

**Draft Report of the 7th Meeting of the
Special Task Force for the 50th Anniversary of the RCA
5 September 2022**

1. Introduction

The 6th Meeting of the Special Task Force (STF) was held virtually via Cisco WebEx on 9 August 2022 with the purpose to update the progress made on the preparation of the 50th Anniversary activities, including the Ministerial Level Meeting, RCA Exhibition and other activities, and Selection progress of the RCA Awardees. The report of the 6th Meeting of the Special Task Force was presented as details in **Annex 1**.

After the 6th Meeting, the 7th Meeting of the STF for the 50th Anniversary of the RCA was held on 5 September 2022 via video conferencing. The Agenda of the Meeting is as **Annex 2**.

The Meeting had 9 participants and observers comprising representatives from AUL, CPR, MAL, ROK, THA, VIE, RCARO, and IAEA. The meeting was chaired by the NR of VIE, while VIE, RCARO, and THA were appointed as rapporteurs. The List of Participants is as **Annex 3**.

The main purpose of the meeting was to update and finalize the preparation for the Ministerial Level Meeting, RCA Exhibition, the RCA Awards Ceremony as well as other activities planned for the 50th RCA Anniversary.

VIE, Chair of the STF, opened the meeting and gave welcome remarks to the participants.

2. Update on the Preparation for the Ministerial Level Meeting

VIE presented the preparation for the RCA Ministerial Level Meeting, including five key points as follows:

- a) Preliminary Plan and Provisional Agenda for RCA Ministerial Level Meeting
- b) Updated Provisional Agenda
- c) Script for the Meeting
- d) Reception
- e) Assignment of Roles & Responsibilities

The Preparation for the RCA Ministerial Level Meeting, the updated Provisional Agenda for the RCA Ministerial Level Meeting, and the Update Work Plan for RCA Ministerial Level Meeting are included as **Annex 4, 5, and 6**, respectively.

MAL suggested combining two speeches for the RCA Exhibition and for the Opening of the 50th Anniversary Ceremony and RCA Ministerial Level Meeting of the Director General (DG) of the IAEA into one speech. However, the RCA Focal Person (FP), Mr. Sinh Van Hoang stated that these two events are held separately in two venues, and all arrangements have been made with the DG to prepare the speeches. Therefore, the meeting agreed to keep two opening speeches for the two events. Additionally, Ms. Jane Gerado-Abaya also informed that the DG may attend the Opening of the 50th Anniversary Ceremony and RCA Ministerial Level Meeting late, so the RCA Chair is requested to flexibly invite him to give the speech in the meeting.

In terms of Country Keynote Speech session, RCARO suggested that the time for this part is tight, regardless the time for each country's representative to come to the stage and return to their seats. Mr. Sinh Van Hoang stated that if each Government Party (GP) makes thorough preparation, their keynote speeches can be read in the given time. VIE suggested adding ten more minutes for this session. Additionally, CPR asked in case GPs cannot attend the meeting in person, whether they should give the keynote speeches via online platform or videos recorded in advance. VIE suggested that records are preferred because online platform can be interrupted by problems related to internet connection.

In terms of Draft RCA Ministerial Joint Declaration, Mr. Sinh Van Hoang stated that he will combine comments from GPs and circulate it to all NRs right after the meeting. If there are no further comments/ recommendation by 15 September 2022, it is understood that all NRs agree on the updated Draft RCA Ministerial Joint Declaration. The RCA Ministerial Joint Declaration will be presented in the RCA Ministerial Level Meeting for all 22 GPs' final endorsement.

The Meeting took note of the progress made for the preparation for the RCA Ministerial Meeting. In regard to the agenda, the Meeting noted the tightness of the given time limit to the Session for the Country Keynote Speech and agreed to add ten minutes to the Session.

The Meeting noted of the update on Draft RCA Ministerial Joint Declaration and requested all NRs to provide any comments/ recommendation by 15 September 2022.

3. Update on the Preparation of the RCA Exhibition and Other Activities

RCARO presented the update on the preparation of the RCA Exhibition and Other Activities for the 50-year RCA Anniversary. The presentation is included as **Annex 7**.

The RCA Exhibition is well prepared by the RCARO, therefore, RCARO proposed to have Mr. Pill Hwan Park, Director of RCARO give an introduction about the RCA Exhibition after the remarks of the DG. The meeting agreed to include the introduction of the Director of RCARO and designate RCARO to be the Master Ceremony of the RCA Exhibition.

The Meeting took note of the progress made on the preparation for the RCA Exhibition, including the design of the booth. The Meeting expressed its appreciation for RCARO's support and thorough preparation on this matter.

The Meeting agreed to include an Introduction about the RCA Exhibition presented by Mr. Pill Hwan Park, Director of RCARO into the RCA Exhibition Session in the Provisional Agenda of the RCA Ministerial Level Meeting.

4. Update on the selection progress of the RCA Awards

THA presented the arrangements for RCA Awards Ceremony, which is included as **Annex 8**.

THA proposed that in case the NRs representing the awardees or Head of country's delegation cannot attend the RCA Ministerial Level Meeting in person; whether it is possible for the Director of TCAP, Ms. Jane Gerado-Abaya or the RCA FP, Mr. Sinh Van Hoang to receive the awards on behalf of the awardees. The awards then will be sent directly to the awardees by the IAEA. Mr. Sinh Van Hoang had no objections to the proposal.

CPR and ROK both raised the question whether each awardee/NR of awardees need to give the remarks after receiving the awards. If yes, the RCA Awards Committee need to send an official notification to all awardees/NRs of awardees for preparation in due time. Furthermore, Mr. Sinh Van Hoang suggested that the DG, DDG or the Minister of Ministry of Science and Technology of Vietnam should give the awards to each awardee, then have pictures with them. Mr. Sinh Van Hoang also pointed out that it is important for VIE, THA and AUL to cooperate in chairing this session.

THA, as the Chair of the Committee of the RCA Awards, will send an email to NRs requesting them to contact the Awardees from their countries and reconfirm the participation of the Awardees at the RCA Ministerial Level Meeting by 15 September. Also, THA, together with RCARO, will review and revise the script for the ceremony. An announcement will be sent to the STF Committee right after for further process.

The Meeting took note of the progress made under the preparation for the RCA Awards ceremony and highly appreciated the hard work of the RCA Awards Committee, especially the chair of the Committee, Thailand and RCARO.

5. Any Other Business

MAL asked the RCA PF about the plan for seats and stage arrangement of the RCA Ministerial Level Meeting. Besides, ROK raised the question about the reception, including the name and the capacity of the dining room at Arcotel Kaiserwasser, as well as the number of guests are invited to the reception. Mr. Sinh Van Hoang confirmed that the room for reception has enough space for 200 guests and stated that he will share the information on these matters in due course. He also stated that all guests attending the RCA Ministerial Level Meeting are invited to attend the reception.

VIE suggested that each GP prepare their traditional/cultural performance videos to present them during the reception. The traditional/cultural performance videos will be a highlight for the RCA Ministerial Meeting, when 22 Government Parties convene to attend such an important meeting on the occasion of celebrating the 50th RCA Anniversary. The meeting took note the proposed idea and requested the RCA Chair to send the request of collecting videos to all 22 NRs soon for their arrangements.