

Work plan in preparation of RCA Ministerial Conference

The RCA Ministerial Conference on the occasion of 50th Anniversary of the RCA, including Anniversary and Ministerial meeting, is a valuable opportunity to reaffirm a continued strong commitment and dedication of GPs to the RCA program and to promote its institutional renewal to meet the current and emerging challenges for the years to come. Accordingly, the Joint Ministerial Declaration as an important output of the RCA Ministerial Conference will be adopted.

1. Date and Venue

- Date: Afternoon of the first day of the 66th IAEA General Conference, in 2022
- Venue: IAEA' headquarter at VIC, Vienna, Austria (Virtual meeting should be considered as an additional connection for the GPs which are limited to participate physically due to pandemic conditions)

2. Target participants

- Representatives from IAEA,
- Representatives from GPs: Ministers/Deputy-Ministers, Permanent Mission of GPs, RCA NRs, senior officials & experts,
- RCARO, RCA PAC, MTS Group
- Representatives from Agreements (AFRA, ARCAL, ARASIA) and other observers
- Key-note speakers, Guest speakers, panelists (if any)
- Journalist (TBD)

* Estimated number of participants: 90

3. Expected Outcomes of the RCA Ministerial Meeting

- ***Expected Objective of the Meeting:***
 - To review the performance and achievements of the RCA over 50 years of the formation and development
 - To address current and emerging 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 Output of the Meeting:***
 - Joint Ministerial Declaration

4. Tentative agenda for the day of the Ministerial Conference

Time	Activity
13:30 – 14:00	Registration
14:00 – 14:30	50th RCA Anniversary Ceremony & Opening of the Ministerial Conference - Opening remarks by the RCA Chair - Welcome remarks by DG of the IAEA - RCA awards ceremony (TBD) - Commemorative photo
14:30-14:50	Overview of the RCA (by the RCA PAC Chair) - RCA’s vision and mission in effort of transferring nuclear technologies in GPs; - Successful delivery of the RCA programme: Socio-economic assessment report of RCA programme.
14:50 – 16:00	Country keynote speech (3 mins for each GP) - Status of the RCA programme implementation in the country (<i>Achievements and Challenges</i>) - Proposals for RCA cooperation promotion
16:00 – 16:15	Coffee break
16:15– 17:15	Panel – Discussion (Topic: TBD) - Keynote speech (15 mins, TBD) - Panel Discussion (<i>One topic TBD</i>) Ex: + How well the current approach responds to regional needs and solutions to improve the effectiveness and the performance of the RCA; + Challenges and opportunities to promote nuclear science and technology applications in the period of post Covid-19 towards a stronger partnership of RCA; + Promoting nuclear technology applications in response to the global climate change; - Q&A (10mins)
17:15 - 17:25	Joint Declaration - Agreement and adoption of the RCA Ministerial Joint Declaration
17:25 -17:30	Closing
17:30 – 18:00	Cocktail Reception

- **Chair: NR of Viet Nam**
- **Speakers for each topic (TBD)**