



**REGIONAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT
INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY**



MEETING REPORT OF
THE 22nd RCARO STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Suld Meeting Room, Best Western Premier Tuushin Hotel
Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

16 May 2016
14:00-17:00

Introduction

The 22nd RCA Regional Office Standing Advisory Committee Meeting was held at Suld Meeting Room, Best Western Premier Tuushin Hotel in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia on 16 May 2016, prior to the 38th RCA NRM. The participants were Mr. Mavag Chadraabal (Current RCA Chair, NR of MON), Mr. Imtiaz Ahmed (Immediate past RCA Chair, NR of PAK), Dr. Engr. Md. Monzurul Haque (Chief Engineer & Member Engr. of BAEC) and Mr. Rummy Parvez (Principle Scientific Officer of BAEC), on behalf of Mr. Engr. M. Ali Zulquarnain (Immediate next RCA Chair, NR of BGD), Mr. Chung-won Lee (NR of ROK), Ms. Mi-kyung Han (Ministry of Science, ICT and Future Planning), Ms. Ji-young Kim (KONICOF), representatives of the IAEA, Ms Najat Mokhtar (Director of Division for Asia and Pacific), and Mr. Sinh Hoang (RCA Focal Person).

The RCARO served as the secretariat of the SAC Meeting and was represented by the Acting Director Ms. Hyun-kyoung Jeon, Ms. Soo-youn Hwang and Ms. Kyung-eun Shon.

1. Opening Remarks

Mr. Mavag Chadraabal opened the Meeting and welcomed the participants.

1.1 Remarks of the Outgoing Chair, PAK

Mr. Imtiaz Ahmed welcomed all the participants to the meeting and wished best for a successful meeting. He expressed appreciation to the RCARO for its contribution to the RCA.

1.2 Remarks of the Incoming Chair, MON

Mr. Mavag Chadraabal thanked the RCARO for its successful work 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. RCARO 2015 Work Performance and 2016 Work Plan

The SAC noted the 2015 Work Performance and 2016 Work Plan circulated prior to the Meeting. The RCARO briefed on the activities undertaken in 2015 and major issues in the 2016 Work Plan.

The SAC expressed its satisfaction with the RCARO's 2015 Work Performance and reconfirmed the 2016 RCARO Work Plan which had already been endorsed electronically in January 2016.

4. Discussions on the Major Activities of the 2016 Work Plan

The SAC decided to review the 2016 Work Plan focusing on the main issues.

4.1. Publication of the 6th batch of RCA Success Stories

As recommended by the 21st SAC, two Success Stories were developed into a full designed version in leaflet form, and were presented to the SAC for review. The SAC congratulated RCARO for the successful work with the drafts.

The SAC congratulated the drafts of the 6th RCA Success Stories for promotion of the RCA and recommended that the final drafts be forwarded to the 38th NRM for NR's review and endorsement.

The SAC also took note of the IAEA's new template for Success Stories and recommended to make reference of the template for future publication of the RCA Success Stories for more effective promotion in a more reader friendly way emphasizing key results of the projects.

4.2. Enhanced RCA information service through the RCA Website

According to the approval of the 44th GCM, RCARO carried out the follow-up actions on enhanced RCA information service such as designation of RWAs and uploading public version of RCA Annual Report. RCARO presented the SAC members with the list of RWAs and the manual for their review.

The Meeting discussed on the possibility of outsourcing the RCA Website using external expertise for more effective use of the Website.

The SAC complimented the RCARO for its endeavours on improving RCA information service. The SAC took note of the list of RWAs and the manual and recommended the 38th NRM to review and endorse.

It was recommended that, for further promotion of the RCA through the RCA Website, the NRs consider linking the RCA Website in each GP's National Website and trying to engage the LCCs to attract more visitors and effective use of the RCA Website.

The SAC also recommended that the internal and external surveys on the use of the RCA Website be conducted and seek opportunities to utilise IT expertise to further enhance the RCA information service in the future.

4.3 Participation in regional and international conferences and exhibitions to increase the RCA awareness and partnership

The SAC was informed of the RCARO's participation in the International NDT Conference and Exhibition and the 20th Pacific Basin Nuclear Conference. The SAC also took note of RCARO's plan to participate in 2016 International Nuclear Science and Technology Conference to be held in August, 2016, as approved in the 44th GCM.

It was also noted RCARO supported AUL's promotion of the RCA at the 11th Australian Nuclear Association (ANA) Conference held in October 2015 and Australian and New Zealand Society of Nuclear Medicine (ANZSNM) Conference held in April 2016.

The SAC took note of promotional activities in international conferences and exhibitions that had been taken and agreed with the RCARO's plan to participate in 2016 International Nuclear Science and Technology Conference to be held in Bangkok, Thailand as approved at the 44th GCM.

Noting the success of the exhibition of the RCA 40th Anniversary carried out by the RCARO, the SAC recommended RCARO to seek opportunities to participate in the events for celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the IAEA to be held in September 2016 and the International Conference on the IAEA TC Programme to be held in 2017 to promote the RCA.

4.4 Support of the RCA experts for increasing the awareness and promotion of the RCA

The SAC was briefed on the RCARO's activity to support the RCA experts for their promotional activities.

It was informed that 2 experts from AUL and SRL were supported for their promotional activities in November and December 2015 respectively. The SAC also took note that experts from AUL and SRL would be supported for their promotional activities at in November and December 2015 respectively.

For the next cycle from September 2016 to August 2017, RCARO will invite the GPs for nominations of appropriate RCA experts and carry out the programme according to the established guidelines.

The SAC complimented the RCARO for operation and management of the Programme. The SAC took note of RCARO's plan for the next cycle.

4.5. Implementation of RAS6083 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 role of LCC.

Project planning meeting was held, inviting 29 participants from 17 participating GPs, to review and discuss detailed project activities to be implemented for 2016-2018.

The SAC appreciated Republic of Korea for supporting RAS6083 and wished success for the project. The SAC recommended that GPs consider supporting such projects for increasing the ownership of the RCA.

4.6. Implementation of the RCA/UNOSSC Project on Electron Beam Applications

The SAC was briefed with outputs and outcomes from the implementation of RCA/UNOSSC

Project implemented from 2013 to 2015. The SAC was also informed of plans for the follow-up project. The participants from the IAEA showed support for the project whenever needed.

The SAC took note of outputs and outcomes of the RCA/UNOSSC Project on Electron Beam Applications implemented from 2013 to 2015. The SAC complimented the RCARO for its efforts in successfully carrying out the project and the success of developing a follow up project which will be convened in 2017.

4.7. 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 to the SAC on its plan on holding an IAEA/RCARO/KINS Joint Training Course for countries without radiation safety infrastructure including new GPs such as Cambodia, Nepal, Fiji, Palau and Laos.

The SAC appreciated the initiation of the IAEA/RCARO/KINS Joint Training Course to support countries with no radiation safety infrastructure in the region and recommended utilising a systemic approach for future programmes in inviting qualified participants and observe follow up activities to ensure its impact for further improvement of the programme.

4.8. Holding of the 3rd Working Group Meeting on the RCARO's Future Role

RCARO reported the results of the 3rd Working Group Meeting on the RCARO's Future Role held on 19-21 January 2016 which invited 22 participants including WG members, RCA-FP and other relevant stakeholders.

During the meeting criteria and guidelines for RCARO Managed Projects (SPs, RPs and TPs) were finalized and it was recommended that RCARO commence a TP if approved at the 38th NRM. It was also recommended that RCARO participate in the Working Group for the MTS 2018-2023 on financial gap analysis and resource mobilization.

The SAC took note of results of the 3rd Working Group Meeting on the RCARO's Future Role and recommended the 38th NRM to endorse conclusions and recommendations made at the meeting.

4.9. Other Matters

The SAC was informed of RCARO's other activities: developing partnerships with ASEAN; support for the IAEA secretariat duties; inviting temporary staff from the GPs to the RCARO; participation in expert meetings on the RCA; participation in the RCA policy related meetings; participation in the 17th FNCA Coordinators Meeting; support for the RCARO/ARCCNM RTC; RCARO/KAIST nuclear engineering master's degree course; RCARO/KAERI regional training workshop; extra-budgetary(EB) contribution of the RCARO to the IAEA.

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5. Arrangement for the 23rd SAC Meeting

The Meeting was informed that the 23rd RCARO SAC Meeting would be held on the day prior to the 45th RCA GCM which is planned to be held in September 2016.

6. Closing

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