



**REGIONAL CO-OPERATIVE AGREEMENT**  
**INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY**



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**Provisional Agenda for the 29<sup>th</sup> RCA General Conference**  
**Venue: IAEA Headquarters, Vienna, Austria**  
**Room: C07 V**  
**Wednesday, 20 September 2000, 0900-1230H & 1500-1730H**

**0800 - 0900H**

**Registration of participants**

**0900H**

**1. Opening**

Welcome statements by the DDG-TC, DDG-NA.

*Brief welcome and opening statements will be given by the DDG-TC and DDG-NA.*

**2. Statement of interim Chairperson**

*SIN National Representative will give brief statement.*

**3. Election of Chairperson**

*The Meeting is expected to elect IND as the Chairperson, being the host of the 22<sup>nd</sup> RCA Meeting of National Representatives.*

Designation of Rapporteur

*A rapporteur will be designated by the Chairperson from among the participants.*

**4. Statement by Chairperson**

*The Chairperson will give a brief statement.*

**5. Adoption of agenda**

*The Meeting is expected to adopt the agenda*

**6. Adoption of the RCA Annual Report 1999**

*The Meeting is expected to adopt the 1999 RCA Annual Report. A copy of the report was already circulated to MS.*

**7. Follow-up actions arising from 22<sup>nd</sup> RCA Meeting of National Representatives**

*The meeting will be informed of the status of follow up actions.*

**8. Adoption of the Report on the 22<sup>nd</sup> RCA Meeting of National Representatives**

*The Meeting is expected to adopt the meeting report. A copy of the report was already circulated to MS*

**0930H-1100H**

**9. RCA Programme:**

**a. Activities in 2000**

*The Meeting will be informed of the main activities implemented after the 22<sup>nd</sup> RCA Meeting of National Representatives held in India in Feb/March 2000. These are the mid term review mission on the joint UNDP/RCA/IAEA project(RAS/97/030) implemented in April/May 2000, the Advisory Group Meeting on health care held in Indonesia on May-June 2000, and the Lead country Meeting on the joint project held in Vienna, Austria in July 2000.*

**(i) Joint UNDP/RCA/IAEA project mid-term review mission**

*Major findings and recommendations of the mission will be presented. The Meeting will be asked to take note of the recommendations and to agree to accept the report's conclusions and recommendations. Annexure - 1*

**(ii) LC Meeting report**

*The results of the Lead Country Meeting on the joint project held on 24-27 July 2000 will be presented. The Meeting will be asked to adopt the LC meeting report. Annexure - 2*

**(iii) UNDP position on the project.**

*The Meeting will be informed of the latest UNDP decision on its project. UNDP has communicated its decision to terminate financial support after 2000. A summary of this decision is in Annexure - 3*

**(iv) Events in 2000**

*A list of events will be distributed to MS prior to the GC. The Meeting is expected to confirm the venue of the remaining events and to decide to postpone those venues that could not be confirmed. Annexure - 4*

**b. Programme for 2001/2002**

*A summary of the RCA programme for 2001/2002 will be presented by sectoral areas depicting some budget estimates and list of projects. Annexure - 5*

**(i) Health related projects:**

*(To be presented by INS, Lead Country). The results of the AGM on Health Care will be presented. Health related projects for the 2001/2002 cycle includes: Quality Assurance in Radiation Sterilization of Tissue Graft (extension of RAS/7/008); Nuclear Medicine Applications, (extension of RAS/6/028); Distance Learning in Radiation Oncology RAS/6/033; LDR and HDR Brachytherapy in treating Cervical Cancer; (extension of RAS/6/027); Distance Learning for Nuclear Medical Technologists (continuation of RAS/6/029). Creation of an advisory group on Tissue Banking will be discussed. Additional component on RAS/6/028, on liver cancer will be cited.*

*Health related proposals for 2003/2004 will be mentioned.*

*List of Projects for 2003-2004 in Annexure - 6*

**(ii) Agriculture related projects**

*(To be presented by CPR, Lead Country). The projects proposed for 2001/2002 include: food security, food safety and food trade (use of radiation processing for phytosanitary and quarantine purposes, extension of RAS/5/034); animal reproductivity and animal nutrition, (extension of RAS/5/035); enhanced genetic diversity on rice (continuation of RAS/5/037); and new projects: enhanced genetic diversity of wheat, oil crops and pulses including establishment of germplasm bank; restoration of soil fertility; production of FMD Antigen and Antibody Kits.*

*Two project that had been footnote a/ projects i.e., Monitoring of Pesticide Residues (RAS/5/036) and Improvement of Genetic Diversity in Wheat, Oil Crops and pulses (RAS/5/038) are proposed to be dropped from the RCA programme.*

**(iii) Industry and Environment related projects:**

*(To be presented by IND, Lead Country) The projects in industry for the next project cycle include: NDT (RAS/8/085) and new projects: process optimization in petroleum and chemical industry using combined NDT, tracers and sealed sources; optimization of mineral resources recovery using low activity nucleonic gauges Environment related projects include: Better management of Environment and Industrial Growth (continuation RAS/8/076); Isotopic and Related Techniques to the Assessment of Air Pollution (RAS/8/082); Isotope use in managing and protecting environment (RAS/8/084); New projects include: upgrading of natural polymer utilization; dam safety and dam sustainability; and impacts on environment water resources through isotopic and geochemical techniques.*

**(iv) Energy & Research Reactor/Radioactive Waste Management.**

*(To be presented by KOR, Lead Country) The projects in the next cycle include; the Role of Nuclear Power and other Energy Options in investigating Greenhouse gases emission (extension of RAS/0/028), Improvement Research Reactor Utilization and Operation and utilization (extension of RAS/4/019). Activities proposed under the research reactor school project are planned to be incorporated in RAS/4/019. The proposed extension of RAS/0/028 provides footnote a/ activities on clean development mechanism. The project RAS/4/016 on LILW, still awaits funding to implement the remaining activities in 2001 and the project can be closed*

**(v) Radiation Protection**

*(To be presented by AUL, Lead Country) These include Harmonization of Radiation Protection (continuation of RAS/9/018); Environmental Radiation Monitoring and Regional Database (continuation of RAS/9/024). The results of the Peer review mission on selected MS will be presented and the implications on the programme will be considered.*

**(vi) General**

*This is the TCDC – related project. (To be presented by the RCA Coordinator) activities will include additional national consultancies and consultations with other regional organizations and preparatory discussions on use of the homepages for the conduct of distance learning materials, and evaluation of training events in RCA. .*

**1100-1130H BREAK**

**1130-1230H and 1500-1600H** (lunch break 1230-1500H)

**10. RCA Management**

**(i) Role of lead country**

◆ Status

*A brief history on the adoption of lead country concept by RCA MS will be presented .*

◆ Operations schedule

*The paper which has been circulated on The Role of Lead Country in RCA prepared by P. Airey particularly the Part II on approval of RCA project will be presented for information of MS and for endorsement/acceptance of the proposed timetable in preparing project proposals for the next project cycle 2003-2004 ( 65 weeks was suggested) . AGM's for the four thematic areas (agriculture, energy, industry, energy and environment and radiation protection) need to be held preferably before the 23<sup>rd</sup> RCA Meeting of the*

*National Representatives scheduled for March 2001. The Lead Countries are expected to formulate projects for 2003-2004 cycle.*

- ◆ Designations of lead countries for new projects.

*Project committees will be formed – one for each new project--and each committee will decide on a lead country (and/or RRUs). Member States are expected to name National Project Co-ordinators (NPC) for the new projects of 2001-2002 cycle and submit it to the RCA Office prior to the General Conference.*

- ◆ Review of RRUs

*The Meeting will be informed of the latest list of RRUs available for projects.*  
*Annexure - 7*

**(ii) Local operating costs.**

*The meeting will be reminded of the pertinent section in the RCA Operating Rules and Guidelines as this relates to training (6a) and the meetings (6c) hosted by the MS. Annexure - 8*

**(iii) Outsourcing**

*Examples of activities which can be outsourced to MS for implementation will be given. Annexure - 9*

**(iv) Designation of cost free experts, national consultants**

*The arrangements for cost free experts will be informed in the meeting; short term cost free national consultants to be provided by some MS could also be explored. Options in this regard will be tabled for discussion. Annexure -10*

**(v) KOREAN Proposal for establishment of a Regional RCA Office**

*The comments on this proposal will be circulated, and the proposal discussed. A decision based on consensus on this proposal will be arrived at this meeting. Annexure - 11*

**(vi) Review of the RCA vision**

*Conceptual framework/strategy on future course of RCA in sectoral areas, e.g. agriculture, industry, etc will be tabled . Annexure - 12*

**1600-1645H**

**11. Tripartite Meeting-transfer of technology.**

*The meeting will be informed of the agenda for the tripartite meeting (Annexure - 13), and the preparations needed from the RCA MS based on the agenda, such as on the following inputs: at least 2 cases of success stories that will be shared with the other agreement; the additional technologies proposed for presentation at the tripartite meeting (Annexure - 14), the representation of the RCA to this meeting, etc. The report from MAL and PHI on the criteria for selecting technologies that will be offered for transfer will be discussed. (Annexure -15)*

## **1645-1730H**

### **12. Other topics:**

#### **(i) Update on safe transport survey**

*The meeting will be informed of the status of this request for agency to take up the matter with the concerned authorities.*

#### **(ii) Role of research in RCA Programme**

*To be presented by the group composed of JPN, PHI, AUL and INS for discussion in the meeting. Annexure - 16*

#### **(iii) Report on the meeting of the Forum for Nuclear Co-operation in Asia (FNCA) attended by the RCA Co-ordinator**

*The RCA Co-ordinator will present briefly the results of the attendance in the FNCA meeting held in Tokyo, Japan in 7-8 March 2000.*

#### **(iv) Extension of RCA Agreement.**

*The Agreement will end in 2002. Member States will take necessary actions for extension of the Agreement.*

#### **(v) 23<sup>rd</sup> RCA Meeting of National Representatives.**

*The Meeting will be informed of the arrangements for the 23<sup>rd</sup> RCA Meeting, to be hosted by BGD from 4-6 March 2001. Dates will be confirmed during the GC.*

#### **(vi) Consultative meeting of international and regional organizations.**

*The meeting will be informed of the arrangements being made for the consultative meeting of international and regional organizations (UNESCAP, ASEAN, GEF, UNDP, UNESCO, ADB, SAARC etc.), proposed to be held in BGD, from 7-8 March 2001, following the RCA Meeting. Dates will be confirmed during the GC.*

#### **(vii) RCA and non-RCA Projects.**

*Differences and/or complementarity of in regional projects within the RCA agreement and non-RCA agreement will be highlighted. Annexure - 17*

**(viii) Briefing of Missions on 23 August 2000**

*Report of this meeting will be circulated to RCA National Representatives.*  
*Annexure 18*

**1730H**

**Closing**      Brief closing remark by DIR-TCPA and the Chairperson