



International Civil Aviation Organization

**SIXTEENTH MEETING OF THE  
COMMUNICATIONS/NAVIGATION/SURVEILLANCE AND  
METEOROLOGY SUB-GROUP (CNS/MET SG/16) OF APANPIRG**

Bangkok, Thailand, 23 – 27 July 2012

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**Agenda Item 18: Working Arrangement for CNS and MET Sub-groups in 2013**

2) Change in meeting arrangements for APANPIRG 2013

**SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS IN ICAO ASSEMBLY YEAR 2013**

(Presented by Secretariat)

**SUMMARY**

This paper presents the scheduling of meeting in Assembly Year 2013. The 47<sup>th</sup> DGCA Conference (October 2010) agreed that during an ICAO Assembly year, the DGCA Conference should be held in a reasonable timeframe before or after the ICAO Assembly.

This paper relates to -

**Strategic Objectives:**

**A: Safety – Enhance global civil aviation safety**

**C: Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development of Air Transport – Foster harmonized and economically viable development of international civil aviation that does not unduly harm the environment**

**Global Plan Initiatives: All**

**1. Introduction**

1.1 Australia presented Discussion Paper DGCA-47/DP/9c/3 on ‘Scheduling of DGCA Conferences being held in the same year as ICAO Assemblies’ at the 47 DGCA Conference held in Macau, China from 25 to 29 October 2010. The paper noted that when DGCA Conference and the ICAO Assembly fall within the same year, preparations for both meetings can place significant strain on the scarce resources of Civil Aviation Administrations

1.2 The 47 DGCA Conference taking cognizance of the issues related to planning of the meetings agreed that during an ICAO Assembly year, the DGCA Conference should be held in a reasonable timeframe before or after the ICAO Assembly and adopted Action Item 47/16. The Action Item was supported by 15 Administrations. The text of the Action Item 47/16 is reproduced below:

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*Taking cognizance of the difficulties mentioned in the DGCA-47/DP/9c/3 (Scheduling of DGCA Conferences being held in the same years as ICAO Assemblies) paper, the Conference agrees that during an ICAO Assembly year, the DGCA Conference should be held in a reasonable timeframe before or after the ICAO Assembly, noting that this may require some adjustments to the rescheduling of other related regional meetings.*

## 2. Discussion

2.1 Taking note of the DGCA Action Item 47/16, the ICAO Regional Office looked at various options and in consultation with CASA and CAANZ worked out the following draft program keeping in view the overall objective of efficient management of meetings, cost effectiveness and resources within Regional Office for year 2013.

- *Reduction in number of APANPIRG meeting days from 5 to 3;*
- *Holding RASG APAC meeting back to back with APANPIRG meeting;*
- *Holding DGCA Conference consecutively with APANPIRG & RASG meetings*

2.2 The Plan for 2013 is to hold APANPIRG/24 from 24 to 26 June 2013 (*Monday to Wednesday*), followed by RASG APAC on 27-28 June (Thursday and Friday). The 50<sup>th</sup> DGCA Conference is proposed to be scheduled from 1 to 3 July 2013 (Monday to Wednesday). The dates for the sub-group meetings will be advanced accordingly.

2.3 The ICAO Regional Office circulated a State Letter AP-027 dated 23 February 2012 to APAC States/Administrations to note this information in their meeting schedule and confirm to ICAO APAC Office.

2.4 Based on the proposed schedule of APANPIRG, the CNS and MET Sub-group meetings and other task force meeting are scheduled as follows:

- ATNICG/8 meeting from 19-22 March 2013 venue TBD
- OPMET/M TF/11 & METWARN/I TF/3 from 25 to 29 March 2013 in Bangkok\*
- MET/ATM TF/3 meeting & MET/ATM seminar from 1-5 April 2013 in Bangkok (tentative)\*
- ADS-B SITF/12 meeting from 16-19 April 2013 tentatively with venue TBD
- CNS SG/17 meeting 14-17 May 2013 in Bangkok
- MET SG/17 meeting 14-17 May 2013 in Bangkok

\* Schedule and structure of MET TF meetings subject to outcomes of proposal(s) resulting from conjoint session OPMET/M TF/10 / METWARN/I TF/2, held in Bangkok 19 April 2012.

2.4.1 Similarly, necessary coordination for ATNICG WG meeting, SEA/BOB ADS-B WG meetings, RCP/RSP Seminar\Workshop and interregional AIDC Task Force etc. are required to be coordinated accordingly.

**3. Action by the Meeting**

3.1 The meeting is invited to review the proposed scheduling of APANPIRG/24 meeting in Bangkok and other relevant sub-groups meetings in 2013 as proposed in this paper.

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