

Guidelines for the Group discussions

On day 1, all participants will join one of the following 3 groups:

- Group 1: Global strategy and action plan and opportunities for strengthening RSOOs
- Group 2: Development and implementation of a global aviation safety oversight system
- Group 3: Develop a proposal for the establishment of the RSOO Cooperative Platform

Each group will be assigned ICAO and EASA officers who will facilitate and support the discussions.

Each group will be asked to present their results in a form of a 10 minute presentation.

Group 1 Global strategy and action plan and opportunities for strengthening RSOOs

ICAO/EASA: Daniela Defossar, Prosper Zo'o Minto'o and Milton Tumusiime

The task for Group 1 is to contribute to the global strategy and action plan and to identify opportunities for the improvement and strengthening of RSOOs.

Taking into account the knowledge and experience participants have on regional aviation systems and their existing RSOOs as well as considering the presentations provided at the Forum, they should

1. identify and list regions and their RSOO which have the potential political support from States and general capability to establish an effective or even more effective operation;
2. come up with and list short term (1-2 years), medium term (3-5 years) and long term (above 5 years) recommendations which help these regions and their RSOO to establish a robust safety oversight system. These recommendations should be grouped using the 5 elements for improvement of an RSOO:
 - relevance,
 - effectiveness,
 - efficiency,
 - sustainability,
 - adaptability

The group is encouraged to use the questions included in the presentation on the global strategy and action for the improvement of RSOOs as an aide memoire. In view of the time available, the group may particularly focus on financial sustainability and effective empowerment.

If possible, the recommendations should be actionable, i.e. clearly state what should be done by whom and when;

3. identify indicators, tools or means on how the performance of the individual RSOO in meeting these goals could be assessed and measured;
4. list identified obstacles and how they may be overcome (e.g. lack of funding);
5. state the benefits for the States and aviation industry to having an active RSOO in this region;
6. based on identified opportunities for individual RSOO, make further proposals for the global strategy and action plan.

Group 2 Development and implementation of a global aviation safety oversight system

ICAO/EASA: Michiel Vreedenburgh, Yves Koning & Kebba Lamin Jammeh

The task for Group 2 is to study the proposal for the establishment of a global aviation safety oversight system and review and revise the draft global strategy and action plan for its development and implementation. The group may use the elements included in the presentation on the proposal for establishing a global aviation safety oversight system as an inspiration and the draft Global Strategy and Action Plan for the Improvement of Regional Safety Oversight Organizations (RSOOs) and the Establishment of a Global System for the Provision of Safety Oversight. The group should discuss:

- the vision for a global system for the provision of safety oversight (what do we want to achieve?);
- how the RSOO concept may be beneficial in responding to new challenges and business models;
- the improvements that would be made to RSOOs through participation in the global aviation safety oversight system and also the benefits to States that would result from the global aviation safety oversight system;
- review the proposal for a global aviation safety oversight system of ICAO recognition for safety oversight providers, in relation to tasks and functions and the different levels of empowerment ;
- review the next steps towards establishing and implementing the global aviation safety oversight system; and
- include an action plan for the implementation of the strategy.

Group 3 RSOO Cooperative platform

ICAO/EASA: David Waller, Ana-Isabel Miralles Kiefer, Romain Ekoto & Eyob Estifanos

The task for group 3 is to describe the different functions and tasks of a cooperative platform. For example, this may include

- information, data and best practices sharing,
- drafting model regulations, manuals or checklists,
- supporting the development of safety promotional or ICAO implementation material,
- coordinating certain activities, e.g. training, technical assistance, pooling of experts,
- analysing ICAO proposals from an RSOO point of view,
- participating in and commenting on RSOO studies
- finding solutions to common issues,
- organising future RSOO events to further support the development of RSOO, etc.

The group should also make a proposal on the resource requirements and governance aspects of such platform, e.g. member and governing structure, organisational placement within ICAO, accountability and reporting lines, etc. The group may refer to the draft Global Strategy and Action Plan for the Improvement of Regional Safety Oversight Organizations (RSOOs), including some proposals for a cooperative platform.