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INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY**



MEETING REPORT OF
THE 19th RCARO STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

M Building, Rm. MOE19
IAEA Headquarters
Vienna, Austria

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14:00-17:00

Introduction

The 19th RCA Regional Office Standing Advisory Committee Meeting was held at the IAEA Headquarters in Vienna, Austria on 19 September 2014, prior to the 43rd RCA GCM. The participants were Mr. Chris Daughney (Current RCA Chair, NR of NZE), Ms. Pwint Kay Khine (First secretary of the Permanent Mission of MYA in Germany) on behalf of Mr. Khin Maung Latt (Immediate past RCA Chair), Mr. Syed Shaukat Hasan (Immediate next RCA Chair, NR of PAK), Mr. Waqar Ahmad (Minister of the Permanent Mission of PAK and former NR of PAK) and Mr. Min-won Seo on behalf of Mr. Seung-ho Hong (NR of ROK). Representatives of IAEA, Mr. Ali Boussaha (Director of Division for Asia and the Pacific), Mr. Oscar Acuna, (Section Head of Asia and the Pacific Section 1), and Mr. Sinh Hoang (RCA Focal Person) attended as observers.

The RCARO, represented by the Director Mr. Kun-mo Choi, Mr. Sang-jin Lee, Ms. Hyun-kyoung Jeon and Ms. Soo-youn Hwang, served as the secretariat of the SAC Meeting.

1. Opening Remarks by the RCA Chair (NZE)

Mr. Chris Daughney, the current RCA Chair, opened the Meeting and welcomed the participants. He expressed appreciation to the RCARO for its activities for the benefit of the Government Parties.

2. Adoption of the Agenda and Appointment of a Rapporteur

The agenda items were reviewed and adopted with no amendment. Ms. Hyun-kyoung Jeon and Ms. Soo-youn Hwang from RCARO were appointed as rapporteurs.

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

3. Mid-term Review of the RCARO 2014 Work Plan and Discussion on the Major Issues concerning RCARO Work Plan

3.1. Participating 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 two conferences: the 2nd int'l conference on radiation and dosimetry in various fields of research; the 8th int'l conference on isotopes. The SAC was also informed of survey result on regional/international conferences to be held in 2015 and requested to advise on possible conferences for the RCARO's promotional activities in 2015.

The SAC complimented the RCARO for the effective implementation of this initiative. The SAC recommended that the GCM endorse the three meetings proposed for attendance by the RCARO for promotion of the RCA, subject to funding availability. The SAC encouraged the NRs to liaise with RCARO to identify additional opportunities for promotion of the RCA, e.g. by representatives of the GPs. The SAC encouraged the NRs to continue to respond to

RCARO surveys in the future.

3.2. 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, taking advantage of their participating in the relevant conferences.

It was informed that 2 experts from AUL and PHI were supported through the programme and 6 (CPR, BGD, INS, MON, PAK, PHI) out of 13 nominations were selected for the next cycle.

The SAC complimented the RCARO for operation of this programme, and recommended that the NRs endorse its continuation.

The SAC noted the potential difficulties for RCARO in managing this programme and encouraged RCARO to investigate alternate management mechanisms so that its financial and administrative requirements can be met. The Agency offered to provide a paper explaining its management mechanisms for similar schemes.

3.3. Implementation of RCA/UNDP Partnership Project on Electron Beam Applications

The SAC was informed of the activities undertaken and progress made in the RCA/UNDP partnership project on electron beam applications in the fields of food and industry.

2 Regional Training Courses for the areas of food and industry were carried out, inviting 33 participants from 11 participating GPs. National activities and outcomes of the project were also informed to the SAC.

The SAC took note of the highly successful implementation of the RCA/UNDP partnership project. The SAC recommended that RCARO circulate a final report to NRs at the completion of the project. The SAC recommended that GPs and RCARO seek opportunities for extension of this project after 2015.

3.4. Holding a meeting for the Working Group of the RCARO's future role

The SAC was briefed on the result of the meeting which dealt with issues on the RCARO's future role raised in the Strategic Paper by the DIR-RCARO.

The SAC took note of the result of the Meeting and recommended the 43rd GCM to consider the Meeting's recommendations for further activities of the Working Group.

3.5. Submission of concept proposals for a pilot project

The SAC was informed of the progress of the RCARO's submitting of concept proposals for a pilot project: one in the medical sector and the other in radiation processing.

The SAC took note of RCARO's progress on submitting concept documents for two pilot projects. The SAC recommended that the NRs allow RCARO to develop a project design

document for the project “On-site Problem Solving in Diagnostic and Therapeutic Applications of State-of-the-Art Radionuclide Technologies in the Region”.

The SAC supports RCARO for continuation of the pilot project initiative should the first pilot project be shown to be effective.

3.6. Other Matters

The SAC was informed of RCARO’s other activities: implementation of the RCA/UNDP project on nuclear imaging technology; maintaining and updating the RCA website; fellowship programme, publication of RCA brochure for general public; activities for preserving nuclear knowledge; participation in the RCA policy related meetings and the FNCA Coordinators meeting.

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4. Arrangement for the 20th SAC Meeting

The Meeting was informed that the 20th RCARO SAC Meeting would be held on the day prior to the 37th RCA NRM which is planned to be held on 16-19 March 2015 in Islamabad, Pakistan.

5. Closing

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