



RCA REGIONAL OFFICE

RCA EXPERT SUPPORT PROGRAMME

- Guideline for Selection of Experts of the Government Parties Participating in the RCA Promotional Activities

Background

With the aim of increasing the awareness of the RCA, RCARO has provided financial support to experts of the RCA Government Parties (GPs) for their RCA promotional activities, taking advantage of their attendance at international or regional events.

Selection Criteria

The following criteria will be taken into consideration for selection of appropriate experts:

- a) Opportunities to promote RCA activities to the audience by any means possible such as lectures, presentations and exhibitions
- b) The relevance to nuclear technology or the application of nuclear technology
- c) The relevance to RCA vision and mission
- d) The relevance to the thematic areas of RCA projects such as agriculture, the environment, industrial applications, human health, energy planning and radiation safety
- e) The expected impact on decision-makers in the Government Parties
- f) Opportunities to let the audience understand the importance of application of nuclear technology in improving quality of life and regional/international cooperation as a means for that purpose
- g) Opportunities to increase RCA's partnerships with regional/international organizations
- h) The efficiency of financial support from the RCARO in terms of cost effectiveness
- i) Equal opportunities amongst Government Parties
- j) Composition of audiences (A mixture of presentations to different audiences could have the greatest impact.)

Qualification of Experts

The selectee is required to have the following qualifications:

- a) The selectee shall be an expert who has technical expertise and more than 5 years of experience in nuclear science and technology and its applications.
- b) The selectee shall have experience of participating in the RCA projects and/or related policy matters.

Eligible Regional/International Conferences

The conferences shall be held **from January to December 2027** and related to the following:

- a) Nuclear science and technology and its applications
- b) Thematic areas of RCA projects such as agriculture, the environment, industry, human health, energy planning and radiation safety
- c) Opportunities to increase partnerships with the RCA

Nomination Procedure

Nominations should be submitted to the RCARO **by 14 August 2026** using the Nomination Form, given in Attachment 2. Completed forms should be endorsed by the respective National RCA Representative and submitted to the RCARO.

* The National RCA Representatives are also eligible to apply and will be given priority consideration.

Selection Process

Upon the call for applications by the RCARO, the GPs nominate appropriate experts for the programme. Based on the criteria and requirements of this guideline, the RCARO selects appropriate applicants, informs the SAC of the shortlist for their comments and finalises the selection.

Administrative and Financial Arrangements

Subject to the budget availability of the RCARO, a maximum of 4 selectees will be supported through the programme for the period **from January to December 2027**.

Nominating GPs will be informed of the selected candidates and will be provided with full details of the procedures to be followed with regard to administrative and financial matters.

Selected experts will be provided with the following expenses for their participation in the regional/international conferences upon their request:

- a) A pre-paid round trip economy class air ticket;
- b) DSA and Contingency Allowance on UN basis; and
- c) Registration fee

Obligation of the Selectee

The selectee should ensure to acknowledge the activities of the RCA in applying nuclear science and technologies in the promotional materials to be presented at the conferences, such as presentations or posters.

Along with the promotional materials, the selectee should submit participation report to the RCARO no later than one month after the first day of participation in the conference. It should include details of the activities undertaken and the outcomes of the participation on how they contributed to the promotion of the RCA. The Participation Report form is given in the Attachment 3.

If participation in the event is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances such as a natural disaster or illness, the nominee must promptly notify the RCARO and return the full amount of financial support received, at the earliest possible opportunity.

Procedure and Timeline of the Programme

Procedure	Deadline	Counterparts/Remarks
Programme Announcement	June 2026	RCARO to GPs
Nomination	August 14 2026	GPs to RCARO
Review of the applications	September 2026	RCARO SAC and GCM
Selection announcement	October 2026	RCARO/SAC
Submission of Financial Assistance Request	Three months prior to the participation in the proposed conferences	Selectees to RCARO
Grant disbursement (January-December 2027)	Three weeks prior to the participation in the proposed conferences	RCARO to selectees
Participation in the events	January-December 2027	Selectees
Submission of the participation report	Within one month of the participation in the event	Selectees to RCARO
Report of the progress of the programme	NRM and GCM	RCARO to NRs