



23rd RCA Meeting of National Representatives

Provisional Agenda:

Venue: Hotel Sheraton, Dhaka, Bangladesh
Date: 18-20 March 2001

18 March 2001
0800-830hrs. Registration

The participants and guests will register at the Hotel. Early arrivals in Dhaka may also be registered by the secretariat of the Meeting organizer, at the hotel when they check in.

0830 -10:00hrs. Opening

Welcome remarks will be given by representatives of the host country, the IAEA and officials of the Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission and the Ministry of Science and Technology. India will be the interim chairperson. The Meeting will elect the chairperson. Rapporteurs will be designated by the chairperson.

1000 hrs. Start of Sessions. A suggested timetable for each topic is given at the end of this list.

a) 29th RCA GC meeting report: Matters arising; adoption of report.

The report has already been circulated to the MS. The Meeting will be informed of the status of the action items from the 29th RCA GC and will be expected to adopt the report (with any subsequent comments or revisions)

b) Draft 2000 RCA annual report: to adopt or submit comments.

The draft report was circulated to RCA MS. The Meeting will be expected to submit comments on the report, or to adopt the report with the suggested revisions. Note: Effort must be exerted by the Secretariat and chairpersons to encourage the MS to submit Part 3 of the Annual report on time. The delayed submission, if at all, has been an annual problem.

c) 2000 project activities (summary of regional events, accomplishments, etc).

The Meeting will be informed of the summary of major events in the RCA programme, significant achievements/progress.

d) Joint UNDP/RCA/IAEA project status.

The Meeting will be informed of the results of the terminal tripartite review meeting terminal report of the joint project (11-13 Dec 2000, New Delhi, India), and particularly on the UNDP-funded portion of the project, and the future course of action for the subprojects which will continue for the 2001/2002 cycle.

e) Overview of 2001/2002 programme; footnote a projects; extrabudgetary contributions; project counterparts; lead countries.

The Meeting will be informed of the RCA programme by sectoral areas and budget; the footnote a/projects waiting for funding; the extrabudgetary contributions received; they will be asked to designate/update the list of project counterparts; endorse the recommendation for lead country(ies); take note of the footnote a/projects and make decision on funding.

f) 2001 regional events: overall chronologically, and by country hostings.

The Meeting will be informed of the planned regional events and obtain confirmation on venues, project counterparts names and organizations, and dates for those not confirmed.

g) 2003/2004 programme: list of projects in sectoral areas.

The Meeting will be informed of the TC's guidelines on the upstream work 2003/2004 (DIR-TCPA); the regional programme in the East Asia Pacific Region (SH-TCAPS) and the picture regarding the RCA programme (RCA Co-ordinator). The Meeting will be asked to take note of the proposals for the 2003/2004 project and decide on which ones to endorse or otherwise (for setting aside, for full development, etc) NOTE: todate only health related proposals for 2003/2004 had been received. Other proposals are expected to be received later. There will also be presented key point related to the paper presented at the 29th RCA GC on the TC strategy and RCA programme¹.

h) Outsourcing: development.

The Meeting will be informed on the status of the outsourcing initiatives of the Agency and MSs.

i) RRUs; status of list.

An updated list of RRUs will be circulated. A database on RRU will be kept and linked to the homepage. A set of criteria for evaluating performance of RRUs will be requested to be developed by MS.

¹ Paper by Peter Airey

j) Regional office: Korean proposal.

The discussion on this proposal will be continued from last time (29th RCA GC) and the Meeting will be expected to reach a consensus on the mode for creating the office, on issues on payment of salary and on addressing the question of immunity and privileges. The result of the latest agency legal opinion, if available, will also be given.

k) TCDC.

The statistics or examples on TCDC will be highlighted.

Tripartite Tech transfer: AFRA, RCA. ARCAL.

The Meeting will be informed of the status of the technology transfer activities and workplans, as well as future agenda for the next meeting. These are on the following technology transfer projects: distance learning in nuclear medicine; food irradiation; safety guidelines; geothermal; tissue banking; FMD QA/QC training manual; the status on criteria for technology transfer; additional candidate technologies from RCA for transfer.

FNCA (invitation to the RCA Meeting)

The meeting will be informed of the latest development regarding Agency and FNCA interaction (Note: the DDG-TC attended the Ministerial level meeting held in Bangkok, Thailand in Nov 2000; a Technical Officer attended a FNCA workshop in Indonesia in January 2001; the RCA Co-ordinator, who attended the first FNCA Co-ordinators Meeting held in March 2000, was again invited to the second FNCA Co-ordinators Meeting on 14-15 March 2001).

l) Consultative meeting.

The Meeting will be advised on the latest development on this meeting which will take place after the RCA meeting, i.e. 21-22 March 2000.

m) Next Meeting: 24th Meeting of RCA National Representatives;

Korea and Mongolia had offered to host this at the 22nd RCA meeting in Mumbai, India.

n) Other matters

(i) Regional and non regional projects. Some Member States needed clarification on the existence of these types of regional projects. A paper on this was circulated at the 29th RCA GC by the RCA Coordinator.

(ii) RCA Management. This slot is reserved for Member States(e.g. Japan) who may wish to discuss issues on management of RCA and of RCA programme/projects.

- (iii) *Role of Research in RCA Programme. A revised paper on this to be presented by Japan*
- (iv) *Proposed action items arising from the seminar/workshop on sustainability of nuclear institutions. A summary of the results of the workshop as well as future course of actions will be presented by Agency.*

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Provisional Schedule

18 March 2001

0800 - 0830hrs.

Registration

OPENING

0830hrs.

Invocation

Recitation from Holy Koran

Welcome remarks by the following:

1. National RCA Co-ordinator, *Prof. Dr. N. Choudhury*
2. IAEA, DIR-Africa and East Asia and the Pacific,
Dr. Adnan Shihab-Eldin
3. Address by BAEC Chairman, *Dr. Eng.M. Habibuddin*
4. Address by Special Guest, Secretary, Ministry of Science and
Technology, *Mr. M. Fazhur Rahman*
5. Keynote Speech, *Lt. General (Retired) Noor Uddin Ahmed*

Election of Chairperson

Statement of outgoing Chairperson

Statement of incoming Chairperson

Photo session

1000hrs.

Break

1st SESSION

1030hrs.

a) Presentation of 29th RCA GC Report

1045hrs.

b) Presentation of RCA Annual Report

1100hrs.

c) Project Activities in 2001

1115hrs.

d) Status of Joint UNDP/RCA/IAEA Projects

1145hrs.

e) Overview of the 2001/2002 Programme

1230hrs.

f) Regional events 2001

1300hrs.

Lunch break

Working lunch for guests, participants, hosted by BAEC

2nd SESSION

1400hrs.

g) Programme for 2003/2004

- TC guidelines on upstream work for 2003/2004 by Mr. A. Shihab-Eldin (DIR-TCPA)
- Regional Programme in East Asia and the Pacific by Mr. M.N. Razley (SH-TCPAS)
- RCA Programme - scopes for project proposals by C.R. Aleta (RCA Co-ordinator)

Project in Sectoral areas
TC Strategy²

1530hrs.

Break

1600hrs.

- h) Outsourcing
- i) Regional Resource Unit

1800hrs.

End of Session.

Dinner - Reception hosted by IAEA.

3rd SESSION

19 March 2001

0900hrs.

j) Proposal: Establishment of RCA Regional Office

1030hrs.

Break

4th SESSION

1130hrs.

k) TCDC: Tripartite ARCAL/AFRA/RCA
FNCA

1230hrs.

Lunch Break
Working lunch with BAEC

5th SESSION

1400hrs.

l) Consultative Meeting with Regional and Interregional Organization

1430hrs.

Break

6th SESSION

1500hrs.

Other Matters

- m) Next meeting: 24th Meeting of RCA National Representatives.
- n) Regional and Non-regional Agreement projects

² Mr. Airey will be invited to make a presentation.

RCA Management

Role of Research in RCA Programme

Proposed action items arising from seminar/workshop on sustainability of nuclear institutions. A summary of the results of the workshops as well as future course of actions will be presented by Agency.

1600hrs. Preparation of Meeting Report

1750 hr End of Session

1900hrs. Dinner hosted by BAEC

7th SESSION

20 March 2001

0900hrs. Presentation of Meeting Report
Tea hosted by BAEC

1100hrs. Closing