



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

**REPORT OF ACTIVITIES
UNDERTAKEN BY
ARCAL BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES (ORA)
DURING THE PERIOD
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BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES OF ARCAL**

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I. SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

- 1) The XIX Regular Meeting of the ARCAL Board of Representatives (ORA) was held on September 18, 2018. Representatives from the following countries participated in the meeting: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic, Uruguay, and Venezuela. The meeting was attended by a representative of the Government of Spain in its capacity of strategic partner of ARCAL. The President of the Technical Coordination Body of ARCAL (OCTA) and National Coordinator of ARCAL of Mexico, Ms. Lydia Paredes, was also present.

During this meeting, the signing of a Cooperation Agreement between the National Nuclear Research Institute (ININ) of Mexico and the Peruvian Institute of Nuclear Energy (IPEN) took place.

- 2) Within the framework of the 62nd IAEA General Conference, the representatives of the Quadripartite Forum met on September 20, 2018. The meeting was opened by the President of the RCA Representatives Body, H.E. Mr. Young Eun Kim, Director of the Division of Space, Nuclear and Major Science Cooperation, of the Ministry of Science and TCI, who, on this occasion, transferred the Leadership of the Forum to the representative of ARASIA, Mr. Bilal Nsouli, Director of the Lebanon Atomic Energy Commission. Her excellency, Mrs. Alicia Buenrostro, Ambassador of Mexico in Austria and President of the ARCAL Board of Representatives (ORA), and Mrs. Lydia Paredes, President of the ARCAL Technical Coordination Body (OCTA) were also present in the meeting.

The regional groups decided to continue collaborating to open greater concrete opportunities for collaboration. In this regard, the acceptance by the ARCAL Technical Coordination Body of the Mechanism for participation in training activities under the agreements was announced. In this way, and in order to continue strengthening the collaboration between ARCAL and AFRA, the availability of training centres in Latin American and Caribbean countries for other regions, especially for Portuguese-speaking nations, was reiterated. Likewise, the organization of an inter-regional meeting in Vienna with the main nuclear institutes of each of the regions was proposed.

The Mechanism for participation in training activities under the agreements was subsequently adopted by the four presidents of the agreements.

- 3) From May 20 to 24, 2018, the XX OCTA meeting was held, in which the work developed since the XIX OCTA Meeting was presented. The meeting counted with



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the presence of Mrs. Consuelo Vidal, United Nations Resident Coordinator in the country and H.E. Mrs. Alicia Buenrostro, Ambassador of Mexico in Austria and President of the Board of Representatives of ARCAL (ORA). During the meeting, participants discussed the final approval of the project concepts presented by ARCAL for the next technical cooperation cycle 2020-2021 and worked in groups to review several topics such as: the preparation of the 2019-2020 activity plan, revision and update of the ARCAL manual of procedures, approval of the terms of reference for the preparation of Regional Strategic Profile (RSP) 2022-2029, formulation of the call for proposals for the 2022-2023 cycle, update of the communications strategy and strategic alliances and the celebration of the 35 ARCAL Anniversary.

II. REPORT ON THE COMPLIANCE WITH DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED BY ORA AT ITS XVIII MEETING

Conclusions and recommendations

As a result of the discussion topics of the XIX Meeting of the ORA, the Representatives agreed to:

1. Adopt all the reports presented at the meeting: ORA Document 2018-01, ORA Document 2018-02, ORA Document 2018-03.

Complete.

2. Request OCTA's Directive Group to initiate studies related to the creation of an ARCAL fund, establishing mechanisms and criteria for contributions.

Complete, OCTA has started the discussions during its last meeting.