

RCARO

Past Milestone and Current Status

June 2005

RCARO Strategic Workshop

First Notion

- 1978. 9
 - At 7th RCA GCM (RCA Representatives Meeting) in Vienna suggested to have a regional office.
 - The Agency's view: The level of RCA programme not warrant such action.



UNDP Project Office

- 1982-1992
 - A regional project approved with UNDP funding (Joint UNDP/RCA/IAEA Project on Industrial application of nuclear technology)
 - Project Office opened in Jakarta (within BATAN head-office)
 - A Project Manager (MAL) recruited by IAEA and paid from the UNDP project
 - Two experts worked for the project (1 in MAL and 1 in INS)
 - PM post discontinued when UNDP project completed in 1992
 - A new UNDP/RCA/IAEA project started. The project was headed by a Chief Technical Officer (CTO) recruited by IAEA until 1996 when the project completed.

Increase RCA Ownership by MSs

- 1995. 9
 - IAEA (DDG-TC: Qian Jihui) challenged MSs to have more ownership of RCA programme
 - IAEA reiterated RCA programme should be managed by MSs not by IAEA
(RCA is by MSs and IAEA is not a signatory party)
 - MSs realized the implications of the challenge but no subsequent actions (inertia and reluctance)

12 Recommendations

- 1996. 3
 - At 18th RCA NRM in Beijing, a WG composed to develop ways to increase RCA ownership
 - 12 recommendations made
 - All recommendations have been addressed or implemented except 'Designation of a senior RCA representative to station in the region' mainly due to funding problem
 - MSs deferred this issue later time, hopefully in 2000, when funding problem resolved

RCA Vision Statement

- 1997. 3
 - At 19th NRM in Yangon, MSs basically adopted 'RCA Guidelines and Operating Rules'
 - No further discussion on the regional office made

RCA Regional Representation

- 1998. 3
 - At 20th NRM in Taupo, a Working Paper 'RCA Regional Representation' proposing a Project Manager be appointed for the new UNDP supported project on 2 years basis as an interim action toward RCA Regional Representative
 - A Task Group to examine funding options, legal status of the Manager, etc. (Cost free contribution suggested)

RCA Regional Representative

- To increase effectiveness of regional projects management
- As temporary and trial, to appoint Project Manager for new UNDP/RCA/IAEA project for 2 years
- Linkage between the Regional Representative and IAEA was questioned
- Decision should be defer until UNDP project confirmed
- Not desirable if the Regional Representative only responsible for UNDP supported projects out of whole RCA projects
- RCA Coordinator in Vienna to station in the region suggested
- IAEA expressed difficulty to support the operational budget of the Regional Representative
- IAEA insisted salary for Regional Representative be paid from project and operational expenses by the host country
- CFE from MS for Regional Representative strongly suggested by MSs
- Working Group to further study operational budget, legal status of the Regional Representative, reports, etc. (AUL, IND, JPN)

UNDP's Policy

- 1999. 3
 - At 21st NRM in Singapore, UNDP stated not supportive use of UNDP project fund for salary of Regional Project Manager
 - MSs not wanted reduce UNDP project budget by allocating salary for RCA Regional Representative
 - No MSs volunteered to host and bear the cost
 - UNDP stopped financial support to RCA from 2000 and MSs felt strong need to have an office besides IAEA/RCA office that will undertake increasing awareness and promoting partnerships

Korea's Offer

- 2000. 3
 - At 22nd NRM in Mumbai, IAEA and MSs recognized need to increase RCA awareness and to promote RCA partnerships (WSSD Statement and UN MDGs came out)
 - KOR offered to host Regional RCA Office
 - MSs welcomed
 - A Task Force to develop Working Paper for Establishment and Operation of an office for RCA Regional Representative (AUL lead, KOR, PAK, MAL)

Korea's Offer

- 2000. 9
 - At 30th GCM in Vienna, KOR reaffirmed its offer to host RCA Regional Office in Korea
 - To provide financial support for the operation of the office including the Director's salary, if he/she is a Korean
 - As long as the Office is located in Korea
 - To seek to provide privileges and diplomatic immunities
 - To amend RCA Agreement to assure MSs' support for the operation of RCA Regional Office, to convince the host government for their financial support, to be recognized by regional/international development organizations as a representing body on behalf of MSs, and to provide rightful status of the Director

MSs' Views

- Amendment of RCA Agreement is time-consuming process.
Should bring to their capitols for review and ratification
- Supplementary Agreement to the RCA Agreement is also time-consuming process
- An interim operation is needed to prepare necessary legal provisions for operation of RCARO locally
- A detailed working paper needed for further review and adoption
(convened Task Force Meeting in Jan 2001 in Vienna
to prepare draft of Working Paper: AUL, PAK, KOR, MAL and RCA
Coordinator)

Agreed to Establish in 2002

- 2001. 3
 - At 23rd NRM in Dhaka, MSs agreed to establish RCARO in Korea in 2002
 - A Working Paper to adopt by 31st GCM in September 2001
 - 7 Member Working Group composed (AUL, IND, PAK, KOR, JPN, PHI, IAEA) to finalize Working Paper

Agreed Establishment of RCARO

- 2001. 9
 - 30th GCM agreed establishment of the Regional Office
 - Interim period of 2 years to prepare administrative works
 - Requested Korea to prepare opening in March 2002 during 24th NRM and in connection with 20th Anniversary of RCA Agreement
 - To revise Working Paper incorporating several comments from MSs

Comments from MSs

- Comments from MSs to be considered
 - CPR: Ways to support salary of Director when not a Korean
 - IND: Possible salary package by host government
 - INS and AUL: Qualifications of Director and transparent selection process
 - MAL: When Director functions, Korean laws and MSs laws should be considered as well. Consider liability and confidentiality
 - PHI, THA, MAL: Clarify status of Director. Possible diplomatic immunities and privileges
 - AUL: Office should be self-supporting
 - IND: Having a non-RCA person is not acceptable

Opening of RCARO

- 2002. 3
 - RCARO opened in Daejeon on 27 March 2002 during 24th NRM (Acting Director during interim operation was designated by host government)
 - IAEA DG and MSs congratulated
 - Interim Advisory Committee constituted: AUL, BGD, CPR, IND, KOR and RCA Coordinator (later BGD replaced by PHI): To conclude drafting Working Paper
 - Financial support from host government to RCARO operation could be considered as EB contribution from KOR or regarded as Cost-free Office to IAEA (IND)
 - All MSs have right to present their views to the operation of RCARO not limited by AC (JPN)

OPENING OF THE RCA REGIONAL OFFICE

27 MARCH 2002, MOST, KOREA



Working Paper Adopted

- 2002. 9
 - At 31st GCM in Vienna, Working Paper on the Establishment and Operation of RCARO adopted
(Guidelines on the Operation of Advisory Committee adopted)
 - RCARO was requested to present Work Plan to next NRM
 - KOR indicated that consultation on-going with Korean Foreign Ministry regarding necessary legal provisions for operating RCARO

Resolution Drafted

- 2003. 5
 - At 25th NRM in Colombo, a draft Resolution presented by AC
 - MSs needed time to comment on the Resolution
 - NRM agreed to discuss the draft Resolution at 32nd GCM in September 2003 with the view to adopt the Resolution
(RCARO needed to have a written document that exhibits unanimous support by MSs for the establishment and operation of RCARO so that RCARO can convince host government for financial support and also initiate necessary legal provisions with related government authorities in Korea)
(Either amendment of RCA Agreement or concluding a supplementary agreement to the RCA Agreement seemed difficult since they both need time-consuming process)

Resolution Adopted

- 2003. 9
 - At 32nd GCM in Vienna, RCA Resolution adopted
 - Interim operational period of RCARO was extended one more year, i.e. until March 2005
 - Guidelines on the Operation of Selection Committee for RCARO Director and Guidelines on the Selection of RCA Director were adopted

RCARO Initiated Programmes

- 2004. 4
 - At 26th NRM in Islamabad, Selection Committee for RCARO Director comprised (AUL, PHI, IND, KOR and RCA Coordinator)
 - MSs proposed that the projects initiated by RCARO should fit into the framework of RCA and involve LCCs and NPSc before any project to be considered as RCARO programme or RCARO supported programmes.
 - AC proposed that the contributions made to these activities should be treated as EB contributions
 - Working Group to draft Guidelines on RCARO Initiated Programmes composed (AUL, JPN, MAL, NZE, PHI)

Revision of RCA Guidelines and Operating Rules

- 2004. 9
 - At 33rd GCM in Vienna, revised RCA Guidelines and Operating Rules incorporating several new definitions including roles and responsibilities of RCARO Director and RCARO AC adopted
 - JD for RCARO Director, Time Frame for selecting RCARO Director, etc adopted (VN advertised on 30 Sep 2004)

RCARO Entered in Full Operation

- 2005. 4
 - At 27th NRM in KL, decision was made to extend RCARO beyond interim period to full operation
 - A new RCARO Director was appointed (K M Choi of KOR)
 - Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) was constituted (PAK, MAL, THA, AUL, KOR, RCA Coordinator)
 - Guidelines on the Operation of SAC adopted
 - Guidelines on the RCARO Initiated Programmes should be reported to 34th GCM in September 2005 in view of adoption

Operational Aspects of RCARO

- Back-up documents for establishment and operation of RCARO
 - Working Paper on the Establishment and Operation of RCARO
 - RCA Resolution on the Establishment and Operation of RCARO in Korea
 - Others: RCA Guidelines and Operating Rules that incorporated roles and responsibilities of RCARO Director and RCARO Advisory Committee
- Legal provisions in Korea
 - Ministerial Decree on the Establishment and Operation of RCARO
 - Administration Support Agreement to RCARO between MOST and KAERI
 - * RCARO Steering Committee: To decide major RCARO operational matters, particularly the budget. (Chair: DG of Atomic Energy Bureau, MOST and 8 members representing local nuclear related organizations)

Operational Status of RCARO

- Office: Within the premises of KAERI, Daejeon
 - 3 office rooms equipped with LAN
- Staff
 - 1 Appointed Director (3-year fixed term)
 - 3 regular staff (1 Programme Officer, 1 Administration Officer, 1 Secretary)
 - 2 contract staff (1 Information Manager, 1 Supporting Staff)
 - * Others: Temp Staff from MSs

In 2005, 3 temp invited staff planned (1 from CPR for 1 year as CFE and 2 from MSs for 3-4 months)

RCARO Budget

- Operational Budget: Korean Government's Financial Support
 - Contract among MOST, KAERI and RCARO (Annual)
 - In 2005, USD 0.7 M
- RCARO Initiated Programme
 - . Post-doc programme: Host institutions (KAERI, KINS, KIRAMS, etc.)
 - . Master's Degree course: KAIST and RCARO
 - . Nuclear Medicine Training Course: KOICA and KIRAMS
- Other RCARO Projects
 - . Survey on the status of RI applications in RCA MSs (KOSEF)
 - . Joint Project (s) funded by other development and cooperation organizations

Some Issues Concerning RCARO Operation

- Identity Crisis
 - What is RCARO? (Before financial ministry and national assembly of Korea)
 - Who is RCARO? (Before regional and international development organizations when we knock the doors)
 - What legal status of RCARO? (When RCARO makes contract)

A Long Way to Go!

Regional Offices

(Status of Some Int'l Organizations)

IAEA

- 2 Safeguards Regional Offices (Tokyo and Toronto)
- 2 Liaison Offices (New York and Geneva)
- 2 International Laboratories and Research Centers (Seibersdorf and Monaco)



UNDP

- 5 UNDP Regional Offices in
 - Africa, Arab States, Asia and the Pacific, Europe and the CIS, Latin America and the Caribbean
 - Some 50 Country Offices under these Regional Offices
(e.g. in Asia and the Pacific region, Country Offices in BGD, CPR, IND, INS, ROK, JPN – Liaison Office, MAL, MON, MYA, PAK, PHI, SRL, THA, VIE)
 - 4 Special Organizations under UNDP (under the direct control of the Administrator)
 - . UNCDF (UN Capital Development Fund)
 - . UNIFEM (UN Development Fund for Women)
 - . UNV (UN Volunteers)
 - . SU/TCDC (Special Unit/Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries)

UNEP

- 6 Regional Offices for Africa (ROA), Asia and the Pacific (ROAP), Latin America and the Caribbean (ROLAC), Europe (ROE), North America (RONA), West-Asia (ROWA)
- 6 Liaison Offices: EU Liaison Office (BRU), UN Liaison Office (NY), Arab League Liaison Office (Cairo), UNEP China Office, UNEP Brazil Office, UNEP Office in Moscow, UNEP Office in Addis Ababa
- 5 UNEP Out-posted Offices
 - . GPA: Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-Based Activities (Netherlands)
 - . ICRI: International Coral Reef Initiative (Philippines)
 - . GIWA: Global International Waters Assessment
 - . UNEP Earth Watch Coordination Office (Geneva)
 - . Post-conflict Assessment Unit (Geneva)

UNIDO

- 28 UNIDO Field Representations (in RCA region, CPR, IND, INS, PAK, PHI, THA, VIE)
- 1 Regional Office (South America)
- 3 UNIDO Country Offices – Convert to 15 UNIDO Desks
- Investment and Technology Promotion Office (ITPOs) – NY
- 35 National Cleaner Production Centers (NCPCs): Jointly by UNIDO and UNEP
- 10 International Technology Centers (ITCs)
- 59 offices in 30 countries for Subcontracting and Partnership Exchanges (SPX)
- 2 UNIDO Liaison Offices in New York and Geneva (To maintain on-the-spot contacts with MSs and other UN organizations based there)

FAO

- 5 Regional Offices
 - . RO for Africa (Ghana)
 - . RO for Latin America and the Caribbean (Chile)
 - . RO for Asia and the Pacific (THA)
 - . RO for the Near East (Egypt)
 - . RO for Europe (Italy)
- 4 Sub-regional Offices
 - . Southern and Eastern Africa (SAFR-Zimbabwe)
 - . Asia and the Pacific Islands (SAPA – Samoa)
 - . Central and Eastern Europe (SEUR – Hungary)
 - . Latin America and the Caribbean (SLAC – Brazil)
- Liaison Offices (whenever needed)

WHO

- 6 Regional Offices (Africa, Americas, Southeast Asia, Europe, Eastern Mediterranean, Western Pacific)
 - RCA Region: BGD, IND, INS, MYA, SRL, THA, and AUL, CPR, ROK, JPN, MAL, MON, NZE, PHI, SIN, VIE
- WHO Liaison and Other Offices
 - . Int'l Agency for Research on Cancer (Fr.)
 - . WHO Center for Health Development (JPN)
 - . WHO Europe Office for Investment for Health and Development (It.)
 - . WHO Liaison Office in Washington, DC
 - WHO Lyon Office for National Epidemic Preparedness and Response
 - WHO Mediterranean Center for Vulnerability Reduction (Tunisia)
 - WHO Office at the African Union and the EC for Africa (Eth.)
 - WHO Office at EU (Bel.)
 - WHO Office at UN (New York)
 - WHO Office at World Bank and IMF (Washington, DC)

UNESCAP

- 4 Regional Institutions and 1 Center
 - APCAEM: Asian and Pacific Center for Agricultural Engineering and Machinery (CPR)
 - APCTT: Asian and Pacific Center for Transfer of Technology (IND)
 - CAPSA: Center for Alleviation of Poverty through Secondary Crops' Development in Asia and the Pacific (THA)
 - SIAP: UN Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific
 - UN-EPOC: UNESCAP Pacific Operations Center (FIJI)
- UNIS: UN Information Services/Bangkok

IMO

- 3 Regional Offices
 - . For Africa (Brundi)
 - . Asia and the South-West Pacific (Switzerland)
 - Americas (Paraguay)
- 4 Sub-regional Offices
 - . West Africa (Nigeria)
 - . Eastern and Southern Africa (Kenya)
 - . South-West Pacific (Samoa)
 - . North and Central America and the Caribbean (Costa Rica)

ADB

- 19 Resident Missions
- 3 Sub-regional Offices in the Pacific
- 1 Country Office (PHI)
- 3 Representative Offices (Frankfurt, Tokyo, Washington)

Thematic Sectors

- Poverty
- Social Development, Gender, and Social Protection
- Environment
- Governance and Capacity Building
- Regional Cooperation
- Private Sector Development
- Financial Management
- Information and Communication Technology
- Non-government Organizations and Civil Society
- Economics

AUSAid

- Under DG, 3 DDGs
 - Asian Corporate Resources (ACR): Branches (e.g. INS) and Sections (e.g. PHI, VIE & LAOS, THA, MYA..)
 - Policy & Global Programmes (PGP)
 - Papua New Guinea, Pacific & Partnerships (PPP)
- About 25 Overseas Staff (e.g. Bangkok, Colombo, Dhaka, Hanoi, Jakarta, New Dehli, Manila, Ho Chi Mihn City etc.)