

ENHANCING TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND COORDINATION THROUGH ICAO

 ICAO Member States seek to better respond to ICAO audit policies and the challenges emerging from rapid air traffic growth, ICAO will be bringing together global stakeholders to consider how to improve the coordination and delivery of technical cooperation and assistance across the full spectrum of civil aviation activity.

Focused around the theme of “Building Cooperation for the Future of Civil Aviation: Innovations, Growth, and Technical Cooperation”, ICAO’s first-ever Global Aviation Cooperation Symposium (GACS: 30 September – 3 October 2014) will provide a platform for discussions of key issues, the exchange of important information on latest trends and innovations, and the sharing of best practices supporting a safe and efficient future for global air transport.

The Fall 2014 event is being planned to provide governments, airport operators, air navigation service providers and other industry stakeholders with a unique opportunity to obtain in depth knowledge of ICAO guidance and the complementary role and resources of its Technical Cooperation programme.

SUPPORTING GLOBAL AIR TRANSPORT NEEDS

ICAO’s Technical Cooperation Programme provides advice and assistance in the development and implementation of projects across the full spectrum of civil aviation aimed at the safety, security, environmental protection and sustainable development of national and international civil aviation.

The Technical Cooperation Programme is conducted under the broad policy guidance of the ICAO Assembly and ICAO’s Governing Council. Subject to general guidance by the Secretary General, the Technical Cooperation Programme is executed within ICAO by the organization’s Technical Cooperation Bureau (TCB).

Since its establishment in 1952, the Technical Cooperation Bureau (TCB) has implemented a very wide range of civil aviation projects. Its mission is to efficiently respond to the civil aviation technical needs of ICAO Member States, ensuring compliance with ICAO standards and recommended practices and cooperating with them in the sustainable development of Air Transport and Air Navigation, as well as capacity-building.

GACS 2014 AGENDA

2014 Event Dates	Themes to be covered
Tuesday, 30 September	Technical Cooperation Programme in Response to State’s Needs
	Aviation Safety Issues in the Context of Technical Cooperation
Wednesday, 1 October	Aviation Security Issues in the Context of Technical Cooperation
	Air Navigation Services and New Technologies
Thursday, 2 October	Airport Management and Best Practices
	ICAO Guidance through Technical Cooperation
Friday, 3 October	Aviation Economic Growth and Development

Iván Galán, Director of ICAO's Technical Cooperation Bureau, said that "in developing projects and initiatives, TCB continues to promote sustainable solutions in the aviation field. This represents a key objective which often encompasses improvements to a State's Aeronautical infrastructure and Services that in turn promote better human, social and economic conditions."

Whether TCB projects involve building infrastructure, imparting training, capacity-building or feasibility studies, an event such as the Global Aviation Cooperation Symposium is seen as a strong catalyst in enabling ICAO and the Technical Cooperation Bureau to convey not only opportunities for States, but for States and the Aviation community to share experiences and lessons learned for the betterment of civil aviation as a whole.

ICAO TCB seeks to assist and foster the sustainable growth of air transport by supporting all aspects of civil aviation activity, targeting human resources, infrastructure and services, technology transfer and capacity-building objectives in compliance with ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs).

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TCB provides support to more than 115 States in the development and implementation of over 150 projects each year, with services falling into three main categories: Recruitment/Provision of expert consultants, procurement of civil aviation equipment and services, and Training Programmes.

"Many entities approach TCB with a wide spectrum of projects, each one with its own unique set of challenges and priorities," commented Patrick Molinari, ICAO TCB Acting Deputy Director. "Together with our colleagues in the ICAO Air Navigation and Air Transport Bureaus, TCB's effective project management and ISO Quality Management System allows us to develop and deliver projects that not only

meet their full potential, but seek to transfer a sustainable long term solution and associated capacities."

As a United Nation's specialized Agency, ICAO TCB can offer those services under most favorable and cost-effective conditions and guarantees strict neutrality, transparency and objectivity. Its advice is therefore governed solely by objective technical and financial considerations. ■

PURPOSE AND GOALS OF THE 2014 SYMPOSIUM

1. Promote ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) and the role and resources of its Technical Cooperation Programme (TC)

The Symposium will discuss the new or amended provisions in the relevant Annexes concerning Safety and Security, as well as related guidance material within the context of Technical Cooperation. The Symposium will also give a general overview of the TC programme's services and best-practices in providing capacity-building assistance to Member States and regional organizations.

2. Assist States to identify needs and comprehensive solutions to common deficiencies found in ICAO audits

The Symposium will provide an opportunity to discuss ascending needs identified as a result of deficiencies found through ICAO's audit programmes. States will have the chance to capture commonly found issues, solutions and best-practices shared by the presentation of TC projects. Project Successes, challenges, and implemented technical solutions will be showcased for each region in operation.

3. Share common aviation challenges and the use of best practices for the future of Civil Aviation

Industry leaders, technical experts, and national and international specialists will be at the heart of the Symposium's discussions. These industry experts will share their knowledge and perception of current and emerging trends and innovations within the context of technical cooperation. Safety and Security concerns will be discussed across the areas of civil aviation master plans, air traffic management services, airport modernization, safety oversight, regulatory frameworks, MRTDs, ePassports and more.

4. Strengthen institutional and cross-industry relationships

The Symposium will gather ICAO experts, Member States, industry providers, as well as national, regional and international organizations, who will all be invited to enhance collaboration through improved technical cooperation.