



Discussion Point I: Implementation of Supplementary Projects

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I. Implementing Supplementary Projects

- The current size and scope of the RCA programme is limited by the financial and administrative contributions from the IAEA TC programme and the extrabudgetary contributions from either GPs or regional/international organizations.
- The RCA **MTS 2012-17** put emphasis on having a **small number** of projects with high impact in high priority areas.
- This term “**supplementary projects**” is also included in the RCA MTS to cover a range of possibilities such as:
 - ✓ Support of projects that addressed specific needs of a **smaller group** of GPs
 - ✓ Continuation of previous ongoing or completed projects that required **further support** to fully realize their full objectives and benefits
 - ✓ provision of opportunities to test future priorities through support of **exploratory projects**
- The RCARO may be well-placed to support this supplementary projects to meet the needs and requirements of the GPs.

I. Implementing Supplementary Projects (cont.)

- Unfortunately the introduction of these projects **could not be proceeded**.
 - ✓ IAEA established two categories, namely a small number of projects (class A) and only one small project (class B).
- It may be more **cost effective** to take on such projects by RCARO:
 - ✓ If IAEA proceeds with this under the current RCA standard screening and evaluation procedures, it may incur a significant administrative overhead.
 - ✓ It may be possible for RCARO to **fast-track** these small projects.
 - ✓ It could be more responsive to pressing needs and requirements of GPs by proceeding them **outside of the 2 year TC cycle** timing.



Discussion Point II: Support of Research Projects





II. Support of Research Projects

- The **RCA** itself includes the areas of **Research**, Development and Training related to nuclear science and technology for Asia and the Pacific.
- Since the late 1990s, there has been no overt **research component** in the RCA Programme.
- There have been significant increases in knowledge, skills and competency in nuclear technology across the majority of the GPs.
- The region now requires inputs of new knowledge generated by regional research.
- The IAEA Coordinated Research Programme (**CRP**) system addresses the needs of **all** IAEA MSs than **regional** MSs.
- The RCARO could administer and support CRP focusing on regional needs and priorities identified by the GPs.



Discussion Point III: Supporting Training/Education Programmes



- ❖ Facilitating the development of nuclear science and technology related **educational programmes**
 - Training is a main component of the RCA projects.
 - Associated **training could be incorporated into courses** in universities or vocational training institutes or organizations.
 - It would contribute to long term sustainability of transferred technologies and development of nuclear science and technology in the GPs.
 - The RCARO could play a coordinating role in the **development** of regionally-based **curricula** covering nuclear science and technology-based subjects, identified as priorities by the GPs.

❖ Supporting and coordinating **ad hoc training** Programmes

- There exists a wider need to have national training support in the **areas that do not accord with the specific design of any of the projects** that are currently being implemented.
- Currently GPs request for the recruitment of **expert lecturers** to conduct unforeseen local training events which is not set out in the approved project design of the project.
- **One-off regional/national training** events or workshops on subjects that are not part of the RCA Programme could be beneficial to the overall RCA as well as the individual requesting GPs.
- The RCARO could assist requests from the GPs for such assistance by coordinating and supporting the participation of appropriate expert lecturers for such missions and such ad hoc training programme.
- Extension of the current RCARO program such as RCARO/KAERI training course



Discussion Point IV: Coordination of the RCA Working Groups and ad hoc Committees



IV. Coordination of the RCA WGs and ad hoc Committees

- As a result of the decisions from the annual NRMs and GCMs, **Working Groups** and **ad hoc Committees** are established periodically to provide the NRs with considered views, conclusions and recommendations on a range of topics.
- Many of these issues are urgent and the Working Groups and Committees are required to report to the following NRM or GCM.
- The tasks could be best addressed through **physical meetings**.
- The RCARO could assist in the **coordination and support** of such Working Groups and ad hoc Committees.



Discussion Point V: Proposal of Pilot Project and Recruitment of a Staff Member from the Region



❖ Initiation of Pilot Projects

- To prove and/or build up RCARO's **capability** and **resources**
- The host country of the RCARO will support **extra budget of 150,000 USD** annually for the purpose of implementation of some projects proposed in the RCARO's strategic paper as pilot scale.
- The appropriate projects would be among others supplementary projects and research projects described in this report.
- RCARO prepared two concept papers in this category for the IAEA/RCA programme 2016/17. One out of the two pilot projects prioritized by the GPs will be implemented as a pilot project.
- The extra budget would be **executed by the IAEA** and the RCARO would take a leading role as a **LCC**.

❖ Recruiting a senior staff member from the GP

- Increasing the range of RCARO administrative duties and obligations would necessitate an increase in capacity and capability of the Office.
- It would involve an increase in staff numbers and an increase in the budget to cover the costs for additional staff and supporting additional RCA Programme activities that would be undertaken.
- The RCARO permanent staff are all Korean nationals.
- The RCARO should recruit a senior staff member (equivalent to a UN P3-P4 Grade Officer) from the GPs to assist in the implementation of its increased administrative role and it could provide more regional face for the RCARO.

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