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**MEETING REPORT OF**  
**THE 23rd RCARO STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

M Building, Rm MOE 61  
IAEA Headquarters  
Vienna, Austria

22 September 2016  
14:00-17:00

## **Introduction**

The 23rd RCA Regional Office Standing Advisory Committee Meeting was held at the IAEA Headquarters in Vienna, Austria on 22 September 2016, prior to the 45<sup>th</sup> RCA GCM. The participants were Mr. Mavag Chadraabal (Current RCA Chair, NR of MON), Mr. Ishtiaq Hussain Bokhari (Immediate past RCA Chair, NR of PAK), Dr. Engr. Md. Monzurul Haque (Chief Engineer & Member Engr. of BAEC), Dr. Mubarak Ahmad Khan (Director General of AERE, BAEC), Dr. Md. Mozibur Rahman (NLO and Director of International Affairs Division of BAEC) and Dr. Md. Anwar Hossain (Additional Secretary of Ministry of Science and Technology), on behalf of Mr. Engr. M. Ali Zulquarnain (Immediate next RCA Chair, NR of BGD), Mr. Hong-hwa Jeong (KONICOF), on behalf of Mr. Chung-won Lee (NR of ROK), and representatives of the IAEA, Ms. Najat Mokhtar (Director of Division for Asia and Pacific), Mr. Oscar Acuna, (Section Head of Asia and the Pacific Section 1), 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, Ms. Soo-youn Hwang and Ms. Kyung-eun Shon.

## **1. Opening Remarks by the RCA Chair (MON)**

Mr. Mavag Chadraabal, the current RCA Chair, opened the Meeting and welcomed the participants. He expressed appreciation to the RCARO for its contributions to the RCA and wished the meeting fruitful discussions.

## **2. Adoption of the Agenda and Appointment of a Rapporteur**

The agenda items were reviewed and adopted with no amendment. Ms. Soo-youn Hwang and Ms. Kyung-eun Shon from RCARO were appointed as rapporteurs.

The SAC agreed to adopt the draft agenda with no amendment and appointed Ms. Hwang and Ms. Shon as rapporteurs.

## **3. Mid-term Review of the RCARO 2016 Work Plan and Discussion on the Major Issues concerning RCARO Work Plan**

### **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 in the International Conference on Nuclear Science and Technology (INST) held on 4-6 August 2016 in Bangkok, Thailand. The SAC also took note of RCARO's support for RCA GP's promotional activities, specifically Vietnam's RCA promotion in National Conference on Nuclear Science & Technology and Atomic Energy Applications and the 2nd National Conference on Medical Physics to be held in October 2016.

SAC was also briefed with the survey result on regional/international conferences to be held

in 2017 and requested to advise on possible conferences for the RCARO's promotional activities in 2017.

The SAC took note of RCARO's participation in international conferences and support towards the GPs for promotional activities. Taking account of the importance of promotional activities done by the RCARO, the SAC recommended the NRs to actively provide information on conferences where RCARO can participate in the future. For further development of partnership and outreach of the RCA, participation to the conferences on general development topics including sustainable development goals is also encouraged for promotion of the RCA on behalf of the RCA GPs and IAEA.

The SAC recommended that NRs endorse the RCARO to participate in two conferences in 2017; International Conference on the IAEA Technical Cooperation Programme: Sixty Years and Beyond - Contributing to Development (June 2017, IAEA, Austria) and World Nuclear & Radiation Expo (September 2017, Seoul, Korea).

### **3.2. Promotion of the RCA on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the IAEA**

The SAC took note of RCARO's preparations and plans to hold RCA exhibition on the occasion of the 60th Anniversary of the IAEA during the GC to promote the RCA and its activities.

The SAC complimented the RCARO for its endeavours on preparation for the RCA exhibition on the occasion of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the IAEA and encouraged NR's participation to the opening ceremony of the RCA exhibition to be held at the RCA booth (A8&A9 in A building, corridor to the C building, IAEA) scheduled at 13:15 on Tuesday 27 September 2016.

### **3.3 Support of RCA experts for increasing the awareness and promotion of the RCA**

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

For the next cycle, RCARO presented the SAC with a list of candidates for SAC's review.

The SAC took note of RCARO's support for RCA experts in their participation in relevant conferences and RCA promotional activities and agreed to select the four candidates (BGD, INS, THA and VIE).

### **3.4 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 in RAS6083 in which the RCARO is taking the role of LCC. The SAC also took note of the work plan for three expert missions (CPR, MYA and PAK) in 2016 and a project review meeting (VIE) in Feb 2017.

The SAC took note of the activities undertaken by the RCARO under the RAS6083.

### **3.5. Holding of an IAEA/RCARO/KINS joint training course on radiation safety for countries with no radiation safety infrastructure in the Asia-Pacific region**

RCARO reported on the IAEA/RCARO/KINS Joint Training Course on radiation safety which was held for four weeks from 8 August to 2 September 2016 in Daejeon, Korea, inviting 16 participants from 8 countries. It was noted that the course questionnaire taken after the course showed 91% of satisfaction while evaluation tests showed an average of 85% of achievements, indicating that the course has met its objectives and contributed to acquiring of adequate knowledge and expertise of trainees.

The SAC complimented the RCARO for holding IAEA/RCARO/KINS Joint Training Course and recommended to seek possibilities for continuation of the programme in consultation with the relevant bodies.

### **3.6. RCARO Managed Project: Holding of an Introductory Workshop for New RCA Government Parties on RCA Programme and its Policy**

The RCARO reported on its plans to hold an Introductory Workshop for New RCA Government Parties on RCA Programme and its Policy as the first RCARO Managed Project.

The SAC took note of the progress in holding a workshop for new RCA GPs and appreciated RCARO for the initiative.

### **3.7. RCARO's Support to the IAEA on its RCA Secretariat Functions**

RCARO reported on RCARO's support to the IAEA on its RCA secretariat functions. Based on IAEA's presentation at the 38<sup>th</sup> NRM, RCARO presented tables which specify IAEA's RCA related duties that can be outsourced and those that cannot be outsourced.

The SAC took note of the limited human resources and overloaded situation of the IAEA, and the list of RCA related duties which can be outsourced and which cannot be outsourced. The SAC recommended that the RCA NRs endorse the RCARO take a supportive role to the IAEA in assisting RCA related duties that can be outsourced, such as preparation of policy meetings and activities of Working Groups.

### **3.8. RCARO Managed Project: Implementation of a Research Project to accommodate needs of Government Parties**

The SAC was informed of plans for a Research Project (RP) as 2017 RCARO Managed Project. RCARO reported on the tentative schedule for the preparations for the RP.

The SAC took note of RCARO's plan on the first RP for the RCA starting in 2017 which would accommodate the needs of the GPs. The SAC also took note that the project will provide a good opportunity for GPs to conduct adaptive research supplementing IAEA's Coordinated Research Project (CRP).

### **3.9. Other Matters**

The SAC was informed of RCARO's other activities: upload of RCA documents on the RCA website; enhancing RCA information service through the RCA website; partnership project with ASEAN; inviting temporary staff from the GP to the RCARO; participation in expert meetings on the RCA; participation in the RCA policy related meetings; RCARO/KAIST nuclear engineering Master's degree course; RCARO/KAERI regional training workshop; and extra-budgetary contribution of the RCARO to the IAEA.

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### **4. Arrangement for the 24<sup>th</sup> SAC Meeting**

The Meeting was informed that the 24<sup>th</sup> RCARO SAC Meeting would be held on the day prior to the 39<sup>th</sup> RCA NRM which is planned to be held at the beginning of April 2017 in Bangladesh.

### **5. Closing**

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