



**REGIONAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT
INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY**



MEETING REPORT OF

The 12th RCARO STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tampak Siring Room
Melia Bali Hotel
Bail, Indonesia

11 April 2011

16:00-19:00h

Introduction

The 12th Meeting of RCA Regional Office Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) was held at the Melia Bali Hotel in Bali, Indonesia on 11 April 2011, prior to the 33rd RCA NRM. The participants were Mr. Anhar Riza Antariksawan (Current RCA Chair, INS NR), Ms. Alumanda Dela Rosa (Immediate past RCA Chair, PHI NR), Mr. Xu Zhenhua participated on behalf of Mr. LIU Yongde (Immediate next RCA Chair, CPR NR), Mr. Jae Sik Shin (ROK NR), and Mr. Kesrat Sukasam (RCA Focal Person, IAEA).

Mr. Won Pyo Jung participated as a member of Korean Delegation. The RCARO, represented by Director Mr. Mun-Ki Lee, Mr. Maeng-Ho Yang, Mr. Jin-Hyung Kim, and Ms. Soo Youn Hwang served as the secretariat of the SAC Meeting.

1. Opening Remarks

The RCA Chair, Mr. Anhar Riza Antariksawan, opened the Meeting and welcomed the participants. He invited Ms. Alumanda Dela Rosa to deliver the opening remarks as the Outgoing Chair.

1.1 Remarks of the Outgoing Chair, PHI

Ms. Alumanda Dela Rosa noted the work successfully done by RCARO and wished best for a successful meeting.

1.2 Remarks of the Incoming Chair, INS

Mr. Anhar Riza Antariksawan expressed his appreciation to the RCARO for its accomplishment to increase visibility and viability of RCA.

2. Adoption of the Agenda and Appointment of Rapporteur

After a brief review of the agenda, the provisional Agenda was adopted without amendment and Ms. Soo Youn Hwang was appointed as a rapporteur.

The SAC agreed to adopt the draft agenda.

3. RCARO 2010 Work Performance

The SAC noted that the 2010 Work Performance was circulated before the Meeting and complemented its successful achievements. The RCARO has briefed the publication of fourth batch of Success Stories, RCA promotional video which will be demonstrated at the NRM and progress of new RCA/UNDP partnership project.

The SAC evaluated RCARO 2010 Work Performance as satisfactory and expressed its appreciation to RCARO for successful accomplishment.

4. RCARO 2011 Work Plan

The SAC agreed to focus on the major issues of the 2011 Work Plan of RCARO as the Plan had been circulated to all members of SAC in advance.

5. Discussions on the Major Issues from the 2011 Work Plan

The SAC decided to review the 2011 Work Plan focusing on the main issues.

5.1. Publication of the RCA Success Stories

RCARO presented the fourth batch of the RCA Success Stories on RCA/UNDP partnership project in leaflet form and radiotherapy in booklet form. The SAC noted the difficulties found by RCARO in preparing Success Stories. The SAC discussed the future direction of RCA Success Story publication.

The SAC agreed that the draft of the Success Story in booklet form be submitted to the NRM for comments and approval. The SAC recommended RCARO to submit a proposal on mechanism and work plan including area of success story publication at the next GCM.

5.2. Production of RCA Promotional Video

The SAC was briefed the progress of the promotional video production by RCARO.

The SAC agreed on the demonstration of the RCA promotional video at the NRM for review and comments. The SAC recommended RCARO to post the demo video on RCA homepage by no later than the end of April to get the Member States' input for any revision by the end of May.

5.3. Renewal of RCA Website

The SAC was informed the overview of RCA homepage renewal progress with improvements in terms of design, user-friendliness, search and management functions prior to its demonstration at the NRM.

The SAC agreed on its presentation to the NRM and requested RCARO to inform of a common account for RCA Member States to review and give feedbacks on the test homepage by the end of May.

5.4. Participation in Regional and International Conferences to Increase RCA Awareness and Partnership

The RCARO reported to the Meeting on RCARO's plan to participate in International Meeting on Radiation Processing, 13~16 June 2011 Montreal Canada, and 2011 Molecular Imaging Congress (WMIC), 7~10 September 2011, San Diego, USA. The SAC appreciated RCARO's endeavor to increase awareness of RCA.

The SAC agreed on RCARO's proposal. The SAC also requested RCARO to obtain inputs from the NRs concerning the regional or international conference or seminar.

5.5. Implementation of the New RCA/UNDP Project

The Meeting was briefed on the progress made in the RCA/UNDP project, "Promoting and Accelerating Nuclear SPECT/PET Imaging Technologies in the Region." The meeting commented that there would be a new RCA project on this subject in 2012/13 RCA Programme cycle. The SAC was also informed on the status of the application of the electron beam project.

The SAC acknowledged the successful contract with UNDP for “Promoting and Accelerating Nuclear SPECT/PET Imaging Technologies in the Region.” The SAC suggested the prospectus of the RCA/UNDP project should be submitted to RCA FP for subsequent review by the Technical Officer to minimize duplication with RCA Projects. The SAC endorsed RCARO to continue its endeavor to apply the electron-beam project for UNDP partnership in 2011. The SAC requested RCARO to follow the project development mechanism outlined in the GOR.

5.6. Pursuing Partnership with GEF

The SAC was informed of the RCARO’s endeavor to explore partnership projects with GEF; The GEF projects mostly focus on national level and it was difficult to identify adequate partnership projects to apply nuclear science and technology. RCA FP shared his experience in pursuing partnership with GEF due to its focus on national projects and recommended an exploration through executing agencies such as UNIDO, the World Bank and etc.

The SAC encouraged the RCARO to explore further information in pursuing partnership with GEF.

5.7. Legal Status of RCARO

In response to the decision at the 39th GCM, RCARO put forward a proposal to enhance its legal status. The SAC discussed the proposal including its implication on the RCA Agreement and considered other possible options.

The SAC recommended that the proposal should be discussed and decided among all the NRs because revision of the Agreement is a very important matter for all MSs.

6. Arrangement for the next 13th SAC Meeting

The Meeting was informed that the 13th RCARO SAC Meeting would be held on the day prior to the 40th RCA GCM which is planned to be held in September 2011.

7. Closing

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