



RCARO and its Activities

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1. Milestones

- 2001: RCA Government Parties (GPs) welcomed **Korea's offer** to host RCA Regional Office.
- 2002: The office was established and inaugurated in Daejeon, Korea. **Working Paper** on its establishment was adopted by the 31st GCM.
- 2003: RCA adopted the **Resolution** on the establishment of the RCARO.
- 2005: RCARO entered into **full operation**.
- 2007: RCA adopted the **second Resolution** on providing the Director of the RCARO the authority to act on behalf of RCA.
- 2012: RCARO's 10th anniversary

2. Changes over the 12 years

● Mission

- To seek out opportunities to participate in projects of other regional and **international agencies**
- To negotiate and **secure funding** for RCA projects
- To **promote** peaceful uses of nuclear technology
- To enhance **visibility** of the RCA
- To implement directives by the GPs
- To provide GPs with RCA related records/documents as a **repository** (included at the 39th GCM)

● Operation & Legal Status

- Interim(2002-2005) -> Full operation(2005-present)
- Two Resolutions in 2003, 2007 to support its status

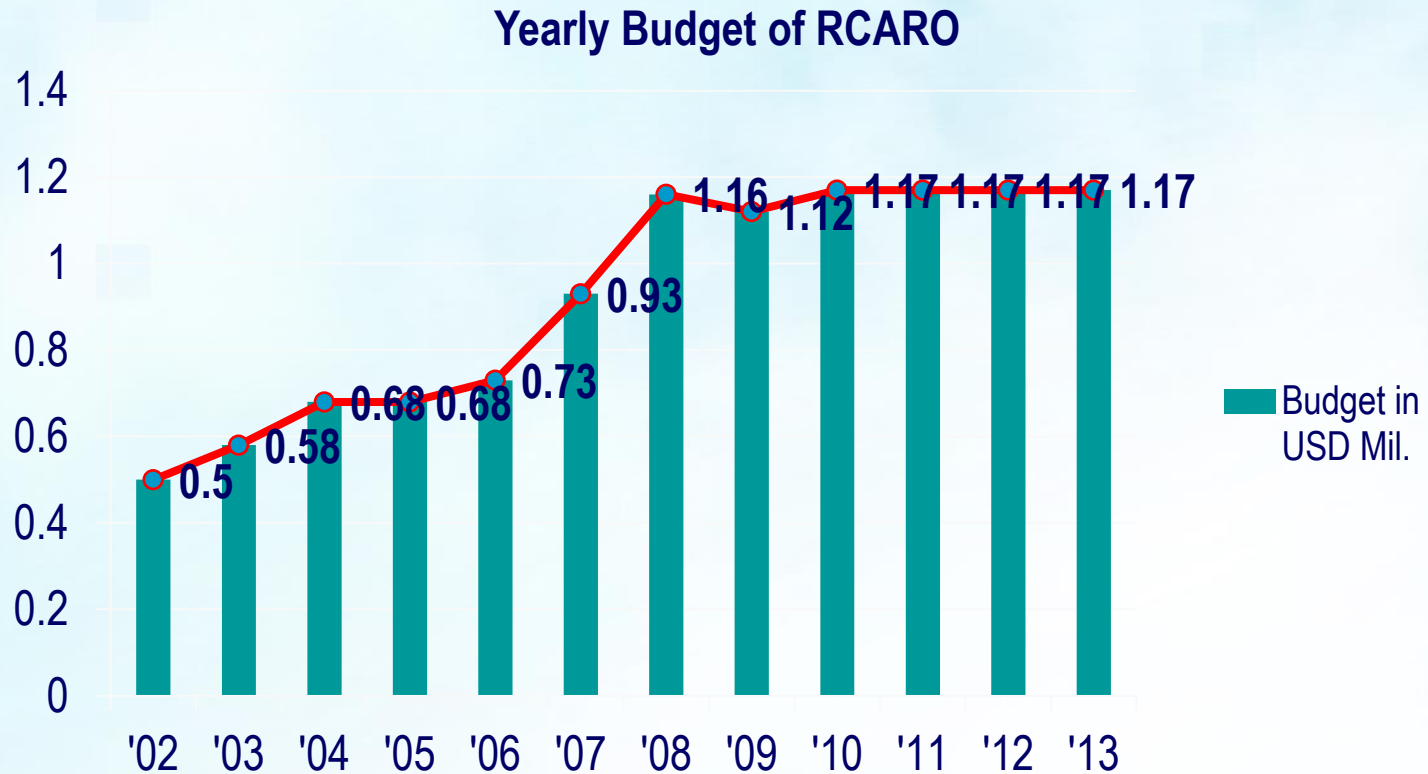
● Personnel

- 4 regular staff ->6 regular
- Temp staff from GPs

2. Changes over the 12 years

● Budget

- Regular budget: 0.5 mil. USD ->1.17 mil. USD
- Fund from **UNDP**



2. Changes over the 12 years



Opening of
RCARO in 2002



Relocation of
RCARO in 2007



Relocation of
RCARO in 2013

3. Major Activities

Increasing the Awareness of RCA

- ◆ Operation of the RCA **website**
- ✓ Incorporated the MOH website operated by MAL and renewed the RCA website in July 2011
- ◆ Publication and distribution of RCA Success Stories and Brochures
- ✓ Published total of **18 Success Stories** (15 leaflets + 3 booklets) and **Brochures** for decision makers and general public
- ◆ Production of RCA promotional **video** (2011)
- ◆ Participation in regional and **international conferences**
- ◆ Exhibition at the **40th anniversary** of the RCA (2012)
- ◆ Support of **promotional activities** by RCA **experts**

Promoting Partnerships

- ◆ Dr. **Aleta's study** (Aug.-Sept. 2005)
 - ✓ Visited FAO, UNESCAP, UNIDO, UNESCO, UNEP, AIT, UNDP, ADB, PEMSEA, etc
 - ✓ Suggested short, medium, long term approach for partnerships
- ◆ RCARO visited **UNDP, UNESCAP, PEMSEA, UNEP, ADB** based on the study.
- ◆ RCA/**UNDP** partnership projects were developed.
 - ✓ Post-tsunami Environment Impact Assessment (2006-2009)
 - ✓ Promoting SPECT/PET Nuclear Imaging Technologies (2010-2013)
 - ✓ Electron Beam Applications for Value Addition to Food and Industrial Products and Degradation of Environmental Pollutants in the Asia Pacific region (2013-2015)
- ◆ **ARCCNM**/RCARO partnership was developed.

* ARCCNM: Asian Regional Cooperative Council for Nuclear Medicine

3. Major Activities

Education and Training Program to meet GPs' Regional and National Needs

- ◆ RCARO/**KAIST** Nuclear Engineering Master's Degree Course
 - ✓ 28 students from RCA GPs received the degree since 2003
- ◆ RCARO/**KAERI** Regional Training Workshop
 - ✓ Supports about 15 participants every year since 2008

* KAIST: Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology

* KAERI: Korea Atomic Energy Research Institutes

3. Major Activities

Increasing Interaction between the GPs and the RCARO

- ◆ RCARO Fellowship Programm
 - ✓ Invites 3-4 fellows a year from the GPs
- ◆ Holding a RCARO Annual Workshop
 - ✓ To discuss ways and means to strengthen RCA/RCARO activities and to interact with GPs, inviting SAC members, NRs, experts

Other Activities

- ◆ Participating in the RCA policy related meetings
- ◆ Participating in the FNCA coordinators meeting
- ◆ Extra-budgetary contribution to the IAEA to support RCA projects in financial need

4. Future Directions

- For **more benefits to all GPs**
- Enhanced support to GPs to meet their needs at national/regional level
- **Use** of given/expanded **resources of the RCARO** (budget, manpower, experience)
- Providing environment for **sustainable development** of the RCARO
- **Strong support** and **interests** from GPs are essential and important in solving issues for future of the RCARO.

Thank You



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