performance and 2017 Work Plan

The SAC noted the 2016 Work Performance and 2017 Work Plan circulated at the end of December 2016. The RCARO briefed on the activities undertaken in 2016 and major issues in the 2017 Work Plan.

The SAC expressed its satisfaction with the RCARO's 2016 Work Performance and reconfirmed the 2017 RCARO Work Plan which had already been endorsed electronically in January 2017.

4. Discussions on the Major Issues of the RCARO Activities

4.1. 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 two events in 2016;

- The 20th Pacific Basin Nuclear Conference on 5-9 April 2016, Beijing, China
- International Conference on Nuclear Science and Technology in 4-6 August 2016, Bangkok, Thailand

The SAC was also informed of RCARO's support for promotional activities of RCA GPs, New Zealand and Vietnam in 2016.

The SAC took note of RCARO's plan to participate in the following two events in 2017, as approved in the 44th GCM;

- International Conference on the IAEA Technical Cooperation Programme: Sixty Years and Beyond – Contributing to Development, 30 May-1 June 2017, IAEA, Austria
- World Nuclear & Radiation Expo, June 2017, Seoul, Korea

The SAC took note of promotional activities in international conferences and exhibitions that had been taken in 2016 and reconfirmed the RCARO's plan for promotional activities for 2017 which had been approved at the 45th GCM.

4.2 Promotion of the RCA on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the IAEA and Technical Cooperation Programme

The SAC was briefed with the RCA exhibition on the occasion of the 60th Anniversary of the IAEA during the GC to promote the RCA and its activities.

As recommended by the 38th RCA NRM, RCARO set up a booth and displayed 4 posters on overall RCA and its activities, a newly produced video clip on RCA project activities, and sample products of RCA projects from RCA GPs.

Further, the SAC was informed of the progress made by RCARO for the RCA exhibition during the International Conference on the IAEA Technical Cooperation Programme.

The SAC appreciated RCARO's efforts for the RCA exhibition during the 60th Anniversary of the IAEA in 2016. The SAC took note of the progress made by RCARO for the RCA exhibition during the International Conference on the IAEA Technical Cooperation Programme in 2017.

4.3 Support of RCA experts for increasing the awareness and promotion of the RCA

The SAC was briefed on the RCARO's support for two RCA experts (VIE and INS) for their RCA promotional activities, through their participation in relevant conferences in 2016, and RCARO's plan to support four RCA experts (BGD, INS, THA and VIE) in 2017.

The SAC took note of RCARO's support for RCA experts in their participation in relevant conferences and RCA promotional activities in 2016 and its plan for continued support in 2017.

4.4 Implementation of RAS/6/083 on Improving Patient Care and Enhancing Government Parties Capacity in Nuclear Medicine Programs in RCA region

The SAC was informed of the progress made and activities undertaken in RAS6083 in which the RCARO is taking the role of LCC. In 2016 three expert missions to CPR, MYA and PAK were carried out with project coordination meeting in ROK and project review meeting in

VIE held in April 2016 and February 2017 respectively. The SAC also took note of the 2017 work plan for expert missions (BGD, KAM, PHI, INS, MAL, and THA) and establishment of an e-learning module.

The SAC appreciated the ROK Government for its contribution to RAS6083. The SAC took note of the progress undertaken in 2016 and work plan for 2017 under RAS6083.

4.4 Implementation of RCA/UNOSSC Project on Electron Beam Applications

The RCARO reported on the implementation of RCA/UNOSSC Project (Phase 2) as a follow-up of RCA/UNOSSC Project (Phase 1) on Electron Beam Applications. Based on the needs and demands of the RCA GPs, RCARO put its efforts for a follow-up project and finally got approval from the UNOSSC for the commencement of the Phase 2 Project in early 2017. The SAC took note of RCARO's plan in 2017 under this project to hold a project coordination meeting in May in Thailand.

The SAC complimented the RCARO for its efforts in developing a follow up project. The SAC took note of the work plan for RCA/UNOSSC Project for 2017.

4.5 RCARO Managed Project: Holding of an Introductory Workshop for New RCA Government Parties on RCA Programme and its Policy

The RCARO reported on the implementation of the first RCARO Managed Project: Holding of an Introductory Workshop for New RCA Government Parties on RCA Programme and its Policy. The SAC appreciated the RCARO for taking the initiative for the newly joined GPs and complimented the RCARO for successfully hosting the event in Fiji. The SAC recommended the RCARO to continue the workshop on two to three year basis for the RCA NRs in need.

The SAC took note of the successful implementation of RCARO Managed Project in 2016 – an Introductory Workshop for New RCA GPs on RCA Programme and its Policy. Taking note of the constant needs and demands, the SAC recommended the RCA NRs to consider continuing the training on regular basis for the new RCA GPs and newly appointed NRs.

4.6 RCARO Managed Project: Implementation of a Research Project to Accommodate Needs of the Government Parties

The SAC took note of the progress made for the implementation of Research Project under the RCARO Managed Project, specifically on the survey result of the research area and submission of project proposals by the RCA GPs. The SAC also took note of the timeline for further development of the project.

The SAC complimented initiation of the programme and took note of the progress made under the Research Project.

To enhance technical review of RP proposals, the SAC recommended engaging of 2-3 technical experts in the relevant area from the RCA region and/or IAEA to provide technical inputs to the RCA PAC.

The SAC also recommended the 39th NRM to select candidate proposals for further review of the RCA PAC and RCARO SAC.

4.7 Holding of an IAEA/RCARO/KINS joint training course on radiation safety for countries with no radiation safety infrastructure in the Asia-Pacific region

The RCARO reported on the IAEA/RCARO/KINS Joint Training Course on radiation safety which was held for four weeks from 8 August to 2 September 2016 in Daejeon, Korea, inviting 16 participants from 8 countries. As a follow-up, it was noted that RCARO will host a one-week training course on the same theme for countries with no or limited radiation safety infrastructure from 12 to 16 June, 2017, in Daejeon Korea.

The SAC complimented the RCARO for holding IAEA/RCARO/KINS Joint Training Course and its plan for a follow-up training course in 2017.

3.9. Other Matters

The SAC was informed of RCARO's other activities: Supporting the IAEA for RCA administrative matters; Participation in the joint WG meeting on execution of the RCA MTS 2018-2023; Partnership Project with ASEAN; Participation in the 18th FNCA Coordinators meeting; Inviting temporary staff from the Government Parties to the RCARO; RCARO/KAERI regional training workshop; RCARO/KIRAMS training course on radiation safety in nuclear medicine and radiation therapy; RCARO/KAIST Nuclear Engineering Master's Degree Course; and Extra-Budgetary (EB) contribution of the RCARO to the IAEA.

The SAC took note of the RCARO's other activities: Supporting the IAEA for RCA administrative matters; Participation in the joint WG meeting on execution of the RCA MTS 2018-2023; Partnership Project with ASEAN; Participation in the 18th FNCA Coordinators meeting; Inviting temporary staff from the Government Parties to the RCARO; RCARO/KAERI regional training workshop; RCARO/KIRAMS training course on radiation safety in nuclear medicine and radiation therapy; RCARO/KAIST Nuclear Engineering Master's Degree Course; and Extra-Budgetary (EB) contribution of the RCARO to the IAEA, and encouraged the RCARO to continue its endeavour in such activities.

Regarding the RCARO's support to the IAEA, the SAC highly appreciated the RCARO's assistance in the preparation of the 39th NRM and coordination of the meetings of Working Groups on execution of the RCA MTS 2018-2023 and encouraged the RCARO to continue assisting the IAEA in its secretariat functions.

4. Arrangement for the 25th SAC Meeting

The Meeting was informed that the 25th RCARO SAC Meeting would be held on the day prior to the 46th RCA GCM which is planned to be held in September 2017 in the IAEA, Austria.

5. Closing

The Chair of the Meeting thanked all the SAC members for their advice and recommendations given to the RCARO.