

Review of draft Terms of Reference for proposed Committee on Resource Mobilisation and Partnership Building

by Australia

1. Intro and background

- We suggest the proposed term length of committee is included in this section.

2. Functions

- We suggest **NRs vet the organisations** the committee would approach for funding, before members of the committee approach external organisations. This will ensure GP ownership, oversight and strategic direction. This approach would also ensure the most productive use of resources by only approaching organisations which are likely to get NR support.
- We wonder if some of the proposed functions **duplicate** the functions of the RCARO, the IAEA Secretariat and NRs in mobilising resources and partnerships building. Perhaps the document can refer to the various functions in resource mobilisation between RCARO, IAEA TC, NRs and this proposed committee.
- We suggest the IAEA Secretariat remains the manager of RCA financial contributions.
- We are unclear on which projects this committee would be seeking funds to support – is this for RCA technical cooperation projects? If so, could NRs, NLAs, NLOs, LCCs, NPCs, be helping in attracting funds?

3. Membership

- We note the suggested 2-3 committee members do not **represent the 22 Government Parties**. Instead, consider voluntary representation from all 22 GPs to ensure all GPs have an opportunity to represent their nation. Alternatively, a rotating voluntary model where all countries can voluntary designate an individual to sit on this committee for a certain amount of time could also be suitable. Can we give a stronger representative voice to the new RCA GPs, LDCs and SIDS? How will representation of LDCs and SIDS be ensured?
- We do not support members serving two terms (six years). We suggest limiting to **one term per person** or there must be a mandatory period in between terms before reapplying to allow for representation from other members and to **foster new perspectives**. Alternates could be allowed to stand in to provide more opportunities to participate and introduce fresh perspectives. Consideration could be given to limiting terms to two years.
- We recommend membership includes **equal gender representation** and includes representation by **young people**.

- We note the **RCA Focal Person** within the IAEA Secretariat already has a significant workload – we question the value of this additional workload on the RCA FP. It may be possible that the time of the RCA FP is best served on other activities, such as the RCA technical cooperation projects, NRM and GCM?
- We suggest it might be appropriate for the **Chair to act as Secretariat** (for the term of the Chair year). The Chair may wish to seek assistance from RCARO in performing these secretariat functions as appropriate.

4. Qualifications

- We query whether the members need to be experts in the RCA GoR, the RCA MTS, RCA RPF and RCA projects. Instead, it would be valuable to **attract new minds** to thinking about how we can refresh the RCA resource mobilisation and partnerships. Limiting applications to the current RCA pool will limit the number of eligible applicants and discourage new participation.
- We do not consider it necessarily essential that members are technical nuclear experts for the proposed functions of this particular committee.
- We suggest members should have knowledge in **fund raising, diplomacy, fostering relationships with industry, partnerships, expertise in international development.**

5. Selection and appointment of members

- We suggest all **membership applications are shared with all NRs**, and that decisions on membership are made collectively at an NRM or GCM. We consider selection by all NRs by consensus may represent an inclusive and sustainable approach.

6. Utilisation of external expertise

- We suggest there might be value in establishing a list of pre-screened and approved **external experts** prior to commencement, representing all GPs.

7. Meetings and Reports

- We assume this proposed committee would operate under consensus decision making.
- We suggest NRs who are not Committee members may attend meetings as observers, if an NR wishes to do so.
- As an alternative, **virtual attendance** could be the preferred operational mode.

8. Budget

- We propose adding a new section that details **where the funds will come** from for this proposed Committee, and the **estimated cost** each year for running the committee.
- Who approves funds being expended for this Committee?
- Who will fund the in-person meetings, missions and external advisors?
- Will GPs self-fund members appointed from their country? Will the IAEA Secretariat fund attendance drawn from the RCA budget? If it is drawn from the RCA budget then what projects/other activities will need to cease to fund this new committee? Or will new funds need to be identified for the RCA? If countries must self-fund, is there a mechanism for the IAEA to support the travel or fund travel for participants from LDCs and SIDs?