

26th MEETING OF THE RCA NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

SCIENTIFIC FORUM

13th April 2004, Islamabad, Pakistan

Objectives:

The objective of the Scientific Forum is to create awareness among the representatives of development agencies in Pakistan, and among the senior Governmental Officials of Pakistan, of the contribution the RCA programme can make to address development issues in the East Asia and Pacific Region in order to facilitate establishment of partnerships with the development agencies in the region and strengthen collaboration with the key Ministries of the Government of Pakistan.

Participants

Representatives of development Agencies in Pakistan,
Representatives of key Ministries of the Government of Pakistan
Representative of Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission
National RCA Representatives
Representatives of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Background

The Regional Cooperative Agreement (RCA) is an inter-governmental agreement, between 17 countries in the East Asia and Pacific Region established in 1972. Australia, Bangladesh, Peoples Republic of China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Pakistan. The Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam are parties to this agreement. The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) functions as the Secretariat and provides technical support under its Technical Cooperation Programme for implementation of projects in areas of development priorities of the region identified by the Member States. The projects implemented are in the sectoral areas of human health, agriculture, industrial development, environmental protection, sustainable energy development and radiation safety. The RCA programme has significantly contributed to the resolving of development issues in the Member States in the above mentioned areas through application of nuclear techniques.. Extensive collaboration and cooperation between the Member States has made it possible to effectively utilize the resources available for the programme and to promote TCDC (Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries).

The RCA wishes to establish partnerships with development agencies for jointly addressing development problems in the region to obtain the benefits of synergy and for more effective utilization of resources. . The National RCA Representatives have proposed to conduct a Scientific Forum during the annual Meeting of the Representatives, to create an awareness among the representatives of development Agencies in Pakistan and among senior Governmental officials of Pakistan, of the contributions the RCA programme has made, and can make to resolve development issues in order to facilitate the establishment of partnerships with development Agencies and to strengthen collaboration with the key Ministries of the Government of Pakistan.

Tentative Agenda

- 9.00 Welcome address on behalf of Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission.
- 9.10 Welcome address on behalf of the International Atomic Energy Agency
- 9.20 An overview of the RCA Programme (Dr. Ron Cameron, National Representative of Australia or Prinath Dias, RCA Coordinator, Department of Technical Cooperation IAEA)
- 10.00 *Tea/Coffee Break*

Presentations on past achievements and potential for partnerships with development agencies.

- 10.20 Industrial Sector (Dr. K. Raguraman, National Representative for India)
- 10.40 Health Sector (Mr. Mamoru Shinohara National Representative of Japan or Prof. T. Nakano Lead Country Coordinator for the Health Sector)
- 11.00 Agricultural Sector (Mr Jing. Zhang, National Representative of China or Dr. Guoqing Sun, Lead Country Coordinator for the Agricultural Sector)
- 11.20 Environmental Sector (Dr. Frank Bruhn National Representative for New Zealand or Dr. A. Markwitz, Lead Country Coordinator for the Environmental Sector)
- 11.40 Discussion on the potential for establishment of partnerships between RCA and development Agencies.
- 12.15 Closing remarks (Dr. M. Awais, National Representative for Pakistan)