

# **The 3<sup>rd</sup> Working Group Meeting on the RCARO's Future Role**

## **PROVISIONAL PROSPECTUS**

**Title:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> Working Group Meeting on the RCARO's Future Role

**Dates:** 19-21 January 2016

**Venue:** Ramada Plaza Hotel, Jeju, Korea

### **Background Information:**

The progress report of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Working Group Meeting (WGM) on the RCARO's future role was presented to the 37<sup>th</sup> NRM held in March 2015 in Pakistan. The meeting endorsed another Working Group Meeting to discuss issues related to the RCARO's future role, taking consideration of several issues in the subject and the advice from the Office of Legal Affairs of the IAEA regarding the IAEA's role in the RCA. In addition, taking note of the challenges in staffing faced by the IAEA, the 44<sup>th</sup> GCM agreed to discuss these issues in connection with the RCARO's future role at the WGM, inviting representatives from the IAEA and requested the WG to deliver a report on its result at the 38<sup>th</sup> NRM.

### **Scope and Nature:**

Following the 1<sup>st</sup> WGM in June 2014, the 2<sup>nd</sup> WGM was held in Jan. 2015 to discuss issues raised in the Strategic Paper reported by the Director RCARO. Through discussions and deliberations, the WG established detailed criteria and guidelines on the possible options for the RCARO's future role such as Supplementary Program, Research Program and Training Program. Concerns were also raised on adequate resources and IAEA's role in the RCA in implementing these initiatives by the RCARO.

On the basis of the established guidelines and matters raised in the course of the discussions, this meeting will review and identify possible new RCARO initiated programmes for betterment of the RCA. The meeting will also devote some time to discussing ways and means to overcome the challenges faced by the IAEA including staffing issues.

The participants are encouraged to contribute to sharing their valuable opinions on matters to be discussed and facilitate fruitful and in-depth discussions. A progress report including conclusions, recommendations and an action plan will be prepared and submitted by the Chair of the WG to the 38<sup>th</sup> NRM for consideration of the RCA National Representatives and subsequent agreement on actions as they may determine.

**Objectives:**

The objectives of the meeting include the following:

- 1) To review the mechanism and guidelines for implementing Supplementary Projects, Research Projects and Training Programs established at the 2<sup>nd</sup> WGM
- 2) To reflect the IAEA's role in a legally proper manner on 1) process
- 3) To discuss ways and means to overcome the challenges faced by the IAEA including staffing issues
- 4) To discuss and identify possible new initiatives to be implemented by the RCARO

**Expected**

**Outcomes:**

A progress report will be prepared and presented by the Chair of the WG for consideration of the NRs at the 38<sup>th</sup> NRM. The meeting report will:

- 1) Make recommendations on the options of the RCARO initiated programmes
- 2) Make recommendations on implementing the RCARO initiated programmes
- 3) Make recommendations on the RCARO's role to overcome the challenges faced by the IAEA
- 4) Make recommendations on other future roles of the RCARO

**Participation:**

The participants of the meeting would include Members of the WG and relevant experts as follows:

**<WG Members>**

Mr. John Easey (Chair)  
Mr. Liu Hansi (CPR)  
Ms. Fukiko Tsukada (JPN)  
Mr. Peter Roberts (NZE)  
Mr. Waqar Ahmad (PAK)  
Ms. Alumanda Dela Rosa (NR of PHI)  
Ms. Youmee Baek (ROK)  
Mr. Kun Mo Choi (Dir-RCARO)

**<Experts>**

Local experts from the Republic of Korea: to be determined  
IAEA: Mr. Sinh Hoang, RCA focal person  
Mr. Chris Daughney (NR of NZE)  
Ms. Ayako Kubo (JPN)

**Financial**

**Assistance:**

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

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