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Subject: Joint ICAO/WHO invitation to the Sixth Meeting of the CAPSCA-Africa Project and Training of CAPSCA Technical Advisors (Johannesburg, South Africa, 12-16 October 2015)

Action required: *To note the invitation to the meeting and nominate participants*

Dear Sir/Madam,

We wish to inform you that the Department of Transport of the Republic of South Africa, through the South Africa Civil Aviation Authority, will host the sixth Meeting of the *Collaborative Arrangement for the Prevention and Management of the Public Health Events in Civil Aviation (CAPSCA)-Africa*. This event will be held back to back with a training event for Technical Advisors (TAs) from the aviation and public health sectors in Johannesburg, South Africa from 12 to 14 October 2015 and 15 to 16 October 2015 respectively. Both events are jointly organized by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO).

The main objective of the meeting/event is to facilitate the effective implementation of the ICAO public health related Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs), the relevant aspects of the WHO International Health Regulations and the associated guidance material.

The Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) outbreak has revealed the importance of a strong CAPSCA program including meetings and training in managing public health emergencies of international concern. Considering that the threat of Ebola outbreak is still eminent, your participation will be of great benefit in improving your State's preparedness for a possible spread of EVD outbreak and for any other unknown, public health emergency in the future.

The CAPSCA-Africa meeting will provide information on preparedness planning to participants in the form of updates on matters of particular public health importance in the region (such as EVD) and, also provide an opportunity for discussion on how to address the ongoing management of CAPSCA Africa. The training event for Technical Advisors will focus on how to conduct a CAPSCA Assistance Visit.

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Your Administration/Organization is invited to nominate at least two participants preferably from the Civil Aviation Authority and Public Health sectors. Priority to senior personnel conversant with prevention of the spread of communicable diseases by air transport particularly those who participated in previous CAPSCA meetings (for purposes of continuity) should be considered.

We encourage participation of other stakeholders such as airport operators, air operators, air navigation service providers and airport service providers and we thus request that you forward to the fore mentioned this invitation as their participation is important.

Please note that the Work Programme and the Information Bulletin on hotels and entry requirements in South Africa will be communicated to you in due course.

Participants will be required to complete the attached Attendance Notification Form to be forwarded by email to icaoesaf@icao.int preferably before **25 September 2015** participants may also register online at <http://www.icao.int/ESAF/reg/Pages/default.aspx>

Yours sincerely,

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Attachment: Registration Form