



INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

AVIATION SAFETY IMPLEMENTATION ASSISTANCE PARTNERSHIP (ASIAP)

TERMS OF REFERENCE

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1. OBJECTIVES

1.1 One of the ICAO's strategic objectives is to ensure a continuous improvement in global aviation safety in close collaboration with the aviation community. The rapid growth in air transport in recent years has rendered ICAO to play a key role in achieving this objective. There is an agreement that ICAO should engage with States at a higher level and lead the coordination and facilitation for donors, partners and States on aviation safety implementation assistance.

1.2 During the ICAO High-level Safety Conference, held in March 2010, the creation of a group was proposed to facilitate and coordinate for exchange of safety related information in respect to financial and technical assistance projects and activities. As a result, the Safety Collaborative Assistance Network (SCAN) was established in March 2011.

1.3 The assistance programmes that are envisaged are closely related to the outcomes of the ICAO Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) which is an essential source for identifying specific assistance areas, types and needs of States, as well as the Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP) objectives.

1.4 In order to further advance aviation safety implementation assistance capacity in the aviation community, the Aviation Safety Implementation Assistance Partnership (ASIAP) is established based on SCAN. It is expected that the ASIAP serves as a framework for coordinated efforts that contribute to the provision of assistance to States. The ASIAP's objectives are information sharing, collaboration on assistance, and agreeing on outcome indicators.

1.5 During ICAO Council's 207th Session, the ICAO Resource Mobilization Policy was approved on 8 March 2016. This policy aims at achieving adequate, more predictable and sustainable voluntary contributions to realize the Organization's mission, complement the ICAO Regular Programme

Budget and assist States in facilitating access to funds to enhance their air transport systems (A39-WP/25/EX 13 refers).

2. SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES

2.1 The ASIAP provides communication channels for discussion amongst donors and assistance providers (hereafter the Partners) to facilitate the provision of assistance to States, and, at the same time strengthen the partnership to further increase its capacity.

2.2 The main activities include: continuous sharing of information the coordination and collaboration of particular technical assistance activities, as well as periodic coordination meetings.

2.3 The coordination and sharing of information on technical assistance projects and activities planned and implemented by the Partners helps to avoid duplication of efforts and maximize the effectiveness and efficiency of assistance programmes provided by the Partners.

3. FUNCTIONS

3.1 The objective of the ASIAP is achieved through active participation of its Partners in the following activities coordinated by ICAO:

- identifying priority States for the provision, coordination and collaboration of assistance activities, including States with Significant Safety Concerns;
- expanding coordination and collaboration of assistance activities to include RSOOs if possible;
- exchanging information and views on the improvement of, and collaboration on, assistance activities for States and Regional Organizations that have challenges in rectifying safety deficiencies;
- agreeing on performance indicators and metrics to ensure efficient and effective assistance implementation and use of resources;
- developing a coordination platform to increase the overall assistance effectiveness and transparency; and
- encouraging prioritizing aviation safety in State national policies, strategies and plans.

3.2 The Partners will make efforts, to the extent possible, in providing information to be shared with all ASIAP Partners, including on the ICAO public website in a timely manner so that all stakeholders can benefit.

3.3 ICAO continues to maintain the website in a way that the information is up-to-date and all stakeholders including the Partners have easy access.

3.4 ICAO will coordinate internally and through the ICAO Regional Offices, in relation to the identification of Priority States and required assistance needs in each region. The ICAO Regional Offices will inform and coordinate with the Priority States.

4. **MEMBERSHIP**

4.1 The ASIAP membership shall be comprised of stakeholders that voluntarily contribute to assisting States and/or Regional Organizations facing challenges in resolving safety deficiencies and exchange of related information via the ASIAP.

4.2 The Partners may include:

- a) ICAO Member States;
- b) Regional and International Organizations;
- c) Industry, including aircraft manufacturers; and
- d) Financial institutions.

4.3 The list of the Partners will be maintained by the ICAO Secretariat.

4.4 In order to ensure effective coordination and cooperation under ASIAP, the Partners are asked to contribute by actively participating in meetings (telecoms and face-to-face) and sharing of information. If a Partner does not participate in **3** consecutive meetings or has not contributed to ASIAP activities in a period of at least **12** months, the Secretariat will contact the Partner to ascertain whether it wishes to maintain its membership. If no reply is received within **3** months, it will be assumed that the Partner is no longer interested in the Programme.

5. **ORGANIZATION**

5.1 The ASIAP will be co-chaired by two of the Partners (one State and one International Organization/Industry partner) on a rotational basis, elected for a two-year term during a face-to-face meeting.

5.2 The ICAO Air Navigation Bureau will serve as the Secretariat and provide necessary coordination. ASIAP will report its activities annually through an ICAO Council Working Paper on technical assistance.

5.3 The ASIAP will meet as required, in principle, once a year. Quarterly telecoms are planned in between meetings. Activities and actions of the ASIAP will also be coordinated via email.

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