



DRAFT WORK PLAN FOR RCA MINISTERIAL MEETING

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I. Preliminary Plan for the RCA Ministerial Meeting

- **Date and Venue**

1-2 days, 44th NRM (Mar/April 2022, VIE) or 65th IAEA GC (Sept. 2022)

** The venue must be decided by the 49th GCM at the latest*

- **Participants**

Minister level government officials from GPs and senior officials & experts (SOM participants), RCA NRs

- **Senior Officers Meeting (SOM)**

- To be held in conjunction with 50th GCM in 2021 and/or 1 day before the RCA Ministerial Meeting → *to prepare for the Ministerial Meeting: discuss and review the draft Joint statement, round-table discussion etc.*



I. Preliminary Plan for the RCA Ministerial Meeting

- **Expected Outcomes of the RCA Ministerial Meeting**

- *Expected Objective*

- To address current and emerging development challenges of the RCA region through peaceful uses of nuclear science & technology for sustainable development;
- To facilitate high-level dialogue on strengthening the ownership and leadership on enhancing RCA's socio-economic impacts in GPs;
- To create a new strong momentum to revitalize the RCA for the next 50 years.

- *Expected Outputs*

- Joint Statement/Declaration
- Action Plan and RCA Vision 2030 (if any)

II. Tentative Agenda of RCA Ministerial Meeting

- **Registration**
- **Session 1: Opening Session**
 - Commemorative photo
- **Session 2: Looking back, looking ahead**
 - To take stock of regional cooperation over the past five decades;
 - To examine the RCA's vision and mission and how nuclear technologies have been transferred in GPs;
 - To consider how well the current approach responds to regional needs and how regional development approaches can be reformed;

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- **Session 3: Policies & strategies on nuclear technology applications for sustainable development**
 - To review the role of nuclear technique applications in socio-economic development (in relation to national policies);
 - To acknowledge the success of implementing international and regional agreements on nuclear technology (RCA, AFRA, ARCAL, ARASIA) in achieving SDGs;
 - To consider innovations that could be integrated into the GPs' national strategies on nuclear S&T technology applications;
 - To reach a stronger national commitment to the RCA.

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- **Session 4: RCA Award Ceremony**

- To award key RCA experts and/or RCA projects/teams to honor their contribution to the RCA

** The RCA Award Ceremony might be held in the RCA Exhibition (TBD)*

- **Session 5: Panel - Discussion** (*Topic to be discussed*)

E.x: A stronger partnership of 50 years RCA and beyond/RCA Vision 2030

- To share national experiences in applying nuclear technology to tackle global challenges and achieve the UN's SDGs.

- Challenges and opportunities for the promotion of nuclear S&T.

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- **Session 6: The path forward**

- To adopt the outcome documents: Joint Statement/Declaration on New Approaches/Directions of RCA and/or RCA Vision 2030 including concrete actions in relation to practical applications of nuclear S&T and its potential to meet regional development needs and to address regional challenges ;
- To promote interaction among RCA projects, CRPs of the IAEA, IAEA Collaborating Centre and cooperation with international organizations.

- **Session 7: Closing Session**

- **Closing: Press Conference**

III. Milestones for the RCA Ministerial Meeting

Timeframe	Activities to be taken	Responsible parties
(STF Meeting, 13 th Aug 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consideration and approval of the work plan for the 50th Anniversary of the RCA - Submit a proposal to establish a WG for RCA Ministerial Meeting 2022 (The WG is in charge of studying of RCA's Vision 2030 & innovations for Joint Declaration of RCA Ministerial Meeting) 	STF, NRs, IAEA
49 th GCM Sept. 2020	Progress report of preparation for the RCA Ministerial Meeting	STF, IAEA, RCARO

III. Milestones for the RCA Ministerial Meeting

Timeframe	Activities to be taken	Responsible parties
Nov. 2020	WG Meeting of preparation for RCA Ministerial Meeting in 2022	Chair of PAC, Chair of MTS WG, STF, RCA FP
43rd NRM (Mar. 2021)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reporting the results of the study of RCA's directions & innovations by WG - Consideration and approval of the detailed plan of activities for the Anniversary including RCA Ministerial Meeting 	Chair of PAC, Chair of MTS WG, Chair of MM WG, IAEA, RCA FP, NRs

III. Milestones for the RCA Ministerial Meeting

Timeframe	Activities to be taken	Responsible parties
50 th GCM Sept. 2021	Approval of the final program and arrangements for the 50 th Anniversary of the RCA (including the draft of Joint Declaration for RCA Ministerial Meeting) <i>* SOM could be held in conjunction with 50th GCM</i>	Chair of PAC, Chair of MTS WG, Chair of MM WG, IAEA, RCA FP, NRs
Sept 2021 (after GCM)	- Sending the Invitation of RCA Ministerial Meeting - MLM webpage/organizing committee (if any)	IAEA, RCARO, NRs
Mar. 2022 (44 th NRM)	MLM of RCA and SOM (if any)	IAEA, VIE, RCARO

IV. Financial Resources

- To prepare for the Ministerial Meeting, minimum fund required would be approximately US\$120,000. Details in Annex 4- Action Plan for the 50th RCA Anniversary.
- For successful organization, the IAEA, RCARO and GPs should have significant extra financial contribution. A group in charge of financial mobilization and related issues should be established;
- The cost for WG Meeting could be funded by the project RAS/0/086;
- Other costs: Security, Health (if any) to be considered.

** The venue of Ministerial Meeting shall govern financial costs*

V. Other issues

- IAEA and NR of China are requested to provide references related to the organization of 40th Anniversary of RCA (the detailed sources for the event);
- NR of Japan is requested to share experiences of annual FNCA Ministerial Level Meeting;
- IAEA helps to share experiences on previous ministerial events hosted by the IAEA;
- The question “What and How to do” must be clarified and all GPs will actively join in and reach a strong consensus through documentary exchange and policy meetings.
- The venue of Ministerial Meeting must be decided in the 49th GCM to ensure smooth implementation of next steps.



Thank you for your attention!