

**2nd Working Group Meeting
on
“The RCARO’s Future Role”**

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Republic of Korea**

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Background

- Report of the 1st WGM was presented to the 43rd RCA GCM, which endorsed continuation of the Working Group and approved the scheduling of a 2nd WGM, which should report to the 37th RCA NRM.
- The GCM also noted that it was essential to demonstrate that adequate resources can be secured prior to the expansion of the RCARO's role.

Principle Objectives of the Meeting

- To establish specific criteria and mechanisms for the application and operation of Supplementary Projects (SPs) within the RCA Programme.
- To establish specific criteria and mechanisms for the application and operation of Research Programmes (RPs) within the RCA Programme.
- To develop guidelines, procedures and criteria for training/education programmes.

Principle Objectives of the Meeting (continued)

- **To prepare a revised RCARO mandate covering the proposed extended RCARO functions for the attention of the NRs.**
- **To prepare option papers for the consideration of the NRs on possible funding models to support SPs and RPs implemented by the RCARO.**
- **To agree conclusions and recommendations on the proposed extended RCARO functions based on the discussions derived from the meeting and prepare an associated action plan.**

Outcomes of the Meeting

Guidelines and Criteria for Supplementary Projects (SPs)

Category	Formulation	Evaluation	Implementation
(1) A project linked to a previous, current or next RCA project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GP (NR) • Duration: 1 year • TC modalities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCA PAC • Approval: NRM or GCM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management: RCARO • Leading: LC, LCC
(2) A new and urgent project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GP (NR) • Show that there are time-dependent factors • Duration: 1 year • Use Fast-track process (SAC, RCARO) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCA PAC • Approval: NRs by on-line communication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management: RCARO • Leading: LC, LCC

Guidelines and Criteria for Research Projects (RPs)

- **Formulation**
 - **Proposal: GP (NR)**
 - **Duration: 1 year**
 - **Modes of participation: Contract Holders & Agreement Holders**
- **Evaluation of Proposals**
 - **RCARO(Research Review Committee)**
(RCA PAC would take the role of the RRC with the support of technical experts.)
- **Approval: NRM or GCM**
- **Implementation**
 - **Management: RCARO**
 - **Leading: Chief Scientific Investigators from nominated Research Institutes**

Guidelines and Criteria for ad hoc Training Programme (TPs)

- **Formulation**
 - **Proposal: GP (NR)**
 - **One-off training**
- **Evaluation**
 - **RCA PAC**
 - **Review: SAC**
 - **Approval: NRM or GCM**
- **Implementation**
 - **Management: RCARO**
 - **Leading: LC, LCC**

Plan for 2016/2018

No. Projects and estimated Budget

Year	Number of Projects	Estimated Budget
2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 Supplementary Projects• 1 Research Project• 1 ad-hoc Training Programme	400,000 USD
2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 Supplementary Projects• 2 Research Project• 1 ad-hoc Training Programme	500,000 USD
2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 Supplementary Projects• 2 Research Project• 2 ad-hoc Training Programme	600,000 USD

Revision of the RCARO Mandate & Other Matters

Revision of the RCARO's Mandate

Roles and Responsibilities

- a) Pro-actively seek out opportunities for the RCA to participate in projects being funded by major regional and international donors, including international agencies;**
- b) Negotiate and secure funding for RCA projects;**
- c) Promote the peaceful uses of nuclear technology to assist in addressing regional and national needs;**
- d) Provide enhanced visibility for the RCA at regional and national forums;**

Revision of the RCARO's Mandate (continued)

- e) Implement the directives of the RCA Government Parties as agreed upon at the NRMs and GCMs;**
- f) Provide RCA Government Parties with reference to the RCA archived records on the projects, meeting proceedings, guidelines and procedures for undertaking the RCA activities as a repository of knowledge on the RCA Programme; and,**
- g) Manage/implement RCA projects as approved by the GPs.**

Possible Options Funding & Support

- a) Funding from Government Parties:
 - Extrabudgetary donations from GPs to IAEA
 - “AFRA Fund” might be considered an example.
- b) Funding from the ROK, as the host country, for the RCARO.
- c) Funding from regional/international organisations.
- d) Government parties’ “in-kind” contribution:
 - Including providing cost-free experts to the RCARO for implementation of these projects.
- e) Contributions from industries or organisations in the private sector.

Additional Areas where the RCARO could contribute to the RCA Programme

- a) Provision of **additional managerial support by the RCARO** to assist in the implementation of the RCA programme.
- b) Provision of **assistance to the RCA Chair by the RCARO** in support of the administration of the RCA Programme in areas such as the preparation of the RCA Annual Report, background papers and agenda for the NRM and GCM, etc.

Issues raised by JPN and CPR about the IAEA's role in RCA Projects

- The participation of the IAEA should be a basic condition even when RCA projects are implemented by the fund outside the IAEA.
- Based on these points and the fact that the fast-track mechanism is not fully stipulated in the GOR, more deliberate consideration and definition needs to be whether fast-track mechanism.

WG Conclusion

- Clarification of the RCA Agreement was required in relation to whether projects could proceed as part of RCA Programme, if they did not involve the formal participation of the IAEA.

Action Plan

Schedule	Action
29 January 2015	1 st Meeting Report draft to be circulated to the WG Members
4 February 2015	Responses by WG members to be sent to the Chair on suggested revisions and changes
11 February 2015	Finalised Meeting Report to be sent to the Members of the WG and RCA FP
12-13 February 2015	Meeting Report to be conveyed to the 2 nd WGM on the revision of the RCA Agreement

Action Plan (continued)

Schedule	Action
15 February 2015	A response from the IAEA to clarify its Secretariat role in relation to the RCA Agreement and whether the involvement of the IAEA in RCA projects not funded by/through the IAEA is a requirement.
16-19 March 2015	Report on the outcomes of the 2 nd WGM to the 37 th NRM by the WG Chair.
1 April 2015	WG Chair to provide advice to the WG Members concerning the outcome of the 37 th NRM.
April 2015	Discussions on possible follow up actions between RCARO and Members of the WG following the outcome of the 37 th NRM.

Thank you!

Any Questions?