



**REGIONAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT
INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY**



MEETING REPORT OF
THE 26th RCARO STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Miami Room, Paradise Hotel
Busan, Korea

26 March 2018
14:00-17:00

Introduction

The 26th RCA Regional Office Standing Advisory Committee Meeting was held at Paradise Hotel in Busan, Korea, prior to the 40th RCA NRM. The participants were Mr KIM Young Eun (Current RCA Chair, NR of ROK), Mr Imtiaz Kamal (Immediate past RCA Chair, NR of BGD), Mr Rummy Parvez (BAEC), Mr T. M. R. Tennakoon (Immediate next RCA Chair, NR of SRL), Ms Mi Kyung HAN (Ministry of Science and ICT), Ms Jae Eun CHOI (KONICOF), representatives of the IAEA, Ms Najat Mokhtar (Director of Division for Asia and Pacific), and Mr Sinh Hoang (RCA Focal Person).

The RCARO served as the secretariat of the SAC Meeting and was represented by the Director Mr Hai Joo Moon, Ms Hyun-kyoung Jeon and Ms Soo-youn Hwang.

1. Opening Remarks by the RCA Chair (ROK)

Mr KIM Young Eun, the current RCA Chair, opened the Meeting and welcomed the participants. He wished a fruitful meeting and expressed appreciation to the RCARO for its contributions.

2. Adoption of the Agenda and Appointment of a Rapporteur

The agenda items were reviewed and adopted with no amendment. Ms Soo-youn Hwang from RCARO was appointed as a rapporteur.

The SAC agreed to adopt the draft agenda with no amendment and appointed Ms Soo-youn Hwang as a rapporteur.

3. Discussions on the Major Issues of the RCARO Activities

3.1. Participation in regional and international conferences and exhibitions to increase the RCA awareness and partnership

The SAC was informed of RCARO's participation to the following events in 2017;

- International Conference on the IAEA Technical Cooperation Programme on 30 May-1 June, IAEA, Austria
- World Nuclear & Radiation Expo on 7-9 June, Seoul, Korea
- Asia-Pacific Ministerial Summit on Environment on 5-8 September, Bangkok, Thailand

The SAC was informed of RCARO's plan to participate in the following events in 2018, as approved by the 46th GCM;

- 12th Congress of the World Federation of Nuclear Medicine and Biology on 20-24 April, Melbourne, Australia
- Global South-South Development Expo in October 2018.

The SAC took note of the promotional activities in international conferences and exhibitions that had been carried out by RCARO in 2017 and reconfirmed the plan for promotional activities in 2018 which had been approved at the 46th GCM. The SAC also encouraged

RCARO to consider participation in the STI Forum and Ministerial Conference on Nuclear Science and Technology to be held in June 2018, in USA and in November 2018 at the IAEA respectively.

3.2 Support of RCA experts for increasing the awareness and promotion of the RCA

The SAC was briefed on the RCARO's support for four RCA experts (BGD, INS, THA and VIE) for their RCA promotional activities through their participation in relevant conferences in 2017, and RCARO's plan to support two RCA experts (MAL, INS) in 2018.

The SAC took note of the RCARO's support for RCA experts in their participation in relevant conferences and RCA promotional activities in 2017 and its plan for continued support in 2018.

3.3 Implementation of RAS/6/083 on Improving Patient Care and Enhancing Government Parties Capacity in Nuclear Medicine Programs in RCA region

The SAC was informed of the progress made and activities undertaken under RAS6083, namely, a review meeting combined with a workshop on Theranostics in February in Hanoi, Vietnam and a regional training course on Theranostics and Dementias in December in Osaka, Japan. In addition, five expert missions to BGD, PHI, INS, MAL and THA were carried out under the project according to the work plan. The SAC also took note of the 2018 work plan for expert missions, a review meeting and a final meeting.

The SAC took note of the progress made and activities undertaken in 2017 and work plan for 2018 under RAS6083. The SAC also informed of a non-agreement regional project of the IAEA in nuclear medicine and encouraged RCARO to closely communicate with the relevant Technical Officer to complement with each other.

3.4 Implementation of RCA/UNOSSC Project on Electron Beam Applications

The RCARO reported on the progress made and activities undertaken under the project, such as a project coordination meeting in May in Phuket, Thailand and a regional training course in July in Korea for 14 trainees from 13 GPs. The SAC was also informed of the 2018 plan for holding a regional training course in the area of phytosanitary measures on foods and a review meeting to be held in October in Indonesia.

The SAC took note of the progress made and activities undertaken in 2017 and work plan for 2018 under the RCA/UNOSSC Project.

3.5 RCARO Managed Project: Implementation of a Research Project

The RCARO reported on the progress in the implementation of the Research Project under the framework of the RCARO Managed Project. Decided by the 46th GCM, the theme proposal by INS on air pollution will be the theme for the first Research Project. Under the theme, 11 research proposals were submitted by the GPs and after the review and evaluation by the RRC and TO, 10 GPs were confirmed for participation in the research project: 3 as agreement holders

(AUL, NZE, ROK) and 7 as contract holders (BGD, INS, MAL, MON, NEP, PHI and SRL). The SAC was informed of the 2018 plan for holding a kick off meeting in May in Korea.

The SAC complimented the RCARO for its efforts in initiating the first RCA Research Project under the framework of the RCARO Managed Project which would enlarge the RCA Programme and took note of the plan for 2018.

3.6 Holding of an IAEA/RCARO/KIRAMS joint training course on occupational radiation protection

The RCARO reported on the plan of holding an IAEA/RCARO/KIRAMS joint training course on occupational radiation protection in the medical area to provide the competence needed to apply the methodologies and techniques used for direct and indirect measurements of internal exposure to radioactive material.

The SAC complimented the RCARO for its effort in holding regional training courses in the area of radiation safety and took note of the plan for holding an IAEA/RCARO/KIRAMS joint training course on radiation safety in the medical area in 2018.

3.7. Other Matters

The SAC was informed of RCARO's other activities: supporting the IAEA for RCA administrative matters and assisting the RCA Chair for coordination of activities; supporting the activities of the WG on the RCA MTS 2018-2023 coordination; partnership project with the ASEAN; activities for capacity building on radiation application technology such as the training courses with KAERI and Hanyang University, KAIST master's degree course and the fellowship programme.

The SAC took note of the RCARO's other activities: supporting the IAEA for RCA administrative matters and assisting the RCA Chair for coordination of activities; supporting the activities of the WG on the RCA MTS 2018-2023 coordination; partnership project with the ASEAN; activities for capacity building on radiation application technology; fellowship programme and encouraged the RCARO to continue its endeavour in such activities.

4. Arrangement for the 27th SAC Meeting

The Meeting was informed that the 27th RCARO SAC Meeting would be held on the day prior to the 47th RCA GCM which is planned to be held in September 2018 in the IAEA, Austria.

5. Closing

The Chair of the Meeting thanked all the SAC members for their advice and recommendations given to the RCARO.