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**RCARO's Extra-budgetary Contribution to IAEA**

**Background**

The host government of the RCARO decided to allocate some fund annually to the RCARO starting from the year 2007 to allow RCARO enabling extra-budgetary contribution to the IAEA. The already allocated budget this year is about USD 90,000.

In this connection, RCARO needs SAC's advice and recommendations on this planned extra-budgetary contribution to IAEA by RCARO including how to facilitate RCARO's EB contribution to IAEA. RCARO's notion at this early stage is to use the fund for current RCA project(s) that need fund or any other IAEA projects which could benefit the RCA region, for instance, avian flu project with the Joint FAO/IAEA Division or the Agency's PACT programme that is being implemented by the Department of Nuclear Sciences and Applications.

**Proposed Action**

It is hoped that SAC would give advice on the use of the RCARO's extra-budgetary contribution for IAEA/RCA project(s) that will benefit to the region.