



In celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the RCA,

Guide to Selecting the RCA Awardees

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I. BACKGROUND

In the year 1972, the RCA (Regional Cooperative Agreement for Research, Development and Training Related to Nuclear Science and Technology) was established under the auspices of the IAEA to promote regional cooperation in the peaceful use of nuclear science and technology and to pursue socio-economic development in the Asia and the Pacific region. Since then, over the last 50 years, RCA has contributed to the region in transferring the advanced nuclear technologies across various sectors, achieving significant social and economic value and reaching improved quality of life and living environment. This success is indeed a result of combined efforts by various national, regional and international stakeholders. Based on the good governance at policy level, effective management at operational level, and active involvement of related experts and scientists in the field, RCA has built its unique regional solidarity that has accelerated effective and efficient implementation of the RCA Programme and further facilitated the expansion of the RCA.

II. PURPOSE

RCA, celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2022, is to show its appreciation to all those organizations and individuals who have shown their strong commitment to the development of the RCA, through presenting the **RCA Awards** according to specified categories.

III. CEREMONY

The award ceremony will be held during the RCA Ministerial Conference in September 2022, in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the RCA.

IV. CATEGORIES

1. RCA Governance Awards

RCA is an inter-governmental agreement among the twenty-two (22) Government Parties and

governance has been the key to the effective operation of the RCA Programme. A number of **individuals, groups, institutes, and Government Parties** have devoted to the RCA for good governance that resulted in stronger regional cooperation and further expansion of the RCA. The RCA Governance Awards would be to appreciate the work done by those awardees who have contributed to optimizing and improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the RCA Programme.

2. RCA Project Awards

Over the last 50 years, in the RCA Programme, with the total budget of approximately USD 90 million, 173 cooperative projects were implemented. Among them an innumerable number of success stories and best practices exist, showing impactful achievements by the RCA. Those **individuals** who have contributed to the socio-economic wellbeing of the region through active participation to the projects are the potential awardees. The awardees will be nominated by each Government Party, according to the six thematic sector (agriculture, human health, industry, environment, radiation safety and energy planning).

3. RCA Human Resource Development (HRD) Awards

Through capacity building activities under the RCA, around 650 regional training courses have been implemented, educating more than 7,000 trainees. RCA's commitment to the development of human resource in the region, especially raising the future leaders of the nuclear science and technology, should be acknowledged. RCA HRD Awards will recognize those efforts by the **institutes** who have contributed to the human resource development through hosting various capacity building activities and providing in-kind contributions to the RCA.

4. RCA Regional Cooperation Awards

RCA has its unique mechanism for fostering regional cooperation, that is the use of Regional Resource Unites (RRUs). The concept of the RRUs was introduced to the RCA to effectively utilize the already available resources in the region. For the past years, a number of institutes have volunteered to work as RRUs under specified projects, providing analytical services, reference materials, and proficiency testing, developing technical manuals/handbooks, subsidizing hosting of events, and providing expert services, etc. Awardees of RCA Regional Cooperation would be those **institutes** who have contributed to vitalizing regional cooperation in the region, including South-South and North-South.

5. RCA Special Awards

It is highly appreciated that each and every Government Party of the RCA has shown their full support and cooperation to the RCA. However, there is no doubt that special contribution by some **individuals, groups, institutes and Government Parties** to the RCA has further enhanced the expansion and development of the Programme. RCA Special Awards target recognizing the commitment of those awardees who have shown strong dedication to the RCA in ways of operational, technical, and financial support, further accelerating the role of the RCA in fostering the technology development of the region.

V. Awardee Type and Number of Awards

Category	Awardees	Number of Awards
RCA Governance Awards	Individuals, groups, institutes and GPs	5
RCA Project Awards	Individuals	5 to 10 (1 to 2 per sector)
RCA HRD Awards	Institutes	5
RCA Regional Cooperation Awards	Institutes	5
RCA Special Awards	Individuals, groups, institutes and GPs	5
TOTAL		Maximum 30 Awards

VI. PROCEDURES

Awardees to the **RCA Project Awards, RCA HRD Awards, and RCA Regional Cooperation Awards** will be nominated by each Government Party, using the attached template. Nominations will be thoroughly reviewed by the RCA Awards Committee based on the set criteria. Up to five (5) nominations for three categories of RCA Project Awards, RCA HRD Awards, RCA Regional Cooperation Awards per Government Party are accepted by the deadline (a total of five nominations to three categories, not per category).

Awardees to the **RCA Governance Awards and RCA Special Awards** will be considered and selected through a review process of the past records and data, by the RCA Awards Committee. The RCA Awards Committee will conduct a comprehensive analysis based on the set criteria.

A final list of awardees to each award category will be duly presented to the National RCA Representatives for their consideration and approval.

VII. CRITERIA

Overall, the awardees to the RCA Awards should;

- show strong evidence of contribution to the RCA, especially in relevance to achieving the RCA vision and mission.

1. RCA Governance Awards

The awardees of the RCA Governance Awards should;

- have shown long-term contribution (at least five years) to the management of the RCA Programme;
- have provided strong support to the National RCA Representatives in the policy matters, for the implementation of the RCA Agreement; and

- have contributed to the improved efficiency and effectiveness of the RCA Programme.

2. RCA Project Awards

The awardees of the RCA Project Awards will be categorized into the six (6) thematic sectors – agriculture, human health, industry, environment, radiation safety, and energy planning. According to the thematic sectors, the awardees should;

- have participated in RCA projects in a specific area for more than two cycles as a Lead Country Coordinator (LCC); and
- be able to show specific data on their participation and contribution to the RCA projects or activities.

In addition, the awardees should;

- have contributed to the management and operation of the project by, for example, leading the projects or activities;
- have contributed to addressing significant multi-country issues under specified projects, solving regional problems through promoting nuclear science and technology; and/or
- have attracted the national strong support of the national government, or other relevant bodies for partnerships under the project.

3. RCA HRD Awards

The awardees of the RCA HRD Awards should;

- be those institutes who have contributed to hosting RCA's capacity building activities; and
- be able to provide detailed data on the number of capacity building activities hosted (or trainees accommodated), under which RCA project.

When providing the data, detailed list of activities hosted should be given with the date/venue, project title, activity title, number of beneficiaries, achievements, and the amount of in-kind contributions, if any. Those candidates with insufficient data cannot not be considered as awardees.

4. RCA Regional Cooperation Awards

The awardees of the RCA Regional Cooperation Awards should;

- be those institutes with experience in providing services (expertise, consultation, analysis services, resource materials, etc.) to the other Government Parties under the RCA framework; and
- be able to provide detailed data on the provision of services and their results.

When providing the data, detailed list of services provided should be given with the date/venue, project title, activity title, the number of participants, and the amount of in-kind contributions, if any. The information given should also include the analysis on the achievements of the services. Those candidates with insufficient data cannot not be considered as awardees.

5. RCA Special Awards

The awardees of the RCA Special Awards should;

- have at least 10-year commitment of continued involvement and strong contribution to the development of the RCA;
- be able to provide specific data on their special commitment to the RCA; and
- be able to show their relevance with specific milestones of the RCA.

Annex 1. Work Plan

Timeline	Activity	Responsible Parties
March 2022	Finalization of the Guide	Committee
April 2022	Approval of the Guide by the 44 th RCA NRM	NRs
May-June 2022	Submission of Nominations	NRs
	Collection of Background Data by RCA Awards Committee	Committee, IAEA
July 2022	Evaluation of Awardees (Meetings of Committee to be held as many as needed)	Committee
August 2022	Finalization of the Awardees	Committee
	Approval of the Final List of the Awardees	NRs
	Production of Plaques	Committee
September 2022	Ceremony (During the Ministerial Conference)	All

Annex 2. Nomination Form

Nomination to the RCA Awards

Country:	
Category:	
<input type="checkbox"/> RCA Project Awards <input type="checkbox"/> RCA HRD Awards <input type="checkbox"/> RCA Regional Cooperation Awards (Please tick only one category.)	In case of RCA Project Awards, <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Human Health <input type="checkbox"/> Industry <input type="checkbox"/> Environment <input type="checkbox"/> Radiation Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Planning
Nominee Information:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	Name: Position: Organization: Contact Information: (Email/Phone)
<input type="checkbox"/> Group <input type="checkbox"/> Institute <input type="checkbox"/> Others (Please type)	Name: Location: Contact Information: (Email/Phone)
Introduction of the individual/group/institute: <i>Please provide a summary on nominee's roles and responsibilities in the country.</i>	

Relevance with the RCA:

Please provide a summary on nominee's past experiences with the RCA.

Achievements:

What are the specified contributions made by the nominee to the RCA? Please provide specific data and analysis to support.

Justification:

Please indicate why the nominee should be selected as an awardee to the chosen category.

Other Comments (if any)**Endorsement by the National RCA Representative**

Name:

Signature:

** If you have any additional documents, please add as annexes.*