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INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY**



MEETING REPORT OF
THE 21st RCARO STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

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IAEA Headquarters
Vienna, Austria

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14:00-17:00

Introduction

The 21st RCA Regional Office Standing Advisory Committee Meeting was held at the IAEA Headquarters in Vienna, Austria on 10 September 2015, prior to the 44th RCA GCM. The participants were Mr. Waqar Ahmad (Minister, PAK), on behalf of Mr. Imtiaz Ahmed (Current RCA Chair, NR of PAK), Mr. Chris Daughney (Immediate past RCA Chair, NR of NZE), Mr. Mavag Chadraabal (Immediate next RCA Chair, NR of MON), and Mr. Seung-ho Hong (NR of ROK). Mr. Hong-hwa Jeong (KONICOF), representatives of the IAEA, Ms Najat Mokhtar (Director of Division for Asia and the Pacific), Mr. Oscar Acuna, (Section Head of Asia and the Pacific Section 1) and Mr. Sinh Hoang (RCA Focal Person) attended as observers.

The RCARO served as the secretariat of the SAC Meeting and represented by the Director Mr. Kun-mo Choi, Ms. Hyun-kyoung Jeon, Ms. Soo-youn Hwang and Ms Kyung-eun Shon.

1. Opening Remarks by the RCA Chair (PAK)

Mr. Waqar Ahmad, the current RCA Chair, opened the Meeting and welcomed the participants. He expressed appreciation to the RCARO for its activities for the benefit of the Government Parties.

2. Adoption of the Agenda and Appointment of a Rapporteur

The agenda items were reviewed and adopted with no amendment. Ms. Soo-youn Hwang and Ms. Kyung-eun Shon from RCARO were appointed as rapporteurs.

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

3. Mid-term Review of the RCARO 2015 Work Plan and Discussion on the Major Issues concerning RCARO Work Plan

3.1. Publication of the 6th batch of RCA Success Stories

The SAC was informed of the progress made for publication of the 6th batch of RCA Success Stories to promote RCA activities and publicise the benefits of nuclear science and technologies. According to the revised guideline approved by the 37th NRM, RCA FP provided information on candidate projects to the SAC for their prioritisation. Based on the decision and opinion of the NRs, RCARO will publish 2-3 Success Stories in appropriate forms depending on contents and target-audiences.

The SAC took note of the progress made for publication of the 6th batch of RCA Success Stories. It was agreed that two success stories be published from industry and medical sectors: one success story from RAS 1012, and one combined success story from RAS 6064 and RAS 6066.

3.2. Enhanced RCA information service through the RCA Website

According to the decision of the 37th NRM, RCARO held a Workshop on Establishment of Guidelines for Enhancement of the RCA Information Service on 15-16 June 2015 in Busan, Korea. The SAC was briefed with the result of the Workshop including established guidelines for designation of the RWA (RCA Website Administrator), recommendation on efficient provision of the RCA information by the IAEA and GPs and guideline for public version of RCA Annual Report together with its example. A set of follow-up activities will be further implemented after consideration of the NRs.

The SAC complimented the RCARO for its endeavours on improving RCA information service. The SAC also took note of the result of the Expert Meeting and recommended that the 44th GCM consider recommendations and conclusions of the Meeting including the established guidelines.

3.3 Participating in regional and international conferences and exhibitions to increase the RCA awareness and partnership

The SAC was informed of the RCARO's participation in the 15th International Congress of Radiation Research. The SAC was also informed of survey result on regional/international conferences to be held in 2016 and requested to advise on possible conferences for the RCARO's promotional activities in 2016.

The SAC complimented the RCARO for its efforts to publicise the RCA. The SAC recommended that NRs endorse the RCARO to participate in two conferences; the 20th Pacific Basin Nuclear Conference (April 2016, Beijing, China) and 2016 International Conference on Nuclear Science and Technology (August 2016, Bangkok, Thailand). For the 46th Scientific Meeting of the ANZSNM (April 2016, Rotorua, New Zealand), the NZE NR agreed to try to promote the RCA in the event with RCA promotional materials supplied by the RCARO.

The SAC also recommended NRs to encourage the RCARO to interact with the VIE NR for its participation in the international conferences to be held in Vietnam at which the RCA could be promoted.

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

The SAC was briefed on the RCARO's activity to support the RCA experts for their promotional activities, taking advantage of their participating in the relevant conferences.

It was informed that 2 experts from CPR and INS were supported through the programme and 4 out of 15 nominations were selected for the next cycle.

The SAC complimented the RCARO for operation and management of the Programme. The SAC recommended that NRs endorse the list of four selectees for the next cycle of the programme. The SAC also recommended that NRs encourage RCARO to consider means of combining the expert supporting programme with RCARO's participation programme in international events.

3.5. Implementation of RCA/UNDP Partnership Project on Electron Beam Applications

The SAC was informed of the activities undertaken and progress made in the RCA/UNDP partnership project on electron beam applications in the fields of food, industry and environment.

1 Regional Training Course for the area of environment was carried out, inviting 23 participants from 12 participating GPs. National activities and outcomes of the project were also informed to the SAC.

The SAC took note of the successful implementation of the RCA/UNDP partnership project. As the project is to be completed in 2015, the SAC recommended that the NRs encourage RCARO to explore possibility of continuation of the project.

3.6. Holding a meeting for the Working Group of the RCARO's future role

The SAC was briefed with RCARO's plan to hold the 3rd Working Group Meeting in January 2016 in Korea for further discussions on matters related to the future role of the RCARO.

The SAC took note of RCARO's plan to hold the 3rd Working Group Meeting in January 2016 in Korea and requested RCARO to report its progress to the 38th NRM for consideration of NRs.

3.7. Selection and Appointment of the Next Director of the RCA Regional Office

RCARO reported to the SAC on the progress of selection and appointment of the next director of the RCARO; A Selection Committee (SC) was constituted by appointees from MON, NZE, PAK and ROK and relevant documents including the guideline, job description, and timeline for selection of the next DIR-RCARO were prepared by the SC.

The SAC took note of the progress made by the RCARO for selecting a new RCARO Director including the constitution of the Selection Committee (SC). The SAC agreed on the changes of the documents including Guideline, Timeline and Job Description proposed by the SC, except the part for the Roles and Functions of the Director.

The SAC also agreed to submit the documents to the 44th GCM for its approval.

3.8. Other Matters

The SAC was informed of RCARO's other activities: updating RCA promotional video; implementation of a pilot project; inviting temp staff from GPs; activities for preserving nuclear knowledge; participation in the RCA policy related meetings and the FNCA Coordinators meeting.

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4. Arrangement for the 22nd SAC Meeting

The Meeting was informed that the 22nd RCARO SAC Meeting would be held on the day prior to the 38th RCA NRM which is planned to be held in the end of April 2016 in Mongolia.

5. Closing

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