

# Draft Work plan for Preparation of the 50th Anniversary of the RCA

Special Task Force

## 1. Background

In preparation of celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the RCA establishment, the 41<sup>st</sup> RCA NRM held in March 2019, Sri Lanka agreed to hold a special RCA exhibition in 2022 to showcase the socio-economic impact of the RCA in the region over the past 50 years.

The 48<sup>th</sup> RCA GCM held in September 2019, IAEA set up a Special Task Force (STF), consisting of the NR of MAL (the next RCA Chair in 2020), NR of THA (the RCA Chair in 2021), NR of VIE (the RCA Chair in 2022), NR of AUL\* (the RCA Chair in 2023), and representatives of CPR, JPN, ROK, IAEA and RCARO.

\*AUL has withdrawn its participation in the STF

As requested by the 48<sup>th</sup> the RCA GCM, the STF has drafted a work plan for preparation of the 50th Anniversary of the RCA for NR's consideration at the 42nd NRM.

## 2. Major Programme for the 50<sup>th</sup> RCA Anniversary

### 2.1. RCA Exhibition

Under the theme, 'The RCA 50 Years and Beyond', the special RCA exhibition is to be held as an effective means to showcase its value and socio-economic impact to the region over the 50 years through the RCA Projects.

### 2.2. Ministerial Conference

A ministerial conference is to be organised to facilitate high-level dialogue on the successful delivery of the peaceful uses of the nuclear science and technology in the RCA GPs through the RCA Programme and highlight the ownership and contribution of the RCA GPs for sustainable development of the RCA.

### 2.3 Other Activities

- **Publications and RCA website**

The history and development of RCA for the past of 50 years will be published in RCA Website. It will also include the results of the socio-economic impact assessment project and success stories detailing the case studies in Agriculture, Environment, Human Health and Industry sector of the RCA Programme.

A site for communicating and promoting the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the RCA is to be established in the RCA website ([www.rcaro.org](http://www.rcaro.org)). A designated sub-site/menu is to be created as a main channel of monitoring progress state of activities and a means to promote the occasion to the relevant stakeholders and the public.

- **RCA activity video**

An updated RCA activity video on the pictures/short video clips of RCA project activities and policy meetings could be produced to showcase the major achievements done by the RCA over the 50 years and the RCA vision 2030. The relevant information/data are to be provided by the GPs and IAEA for creating the video. The video can be demonstrated at the RCA exhibition.

- **Awards**

NRs may also consider awarding the key RCA experts and institutes to honour and commemorate their contributions to the RCA on the occasion of the 50th RCA Anniversary.

\* Contribution Award/Plaque of Appreciation, etc.

### **3. Roadmap for the RCA Exhibition and Ministerial Conference**

#### **3.1. RCA Exhibition**

##### **1) Date and Venue**

44<sup>th</sup> NRM (March /April 2022, VIE) and/or 65<sup>th</sup> IAEA GC (September 2022)

##### **2) Theme: The RCA: 50 Years and Beyond**

##### **3) Exhibition Plan**

- **Banners:** Banners could be created on the RCA Programme (Agriculture, Environment, Human Health and Industry) and overall RCA, incorporating the results of the socio-impact assessment project and inputs of the GPs
- **50th Anniversary logo and poster:** special edition of the logo and poster of the 50<sup>th</sup> RCA anniversary could be made and used in promotional materials. It will be designed by the RCARO and agreed by all the NRs.



Anniversary logo of the IAEA and other UN Agencies

- **RCA Project outputs:** In consultation with the NRs and LCCs, sample products resulted from successful RCA projects could be displayed at the exhibition

Sample products displayed at the RCA exhibition for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the IAEA



- **Other RCA promotional and exhibition materials:** RCA brochures, posters, success stories and souvenirs is to be displayed and distributed at the exhibition. The exhibition secretariat will collect the materials from all the RCA GPs.
- **Opening Ceremony**  
An opening ceremony of the RCA exhibition is to be organised to celebrate the anniversary inviting the stakeholders from the IAEA, RCA GPs and others
- **Exhibition Booth**  
The exhibition booths will be provided to all RCA GPs and institutes for the exhibition. The Secretariat will identify the size of the exhibition booths.

### **3.2. Ministerial Conference**

#### **1) Date and Venue**

2-3 days in conjunction with the 44th NRM (Mar./Apr. 2022, VIE) or 65<sup>th</sup> IAEA GC (Sept. 2022)

#### **2) Ministerial Conference Plan**

##### **- Ministerial Segment**

- **Objectives:** To facilitate high-level dialogue on the successful delivery of the RCA Programme and RCA revitalization and highlight the continuing commitment and ownership of the RCA GPs for sustainable development of the RCA

\* Opening, keynote speeches, statements by the ministers, adoption of the ministerial declaration

- **Participation:** Minister level government officials from the RCA GPs

- **Outputs:** Adopted Ministerial Declaration or Joint Statement

\* A Senior Officers Meeting (SOM) could be organized to prepare the ministerial segment.

##### **- Penal Discussion/ Technical Session**

- **Objectives:** To review and discuss delivery of the RCA Programme in the four thematic areas and the way forward to the next 50 years (Agriculture, Environment, Human Health, Industry, strategic review/future directions of the RCA)
- **Participation:** senior level RCA experts and researchers of the nuclear science and technology, representatives from the RCA stakeholders (IAEA, RCA GP, RCARO, etc.) and other regional and international organisations, etc.
- **Scope:** exchange of the strategic and technical perspectives on the delivery of the RCA programme (lessons learned, best practices, achievements and challenges, etc.), partnership programmes of other UN agencies/international organisations, future directions in the nuclear technology, strategic review/future role of the RCA GPs/ IAEA/RCARO, etc.

#### 4. Division of the Roles and Responsibilities

Activities	Responsible parties
<b>Ministerial Conference</b> - Ministerial declaration/joint statement	<b>Responsible parties: IAEA, VIE</b> Cooperating parties: CPR, MAL, MTSC WG*
<b>RCA Exhibition</b> - banners, logo & poster, RCA project outputs, opening, etc.	<b>Responsible parties: RCARO,</b> Cooperating parties: IAEA, RCA GPs
<b>Other activities</b>	<b>Responsible parties: RCARO</b> Cooperating parties: IAEA, RCA GPs*

\* Subject to the discussion of the STF

#### 5. Work Plan of the STF

Timeframe	Activities
Apr. 2020 1 <sup>st</sup> STF meeting (video conferencing)	- Preparation of the draft work plan for the 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the RCA * <b>Agreement on the scope, roles and responsibilities and work plan of the STF</b>
42 <sup>nd</sup> NRM	- Consideration and approval of the work plan reported by the STF
Sept. 2020 (49 <sup>th</sup> GCM)	Progress report of the STF - STF members' submission of the progress reports on the responsible activities to the Chair

Timeframe	Activities
Jan./Feb., 2021	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the STF</b> - Review and discuss the progress of implementation of the planned activities and 2021 work plan
Mar., Sept. 2021 (43 <sup>rd</sup> NRM, 50 <sup>th</sup> GCM)	Progress report of the STF - STF members' submission of the progress reports on the responsible activities

\* 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the STF could be held in the 2Q 2021 between the 43<sup>rd</sup> NRM and 50<sup>th</sup> GCM subject to the discussion of the STF and approval of the NRs

## 6. Financial Resources

Based on the past experiences, approximately US\$ 100,000 would be necessary to prepare the RCA exhibition and make necessary publications.

In consultation with the NR of ROK, RCARO will endeavour to secure the necessary funding for organising the RCA exhibition for the 50th Anniversary of the RCA in 2022. Extra financial contributions and in-kind contributions of the GPs and the IAEA would also be important for successful RCA exhibition.

## 7. Other considerations

- Upon discussion and division of the roles and responsibilities for the activities in preparation of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the RCA, the responsible parties need to prepare detailed work plan including resource mobilization scheme for each pertinent activity in consultation with cooperating parties.
- Consideration on the financial resources and budget plan should also be given in advance to secure necessary funding from the pertinent governments/organisations.