



**REGIONAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT
INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY**



MEETING REPORT OF
THE 15TH RCARO STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting Room A0745
IAEA Headquarters
Vienna, Austria

13 September 2012
15:15-17:00h

Introduction

The 15th RCA Regional Office Standing Advisory Committee Meeting was held at the IAEA Headquarters in Vienna, Austria on 13 September 2012, prior to the 41st RCA GCM. The participants were Ms. Feng Dongxin (Current RCA Chair), on behalf of Mr. Liu Yongde (NR of CPR), Mr. Anhar Riza Antariksawan (Immediate past RCA Chair, NR of INS), Ms. Khin Moe Htoo on behalf of Mr. Khin Maung Latt (Immediate next RCA Chair, NR of MYA), Mr. Se-Jun Yoon On behalf of Mr. Seoung-Ho Hong (NR of ROK). Representatives of IAEA, Mr. Ali Boussaha (Director of Division for Asia and the Pacific), Mr. Oscar Acuna, (Section Head of Asia and the Pacific Section 1), and Mr. Kesrat Sukasam (RCA Focal Person) attended as observers.

The RCARO, represented by Acting Director Mr. Jin-Kyu Lim, Mr. In-Seok Oh, Ms. Hyunkyung Jeon and Ms. Soo Youn Hwang served as the secretariat of the SAC Meeting.

1. Opening Remarks by the RCA Chair (CPR)

Ms. Feng Dongxin, the current RCA Chair, opened the Meeting and welcomed the participants. She expressed appreciation to the RCARO for its accomplishment to increase visibility and viability of RCA.

2. Adoption of the Agenda and Appointment of Rapporteur

After a brief review of the tasks ahead of the Meeting, the provisional Agenda was adopted with no amendment and Ms. SooYoun Hwang from RCARO was appointed as rapporteur.

The SAC agreed to adopt the draft agenda.

3. Discussions on the Major Issues Concerning RCARO

3.1. Publication of the RCA Success Stories

The SAC was informed of the published RCA Success Stories on food irradiation and radiation protection in leaflet form and on monitoring marine environment in booklet form respectively. Pursuant to the recommendation of the 34th NRM, the three Success Stories were refined and completed after reflecting comments from Member States including AUL and INS.

The SAC complimented RCARO for the published RCA Success Stories on food irradiation and radiation protection in leaflet form and on monitoring marine environment in booklet form respectively.

The meeting recognized the important contribution of RCARO in publication of the RCA Success Stories to increase the awareness and visibility of RCA activities.

3.2. Implementation of RCA/UNDP Project-Promoting Nuclear Medicine Imaging Technology

The SAC was briefed on the progress made in the RCA/UNDP partnership project on promoting and accelerating nuclear SPECT/PET imaging technologies in the region. The

basic and on-site training courses were held in June and July, and Annual Review Meeting will be held on 7-8 November 2012.

The SAC took note of the successful implementation of the RCA/UNDP partnership project, and requested RCARO to report on the progress of the RCA/UNDP project during the next NRM.

The meeting concluded that the RCARO should look into the project proposals submitted by RCA Member States to the IAEA, which required extra budgetary funding and partnership collaboration as priority.

3.3. Proposal of RCA/UNDP Partnership Project on Electron Beam Applications

The SAC was also informed of that the project was selected by the UNDP.

The SAC took note of the status of proposal on the electron beam and commended RCARO for its efforts and result in securing funding for the implementation of the project.

3.4. Outreach Activities to publicize and advocate for RCA (Participation in Regional and International Conferences to Increase RCA Awareness and Partnership)

The RCARO reported to the Meeting on RCARO's plan to participate in the UNDP Global South-South Expo to be held on 19-23 November 2012 in Vienna, Austria to promote the RCA. The RCARO requested the NRs to provide the information on the event for RCARO to attend in the future.

The SAC valued the initiatives taken by the RCARO.

3.5. Holding a Workshop on Enhancing Strategic Goals of RCARO

The SAC was briefed on the results of the workshop which dealt with evaluating RCARO's activities and future directions to strengthen strategic goals of RCARO as well as some current issues.

The SAC took note of the results of the workshop and suggested to be presented to the GCM.

3.6. Other Activities

The meeting was informed of RCARO's other activities in maintaining and updating the RCA website with increased daily hits, updating the RCA promotional video, preservation of nuclear knowledge and increased interaction between Member States and RCARO.

The SAC took note of the RCARO's other activities regarding the RCA website, RCA Promotional Video, Preservation of nuclear knowledge and Increased interaction with Member States and RCARO, and encouraged RCARO to continue its endeavor in such activities. The meeting encouraged Member States to contribute to and to make use of photo gallery on the RCA website.

The meeting valued activities carried out in the area of preservation of nuclear knowledge and suggested to look for other sources of funding and partnerships to expand the training and education programme.

4. Other Matters

4.1 Mid-term review of the RCARO 2012 work plan

The RCARO reported the progress of the RCARO 2012 work plan which was approved at the 14th SAC meeting; publication of the 5th round of RCA Success Stories, updating promotional video and RCA website on RCA activities, participation in regional/international events, implementation of the RCA/UNDP partnership project on nuclear imaging technologies, proposal of RCA/UNDP partnership project on electron beam applications, and preservation of nuclear knowledge, and increased interaction between Member States and RCARO.

The SAC evaluated RCARO's activities and complimented for its successful implementation of its 2012 work plan.

4.2 Holding an Exhibition for the 40th anniversary of RCA

The SAC was informed of the status of preparation for the exhibition of the 40th Anniversary of RCA; arrangement for the booth building, redesigning of the panels, playing the RCA promotional video, distribution of the brochures, RCA Success Stories and small souvenirs. In addition, sample products resulted from the RCA projects offered from Member States including ROK and SRL will be also displayed at the booth.

The SAC complimented the efforts of the RCARO on the overall preparation of the exhibition of the 40th anniversary of RCA and encouraged the RCARO to continue its outreach contributions to the RCA.

4.3 Selection and Appointment of the Next Director of the RCA Regional Office

As the Director of the RCARO, Dr. Mun Ki Lee, has left the office due to other commitments, it's required to select the next director of the RCA regional office. The SAC was informed of the "Guidelines on the Selection and Appointment of the DIR-RCARO" approved at the 36th RCA GCM in 2007 and RCARO's suggestion on the revision of the guidelines and time frame for selection of the next director of the RCARO.

The SAC noted the need for selection of the next director of the RCARO and recommended RCARO to submit the job description, vacancy notice, and selection process including the time frame to the GCM for consideration of the National RCA Representatives.

5. Arrangement for the 16th SAC Meeting

The Meeting was informed that the 16th RCARO SAC Meeting would be held on the day prior to the 35th RCA NRM which is planned to be held in March 2013.

6. Closing

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