

Summary of Major Activities in 2000¹

This brief report covers 3 main areas:

- A. Policy /Management
- B. Implementation
- C. Staff concerns

A. Policy /Management

1. Two policy level meetings were held : the 22nd RCA Meeting of National Representatives in Feb/March and the 29th RCA GC in September. Among the important decisions made at these meetings relate to the following:
 - a. Approval of new project proposals for the 2001/2002 and their endorsement to the Agency. The RCA programme for this cycle includes 12 new projects and 18 continuing/extensions.
 - b. Preparations for the mid-term review mission of the joint UNDP/RCA/IAEA project (RAS97/030) and actions taken on the wake of the UNDP decision not to fund further the project beyond its initial commitment of 3 years. A terminal review meeting was held in December 2000 in New Delhi, India and a terminal report prepared and submitted to UNDP in February 2001.(Note: UNDP expressed satisfaction at the results obtained but raised some minor concerns on the report. This will be addressed in a revised version of the report)
 - c. Establishing criteria for selection and evaluation of regional resource units (RRUs)
 - d. Proposal from Korea to establish a regional office (to be discussed at this meeting)
 - e. Technology for transfer to ARCAL and AFRA under the tripartite TCDC arrangement, including identifying criteria for receiving and transferring technologies
 - f. Upstream work for 2003/2004 was started. Lead countries/Assistant lead countries were active in project formulation.
 - g. Approval of the RCA homepage and corresponding strategies
 - h. Extension of the 1987 RCA Agreement which expires on 11 June 2002. (Note: Draft document for extension was circulated already to RCA MSs in Feb/Mar 2001)

Other important items tabled included the following :

¹ 23rd RCA Meeting 18-20 March 2001.

- a. Paper on increasing the implementation in the RCA programme(use of RRUs, use of cost free experts and outsourcing) (RCA Secretariat
- b. Local operating costs (RCA secretariat)
- c. Role of research paper (by Japan)
- d. Transport survey involving air shipment of radioactive materials.
- e. Regional and non- regional Agreement projects

B. Implementation

1. Twenty nine(29) projects in the programme, including 22 continuing from the previous year, and 2 cancelled in Dec 2000.
2. Sixty-five(65) regional events were implemented: 39 training events, 26 meetings/workshops. Under training, 697 personnel were trained (511 male, 186 female). For fellowships: 28 and for experts: 202 missions totaling 1435 man days.
3. The adjusted programme was \$6.15M; the total extra budgetary contributions received amounted to \$989,705.
4. There are now an additional 2 national homepages created in the year(for a total 13 national homepages) in RCA participating countries-this is in addition to the RCA homepage.
5. Project achievements are indicated in Part II of the annual report among which are those under the different subprojects of the joint UNDP/RCA/IAEA project (to be reported elsewhere in this meeting); the transfer to distance learning materials to AFRA and ARCAL and the translation into other languages (Spanish and Korean—Chinese was first) done); transfer of manufacture of Co-60 sealed sources for brachytherapy devices;

C. Staff concerns

1. Available number of manpower in RCA office (CFE(Mr. P.H. Choi) has left the Agency at the end of February 2001; JPO(Ms. S. Thy) extended until June 2001); national consultants helped in specific tasks/assignments.
2. Workload and stress-TC wide concern
3. Urgent cases: submissions of actions to implement activity less than the lead-time.