

[Terms of Reference]
RCA-FNCA Collaboration

1. Background

The 27th Meeting of National RCA Representatives (NRM) held in April in 2005 in Malaysia decided that the RCARO should be the interface for interaction with FNCA. The 34th RCA General Conference Meeting (GCM) in Vienna on 23 September 2005 reconfirmed RCARO to discuss on this matter with FNCA/ACC and report the outcomes of the discussions to the next RCA NRM to be held in Bangkok in 27-31 March 2006.

2. Purpose

- To exchange views on the development of a mechanism for communication, cooperation and coordination between FNCA and RCA
- To exchange views on possible modalities for each cooperation
- To exchange views on the possibility for transfer of information, data and technologies between FNCA and RCA in non-sensitive areas

3. Proposed Mechanism for Cooperation

- 1) To establish channels for communication, cooperation and coordination
 - On behalf of FNCA: Director of the ACC
 - On behalf of RCA, Director of the RCARO
(For major business, RCARO Director will request advice from RCARO SAC)

- 2) Representation at policy level meetings
 - At FNCA NCM: On behalf of RCA, RCARO Director (when necessary, the IAEA/RCA Coordinator and/or any other designated representative(s) will participate upon invitation).
(At FNCA SOM and MM: Representative(s) from RCA may participate upon invitation.)
 - At RCA NRM: On behalf of FNCA, ACC Director and/or any other designated representative(s) will participate upon invitation.
(At RCA GCM: Representative(s) from FNCA may participate upon invitation.)

- Status of participation: Observer(s)
- Functions: Presentation on the current status and future plan of cooperative projects of both frameworks and carry out assigned directives of policy organs

4. Modalities of Cooperation

1) Information Exchange

- All agreed information shall be exchanged through the established channels

- Scope of Information to be Exchanged

- Reports of policy level meetings
- Event plans (annual and/or bi-annual)
- List of project participants (may require agreement of the participants for their names to be supplied to others)
- Success stories
- Final project reports, and
- Other information agreed to be valuable for exchange

2) Sharing of Resources Available

- To invite lecturer(s) to relevant regional event(s)

3) Project Coordination

- To provide information on the future projects of the both frameworks to avoid possible duplication through FNCA NCM and RCA NRM, respectively
- To coordinate for project cooperation on complementary basis

5. Reporting

- ACC submits progress report of the cooperation between FNCA and RCA to FNCA policy level meetings
- RCARO submits progress reports of the cooperation between RCA and FNCA to RCA policy level meetings through RCARO SAC (Standing Advisory Committee)