



## **Closing Remarks by Mr Hua Liu**

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Distinguished RCA Chair,  
Distinguished RCA National Representatives,  
Director of the RCA Regional Office,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a pleasure to address you today as we conclude the 46th Regional Meeting of the National Representatives of RCA.

Over the past three days, your discussions and interventions on issues related to the RCA have been substantive and impactful. Your insights, interventions, and collaborative spirit have been truly commendable.

The agreements reached and the recommendations made here represent a pivotal breakthrough. Moving the RCA Programming and projects towards a more programmatic approach in the current TC cycle is a strategic move that promises to make your efforts more effective, efficient, and impactful across the Asia and Pacific region. This shift will enable you to address the diverse needs of the Government Parties, ensuring that the benefits of nuclear science and technology are realized with enhanced impact.

This has also translated some elements of the Ministerial Declaration into practice on your commitment to regional cooperation to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the programme. As I mentioned, promoting partnership and resource mobilization is crucial and the programming approach you adopted will broaden the prospects of partnership through demonstration of concrete results and impactfulness.



We congratulate the important steps you have initiated to strengthen RCA governance and ownership that will enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the RCA TC projects and ensure value for money. Your achievements in implementing the current RCA projects are commendable and deserve recognition.

Your achievements in implementing the current RCA projects and the level of delivery are commendable and deserve recognition. Please pay particular attention in developing project progress and achievement reports in a timely manner. Your concerted action for cleaning up and closing completed old projects is highly required. We also encourage you to progress the Socioeconomic Impact Assessment Studies that provide comprehensive information for future planning, learning and continuous improvement.

Asia and the Pacific region is vibrant in terms of human capital, institutional capacity and technology resources. I am confident that with your joint efforts, the RCA TC programmes will have important impact to the social and economic development of the region.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Government of China for their outstanding leadership as the RCA Chair and for the excellent organization of this NRM.

Our thanks and congratulations goes to Australia for its successful chairmanship as the former chair of RCA, under Natascha's commitment and dedication.

As Fiji is preparing to take over the chairmanship from China next year, I am confident that the collaboration of the RCA committee of chair, consisting of China, Australia and Fiji will pave the way for innovation, and support each other in smooth transition of the RCA leadership.

We greatly appreciate the support provided by the RCA Regional Office in preparing for this 46th RCA NRM. Their generous support have been instrumental in the success of this gathering.

Last but not least, I extend great appreciation to the rapporteur team for documenting the outcomes of today's discussions and the way forward.

I wish you all a safe journey back to your countries, and I look forward to meeting you in GC Meeting in September and future gathering.

Thank you very much!

