

Working Group Meeting on the RCARO's Future Role

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Title: Working Group Meeting on the RCARO's Future Role

Dates: 10-12 June 2014

Venue: Ramada Plaza Hotel, Jeju, Korea

**Background
Information:**

The 36th RCA National Representatives Meeting (NRM) held in Wellington, New Zealand agreed that a Working Group (WG) be formed to consider the future role of the RCARO, including the issues raised in the Strategic Paper reported by the Director RCARO. The meeting also agreed that the members of the WG would be Mr. John Easey (Chair), DIR-RCARO and appointees from CPR, JPN, NZE, PAK, PHI and ROK. The annual RCARO workshop under the RCARO's 2014 work-plan will be replaced by this WG meeting as discussed at the 18th SAC meeting.

**Scope and
Nature:**

The meeting will consist of three sessions to review possible options for the RCARO's role in the future. A key resource material to assist in these deliberations will be the Strategic Paper presented by the Director RCARO at the 36th NRM. This and other resource materials will be distributed to the participants in advance of the meeting. The participants are encouraged to contribute to sharing their valuable opinions on matters to be discussed and facilitate fruitful and in-depth discussions. A report on the meeting, including conclusions, recommendations and an action plan, will be prepared. It will be submitted by the Chair of the WG to the 43rd General Conference Meeting for consideration by the RCA National Representatives and subsequent actions as they determine.

Objectives:

The objectives of the meeting include the following:

- 1) To facilitate the WG to exchange views and opinions on the RCARO's possible future role;
- 2) To facilitate the WG's review of the issues raised in the Strategic Paper reported by the Director RCARO;
- 3) To agree conclusions and recommendations on the future role of the RCARO based on the discussions derived from the meeting and prepare an associated action plan.

**Expected
Outcomes:**

A report will be prepared on the meeting, which will be presented by the Chair of the WG for consideration by the RCA National Representatives at the 43rd General Conference Meeting. The meeting report will:

- 1) Include the agreed conclusions and recommendations concerning the potential future role of the RCARO, including the issues raised in the Strategic Paper;
- 2) Suggest options on mechanisms to facilitate the RCARO undertaking such a future role in line with the conclusions and recommendations and provide an action plan; and,
- 3) Make recommendations concerning future activities of the WG.

Participation:

The participants for the meeting would include members of the WG which consists of the following members:

Mr. John Easey (Chair)

Mr. Liu Hansi (CPR)

Ms. Mayumi Asakura on behalf of Mr. Kenichi Bessho, NR of JPN

Mr. Peter Roberts (NZE)

Mr. Waqar Ahmad (NR of PAK)

Ms. Alumanda Dela Rosa (NR of PHI)

Ms. Youmee Baek (ROK)

Mr. Kun Mo Choi (Dir, RCARO)

Relevant stakeholders from ROK, host country of the RCARO, would be invited as observers to share their views and experiences on RCA/RCARO related matters.

**Financial
Assistance:**

Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) and a round-trip economy class air ticket will be provided to the participants within the budget limits, subject to the RCARO rules and regulations, in case the participants could not bear their own cost for participation in the meeting.

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