

**Forum on Regional Safety Oversight
Organisations
for Global Aviation Safety**

***Banjul Accord Group
Accident Investigation Agency
(BAGAIA) -***

***A regional accident investigation
organization (RAIO) in West Africa***

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BAGAIA Agreement

***(Cape Verde, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea
Conakry, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone)***

Signed by the Ministers of Transport in 2009

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BAGAIA activities 2012 - 2016

- ***Assistance to States*** as a result of ICAO audits – action plans for each country and implementation
- ***Serious incident investigation*** – engine fire in flight
- ***BAGAIA Commission was established***, one nominee from each country
- ***First BAGAIA Commission meeting*** in Banjul, Gambia 22 - 24 Sept 2016
- ***Second meeting in Oct 2017*** in Praia, Cabo Verde
- Develop ***common guidance materials and investigator handbooks, manuals and checklists***

BAGAIA activities 2012 - 2016

- Develop and implement procedures to *facilitate relations between BAGAIA teams and local authorities*
- *Establish appropriately equipped and trained accident investigation teams*
- *Conduct*, either in whole or in part, *an investigation into an aircraft accident or serious incident upon delegation* by a State of Occurrence in the BAG sub-region, by mutual arrangement and consent between the State of Occurrence and BAGAIA
- Make a report on BAGAIA activities to the *Council of Ministers* at least once every six months

BAGAIA accident investigation training courses

(two weeks – 80 hours of training)

- **Praia, Cape Verde – May 2013**
- **Accra, Ghana – June 2014**
- **Lagos, Nigeria – Nov 2015**
- **Abuja, Nigeria – Nov-Dec 2015**

***Note.- About 200 investigators trained, but
Practical (on-the-job) training and experience required***

Immediate implementation issues to resolve (scenario)

- How to delegate **LEGAL RIGHTS** of local investigators to the BAGAIA investigators, and local focal point coordinators from CAA and the Ministry
- Does the country of occurrence have an IIC ?
- Will the country of Occurrence request assistance from BAGAIA (investigation team, resources) ?
- Who pays ? (what investigation services do the regular/annual contributions to BAGAIA by member States include ?)

***“BAGAIA Expansion”* or other accident investigation regional cooperation programs in Africa**

- **Southern Africa (draft agreement)**
- **Eastern Africa**
- **Western and Central Africa (ICAO WACAF)**
- **Economic Community Of West African States (ECOWAS) (about 15 countries)**
- **Discussion of enlargement of BAGAIA to cover Western and Central Africa (perhaps 15 – 20 countries)**

Conclusions

- The **FORUM** is invited to endorse the concept of Regional Accident Investigation Organizations (RAIOs)
- Countries that already have a functionally independent accident investigation authority also have an important role in a RAIO
- RAIOs should not be limited to small countries with limited resources

Questions?

*Imagination is more important than knowledge.
Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world.
(Albert Einstein)*