



**ARCAL**

**REGIONAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR THE PROMOTION OF NUCLEAR  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

**REPORT OF THE XV MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF ARCAL REPRESENTATIVES (BAR)  
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## **I. Introduction**

The XV of the ARCAL Board of Representatives was held on 23 September 2014 at the International Atomic Energy Agency headquarters, in accordance with the Article II of the Agreement on Cooperation for the Promotion of Nuclear Science and Technology in Latin America and the Caribbean (ARCAL).

The following Representatives from the ARCAL States Parties participated in the meeting: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic, Uruguay and Venezuela. Spain, in the capacity of ARCAL strategic partner, was also represented by Ms. Pilar García from the CIEMAT, while Mr. Sylvain Fournel, from the Permanent Mission of France and the Ambassador from Trinidad and Tobago participated as observers.

Representing the International Atomic Energy Agency were: Mr. Kwaku Aning, Deputy Director General, Head of the Department of Technical Cooperation; Mr. Aldo Malvasi, Deputy Director General, Head of the Department of Nuclear Sciences and Applications; Mr. Luis Longoria, Director of the Division for Latin America; Mr. Raul Ramirez and Mr. Manuel Recio, Section Heads. Additionally, the Programme Management Officers of the Division for Latin America, Technical Officers and other Officials of the Agency also participated.

The list of participants is attached in the Annex 1.

## **II. Approval of Agenda and proceedings of the meeting**

The ARCAL Chair, Ambassador Nogués from Paraguay, opened the XV Meeting of the Board of ARCAL Representatives and welcomed the Representatives and participants to the meeting. Following the opening statement, Ambassador Nogués requested the Representatives to approve the proposed tentative agenda, which is attached as Annex 2.

Subsequently, Mr. Kwaku Aning, Deputy Director General, Head of the Department of Technical Cooperation delivered a statement. Mr. Aning referenced the 30th anniversary of the Agreement and the corresponding celebration under the framework of the General Conference, and to the completion and approval of the 2016-2021 Regional Strategic Profile for Latin America and the Caribbean (PER), which should be a key document for the regional programming and for the establishment of alliances. Mr. Aning also mentioned the excellent implementation rate of the TCLA programme and encouraged the Representatives to fulfil their commitments with the TCP. Finally, the Head of the Department of Technical Cooperation also referred to the extension of the Agreement and encouraged the Representatives to proceed with the necessary legal steps to formalize it (Annex 3).

As part of the ARCAL 30th anniversary, a video showing the results achieved through a project proposed by ARCAL, RLA/6/062, on the subject of tissue bank was presented. The video, produced by the project counterparts, is an example of how to disseminate the results

and achievements that are generated within the framework of the technical cooperation projects.

Next, Mr. Aldo Malavasi, Deputy Director General, Head of the Department of Nuclear Sciences and Applications, highlighted the excellent collaboration between the two Departments with respect to the implementation of the Technical Cooperation Programme – especially for projects proposed by ARCAL– and the support given by his department to increase the application of nuclear technology in the region.

The fourth item on the agenda included the presentation covering the activities undertaken by the Board of ARCAL Representatives in the period between September 2013 and September 2014 (document ORA 2014-01).

In this regard, reference was made to the meetings of the ARCAL Representatives' Steering Committee, organized to follow up the recommendations proposed during their last meeting (XIV BAR Meeting), to the Extra-ordinary meetings organized to follow up the preparation and approval of the 2016-2021 Regional Strategic Profile, and to the meetings with the Steering Committee of the ARCAL Technical Coordination Board.

The Chair of the ARCAL Technical Coordination Board (ATCB) and National Coordinator of Paraguay, Mr. Cesar Cardozo, presented the activities undertaken by the ATCB during the period between September 2013 and September 2014, which are detailed in the document ORA 2014-02. The document mainly highlights the meetings and work done for the preparation and approval of the Regional Strategic Profile.

Mr. Luis Longoria, Director of the Division for Latin America, presented the report on the activities implemented under the ARCAL program in 2013 (document ORA 2014-03). The report provides a comprehensive analysis on the number of trainings and activities organized within the framework of the projects and funds disbursed for the activities implemented during the year, including the extra-budgetary contributions received from countries that are party to the Agreement. Further, Mr. Longoria highlighted the high implementation rate achieved by the Division in 2013 and referred to the countries in the region that recently joined as IAEA Members but that are not yet part of the ARCAL Agreement (Bahamas, Belize, Dominica and Trinidad and Tobago).

With regard to the current regional programme, 2014-2015, as well as the preparations for the next cycle, 2016-2017, Mr. Raul Ramirez made a presentation. The focus was on the important aspects of the execution of the current program and the preparation steps for the design phase and approval of new projects. He also referenced the project design meeting to be held in Vienna in October 2014 that will include the participation of the Designated Team Members (DTMs) of regional projects, regional thematic experts, ARCAL National Coordinators, and IAEA officials, who will take part in the project teams that will design the regional programme for the next cycle.

The next item on the agenda addressed the extension of the ARCAL Agreement, effective until September 2015. To address this issue ARCAL Representatives met on 10 September 2014,

and with the support of the IAEA Office of Legal Affairs (OLA) they reviewed the draft text prepared for the extension. Because of a new proposal to proceed with the renewal of the Agreement was presented, the Chair requested to address this issue in a separate meeting to be organized with all ARCAL Representatives after the General Conference.

The last agenda item was included in order to inform the attendees about the event organized to celebrate the ARCAL 30th anniversary. This event, a panel discussion, was to be held during the week of the General Conference. The panel will serve as an opportunity to present the 2016-2017 Regional Strategic Profile for Latin America and the Caribbean (RSP) and discuss how this document will be used as a tool to channel the cooperation and regional programming.

Following the presentations, under the item any other business, the floor was open for comments. Spain, through the representative of CIEMAT, highlighted the achievements of the communications project (RLA/0/046) and the support that Spain has provided for the development of the 2016-2021 RSP.

The Ambassador of Trinidad and Tobago, SE John C.E. Sandy, welcomed the opportunity to participate as an observer and congratulated the Representatives for the excellent work carried out under the framework of the ARCAL Regional Agreement.

### **III. Decisions adopted**

As a result of the discussion topics on the agenda of the meeting, the Representatives agreed the following:

1. Address the issue of the extension of ARCAL Agreement at a meeting to be organized after the General Conference.
2. Thank the IAEA for supporting the programme submitted under the ARCAL Agreement and specifically during the process of preparing the 2016-2021 Regional Strategic Profile for Latin America and the Caribbean (RSP) as well as for the initiative of organizing an event for the ARCAL 30 anniversary.

Vienna, 23 September 2014

## **ANNEX 1**

### **List of Attendees at the XV Meeting of the ARCAL Board of Representatives (BAR)**

23 September 2014

#### **Argentina-**

Sr. César Tate, Coordinador Nacional de Argentina

#### **Bolivia-**

Sra. Elizabeth Ferrel, Consejera, Misión Permanente de Bolivia en Viena

Sra. Claudia Vaca, Segunda Secretaria, Misión Permanente de Bolivia en Viena

#### **Brasil-**

Embajador Sr. Laercio A. Vinhas, Representante de Brasil ante el ORA y Vice-Presidente del ORA

Sr. Lindolpho Cademartori, Segundo Secretario, Misión Permanente de Brasil en Viena

#### **Chile-**

Embajador Sr. Armin Andereya, Representante de Chile ante el ORA y Secretario del ORA

Sra. María Paz Caballero, Coordinadora Nacional de Chile

Sr. Hellmut Lagos, Consejero, Misión Permanente de Chile en Viena

#### **Colombia-**

Embajador Sr. Jaime Alberto Cabal, Representante de Colombia ante el ORA

Sra. Nora Quintero, Ministra-Consejera, Misión Permanente de Colombia en Viena

#### **Costa Rica-**

Sr. Herbert Espinoza, Ministro Consejero, Misión Permanente de Costa Rica en Viena

Sr. Carlos Madrigal, Presidente Comisión Nacional Energía Atómica de Costa Rica

Sr. Jorge Aguilar, Oficial Nacional de Enlace, Ministerio Relaciones Exteriores

#### **Cuba-**

Embajador Sr. Juan Carlos Marsán Aguilera, Representante Permanente de Cuba

Sra. Isaura Cabañas, Misión Permanente de Cuba en Viena

#### **Ecuador-**

Sr. José Rosenberg, Ministro Consejero, Misión Permanente de Ecuador en Viena

Sra. Nancy Mantilla, Oficial Nacional de Enlace con el OIEA

#### **Guatemala-**

Embajador Sr. Antonio Castellanos, Representante de Guatemala ante el ORA

Sra. Sandra Noriega, Ministra-Consejera, Misión Permanente de Guatemala en Viena

#### **Honduras**

Embajador Sr. Giampaolo Rizzo Alvarado, Representante de Honduras ante el ORA

#### **Jamaica-**

Embajador Sr. Wayne Mc Cook, Representante de Jamaica ante el ORA

**México-**

Embajador Sr. Luis Alfonso de Alba, Representante Permanente de México

Sr. Alejandro Huerta, Oficial Nacional de Enlace con el OIEA

Sra. Lydia Paredes, Coordinadora Nacional de México

Sr. Alejandro Amerena

**Nicaragua-**

Embajador Sr. Hernán Estrada, Representante de Nicaragua ante el ORA

Sr. Ralf Mirus, Misión Permanente de Nicaragua en Viena

**Panamá-**

Sra. Elisabeth Kelso, Ministra Consejera, Misión Permanente de Panamá en Viena

Sra. Itza Barahona

Sr. Gabriel Arosemena, Misión Permanente de Panamá en Viena

**Paraguay-**

Embajador Sr. Horacio Nogués Zubizarreta, Representante de Paraguay ante el ORA y Presidente del ORA

Sr. Cesar Cardozo, Coordinador Nacional y Presidente del OCTA

Sr. Froilan Enrique Peralta

Sra. Lourdes Miranda Jordan

**Perú-**

Sr. Enrique Noria, Consejero, Misión Permanente de Perú en Viena

**República Dominicana-**

Embajador Sr. Ramón Quiñones, Representante de República Dominicana ante el ORA

Sra. Anadel Matos, Consejera, Misión Permanente de República Dominicana en Viena

Sr. Luis Alberto Morilla, Coordinador Nacional de República Dominicana

**Uruguay-**

Embajador Sr. Bruno Faraone, Representante de Uruguay ante el ORA

Sra. Karen Meyer, Primera Secretaria, Misión Permanente de Uruguay en Viena

**Venezuela-**

Embajador Sr. Ali Uzcátegui Duque, Representante de Venezuela ante el ORA

Sra. Dalila Hernández, Vice-Ministra y Oficial Nacional de Enlace de Venezuela

Sra. Eliana Galindo,

Sra. Maria Dolores Peña

**España-**

Sra. Pilar García, CIEMAT

**Francia-**

Sr. Sylvain Fournel, Misión Permanente de Francia

**Trinidad y Tobago-**

Embajador Sr. John C.E. Sandy, Misión Permanente de Trinidad y Tobago en Ginebra

Sra. Anesa Ali-Rodriguez, Misión Permanente de Trinidad y Tobago en Ginebra

**OIEA-**

## ANEXO 2

### **AGENDA PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

#### **XV Meeting of the ARCAL Board of Representatives (BAR)**

Vienna, 23 September 2014, 14:30

Opening of the Meeting

Adoption of the Agenda

1. Introductory Statement by HE Mr Horacio Nogués, Ambassador of Paraguay, BAR Chair.
2. Introductory Statement by Mr Kwaku Aning, Deputy Director General, Head of the Department of Technical Cooperation.
3. Introductory Statement by Mr Aldo Malavasi, Deputy Director General, Head of the Department of Nuclear Applications.
4. Presentation of the report on the activities undertaken by the BAR during the Paraguayan Presidency during the period of September 2013 to September 2014: consideration and adoption of the document **DOCUMENTO ORA 2014-01**.
5. Presentation of the report on the activities undertaken by the ARCAL Technical Coordination Board (ATCB) and the ATCB Steering Committee during the period of September 2013 to September 2014; consideration and adoption of the document **DOCUMENTO ORA 2014-02**.
6. Presentation of the Secretariat's report on the activities implemented under the ARCAL Programme in 2013; consideration and adoption of the document **DOCUMENTO ORA 2014-03**.
7. Presentation by the Secretariat on the 2014-2015 regional technical cooperation programme and the preparations for the 2016-2017 TC cycle; **DOCUMENTO ORA 2014-04**.
8. Extension of the Agreement.
9. IAEA General Conference/Side-event on the occasion of the ARCAL 30th Anniversary and presentation of the 2016-2021 Regional Strategic Profile.
10. Any other business

Closure of the Meeting