



**REGIONAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT
INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY**



MEETING REPORT OF
THE 16TH RCARO STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Lake View Call Room
Aureum Palace Hotel
Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar

18 March 2013
16:00-18:00h

Introduction

The 16th RCA Regional Office Standing Advisory Committee Meeting was held at the Aureum Palace Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar on 18 March 2013, prior to the 35th RCA NRM. The participants were Ms. Feng Dongxin (Current RCA Chair), Mr. Khin Maung Latt (Immediate next RCA Chair, NR of MYA), Mr. Chris Daughney (Next RCA Chair, NR of NZE), Mr. Ho-won Kang, on behalf of Mr. Seung-ho Hong (NR of ROK). Representatives of IAEA, Mr. Ali Boussaha (Director of Division for Asia and the Pacific, IAEA) and Mr. Kesrat Sukasam (RCA Focal Person, IAEA) attended as observers.

The RCARO, represented by Acting Director Mr. Jin-kyu Lim, Mr. In-seok Oh, Ms. Hyunyoung Jeon, Ms. Soo-youn Hwang, served as the secretariat of the SAC Meeting.

1. Opening Remarks

Ms. Feng Dongxin opened the Meeting and welcomed the participants.

1.1 Remarks of the Outgoing Chair, CPR

Ms. Feng Dongxin valued the work successfully done by RCARO and wished best for a successful meeting. She invited Mr. Khin Maung Latt to deliver the opening remarks as the Incoming Chair.

1.2 Remarks of the Incoming Chair, MYR

Mr. Khin Maung Latt expressed his appreciation to the RCARO for its contribution to the RCA.

2. Adoption of the Agenda and Appointment of Rapporteur

The provisional Agenda was adopted with no amendment and Ms. Soo-Youn Hwang from RCARO was appointed as rapporteur.

The SAC agreed to adopt the draft agenda with no amendment.

3. RCARO 2012 Work Performance

The SAC noted the 2012 Work Performance circulated before the Meeting and complemented its successful achievements. The RCARO briefed on the publication of fifth batch of Success Stories, participation in the exhibition of the 40th anniversary of RCA, holding a strategic workshop and the progress of RCA/UNDP partnership project on nuclear imaging technologies and a new project proposal of RCA/UNDP project on electron beam applications.

The SAC evaluated RCARO 2012 Work Performance as satisfactory and expressed its appreciation for successful accomplishment.

4. RCARO 2013 Work Plan

The SAC agreed to focus on the major issues of the 2013 Work Plan of RCARO as the Plan had been circulated to all members of SAC in advance.

The SAC agreed on the 2013 work plan proposed by RCARO.

5. Discussions on the Major Issues from the 2013 Work Plan

The SAC decided to review the 2013 Work Plan focusing on the main issues.

5.1. Publication of a revised RCA brochure

The SAC was informed of the RCARO's plan of publishing a revised RCA brochure in celebration of the 40th and 10th anniversary of RCA and RCARO respectively.

It will be updated with the general information on RCA, projects and its achievements. A draft will reflect comments by the MSs, IAEA, RCA experts and after approval by the MSs, it will be published and distributed to the 42nd GCM.

The SAC agreed RCARO's plan and suggested involvement of National RCA Representatives in the development of the RCA brochure. The SAC also suggested consideration of publicising two different types of target audiences; general public and decision makers/end users.

5.2. Implementation of RCA/UNDP Partnership Project on Nuclear Imaging Technology

The SAC was briefed on the progress made in the RCA/UNDP partnership project on promoting and accelerating nuclear SPECT/PET imaging technologies in the region. Based on the decision from the Annual Review Meeting in 2012, qualified non-physician trainees working in Nuclear Medicine will be also participating in the training courses. The training courses are to be held from 17 June to 5 July and the final review meeting in the fourth quarter of the year. The SAC was also informed of an expert network to be created and shown on the RCA website.

The SAC took note of the progress of the RCA/UNDP project which was successfully implemented in 2012 and work plan in 2013. The SAC also requested the RCARO to present the outcomes of the RCA/UNDP project at the 18th SAC Meeting upon completion of the project.

5.3. Implementation of RCA/UNDP Partnership Project on Electron Beam Applications

The SAC was informed of the successful contract between UNDP and RCARO for the partnership project on electron beam applications in the fields of food, industry and environment. The meeting was also briefed on the work plan of the year, such as kick-off meeting to be held in May, Thailand, training courses and annual review meeting.

The SAC complimented RCARO for its successful contract with the UNDP and took note of the work plan in 2013. The SAC suggested including the project work plan to support countries interested in developing Electron Beam infrastructure through expert advice for undertaking feasibility studies.

5.4. Participation in Regional and International Conferences to Increase RCA Awareness and Partnership

The RCARO reported to the SAC on its plan to participate in the following events in 2013: the 7th Int'l symposium on naturally occurring radioactive material, April 22-26, Beijing,

China, Int'l conference on nuclear science and technology, May 29-31, Tokyo, Japan, Int'l conference on the sources, effects and risks of ionizing radiation, Oct. 10-11, Bali, Indonesia. To make the best use of this promotional activities, RCARO will engage RCA experts including the LCCs and NPCs of relevant thematic areas for their technical contribution.

The SAC agreed on the RCARO's plan and commended RCARO for its efforts to publicize and advocate for RCA. The SAC suggested that the survey template be modified to include justification for each event proposed. The SAC suggested that the modified survey be sent to NRs with response due in two weeks after the NRM.

5.5. Establishment of ICT infrastructure of the Member States by providing ICT equipment

The SAC was informed of the RCARO's plan for initiating a pilot project on establishing ICT infrastructure of the MSs by providing ICT equipment. Priorities will be given to the RCA related organizations/institutes which have not sufficiently installed ICT equipment for exclusive use of RCA activities. The selection criteria were also introduced to the SAC.

The SAC commended the RCARO's initiative to improve ICT infrastructure of Member States. The SAC recommended that a Working Group be established to provide guidance to the RCARO on the scope and approach to be used in the project. RCARO will take full responsibility of establishing the Working Group.

5.6. Holding a Workshop on Strengthening the Capabilities of RCARO for its Sustainable Development

The SAC was briefed on the RCARO's plan to hold a workshop to discuss/find way to strengthen the capabilities of RCARO in order to accommodate the needs of MSs more effectively and for its sustainable development.

The SAC took note of the RCARO's plan to hold the workshop and advises the NRM to consider this plan in the context of its review of the recommendations of the last year's workshop.

5.7. Selection and Appointment of a New RCARO Director

RCARO reported to the SAC on the progress of selection and appointment of a new RCARO director. The selection process has been proceeding according to the guideline and timeline approved at the 41st GCM. An application form of Mr. Kun-mo Choi supported by the Korean government was received and circulated to the members of the selection committee for screening. The chairperson finalized the assessment of the candidate and submitted it to the SAC chair.

The SAC noted the selection process and the assessment of the SC members for selection of a new RCARO director and endorsed it for approval of NRM.

5.8. Recommendations of the RCARO workshop on enhancing strategic goals of RCARO

The SAC was informed of the background of its discussion again in the 16th SAC and 35th

NRM and recommendations of the RCARO workshop held in 2012.

The SAC expects the NRM to review the recommendations of the workshop.

5.9. Other Matters

The meeting was informed of RCARO's other activities on RCA website, fellowship programme, nuclear knowledge preservation and participation in the RCA project design meeting and the 14th FNCA coordinators meeting.

The SAC took note of the RCARO's other activities regarding the RCA website, fellowship programme, nuclear knowledge preservation and participation in the RCA project design meeting and the 14th FNCA coordinators meeting, and encouraged RCARO to continue its endeavor in such activities.

6. Arrangement for the next 17th SAC Meeting

The Meeting was informed that the 17th RCARO SAC Meeting would be held on the day prior to the 42nd RCA GCM which is planned to be held in September 2013.

7. Closing

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