7th Telecom of the Aviation Safety Implementation Assistance Partnership (ASIAP)
20 January 2017

Participants : Canada, China, France, Japan, UK, ACI, AFCAC, EASA, IATA, ICAO (including ESAF, NACC, SAM and WACAF Regional Offices), Boeing, and World Bank

1. **Meeting Opening**
   - EASA opened the meeting and advised that this telecom is a follow-up to the face-to-face ASIAP meeting that was held in October.
   - At the request of ICAO, it was agreed to discuss the third agenda item next in the agenda.

2. **ICAO Update on Activities Since Meeting in October (refer to meeting report)**
   - ICAO provided a brief overview on the status of the pending items from the meeting in October, including the status of items from the Action Plan. Further details would be discussed under the other agenda items.
     o It was noted that no progress has been made on the revised SCAN for ASIAP, as ICAO has not finalized its internal review of the proposed development of an organization-wide projects database.
   - As a result of presenting on ASIAP to the AFI Plan Steering Committee Meeting (SCM) on 30 November, AFCAC expressed interest to join ASIAP. ICAO invited AFCAC to be a member of ASIAP, they accepted, and were welcomed to their first meeting. Additionally, an invitation was sent to South Africa as a result of the AFI Plan SCM, and to Bombardier as agreed to at the last ASIAP meeting, but no responses have been received.

3. **ICAO and Partner Update on Assistance Activities in Priority States**
   - EASA advised that they are working on the initiation of 8 new projects (in South Asia, Southeast Asia, Latin America, bilateral projects (Zambia and Ukraine) and Thailand) for 2017 and will be concluding 4 projects (CEMAC, Malawi, IPA3 and Euromed) this year.
   - ICAO provided the following information:
     o Cambodia – completed audit and results were not as good as expected, except in the AIR area where assistance was provided by ICAO, supported by ASIAP partners Japan and Boeing.
     o Nepal and Thailand may expect ICVMs this year, if they are ready to resolve SSCs. They are being monitored closely and progressing thanks to the assistance being provided by ICAO and several ASIAP partners (ref. Technical Assistance matrix on web site).
     o Tanzania is receiving inspector OJT assistance in the AOC process. South Africa is providing the instructors. ICVM is scheduled for March.
     o Angola – ICVM for SSC resolution is being planned for this year.
     o Djibouti – technical assistance missions being conducted by the RO.
     o Malawi – ICAO is working with the EU to extend its assistance for an additional 6 months.
     o Egypt – ICVM was completed and preliminary results are very good, therefore they have been removed from priority list.
     o Qatar – due to the GDP criteria, Qatar is no longer on the priority list.

- o Bahamas will have an audit this year. The ICAO regional office is working with them on an action plan. A project for aerodrome certification assistance is being funded under SAFE.
- o Haiti is receiving assistance from ICAO with the support of the RSOOs ACSA and CASSOS, and from France.
- o Honduras had an audit last year with positive results. ICAO RO is working with them on an action plan.
- o Guyana and Paraguay both completed assistance projects and ICVMs, resulting in very good EIs.
- o Uruguay – good results from the ICVM and the technical assistance project is still on-going.
- o Panama has requested ICAO RO for assistance, which will be provided under the SRVSOP.
- o Gabon, off-site validation did not show much progress but the ICAO assistance project had just commenced.
- o Guinea – ICVM conducted, but did not show positive results.
- o Sierra Leone- ICAO in the process of developing a technical assistance project that will go to tender shortly.
- AFCAC advised that they conducted:
  - o 4 assistance missions to Malawi in 2016, provided in the framework of the EU project for Malawi, to provide assistance in the AOC certification of 2 operators;
  - o An initial assessment of Sao Tome and Principe for operations and airworthiness; and
  - o 2 missions to Senegal in order to assist in preparations for upcoming ICAO audit.
- China advised that they have:
  - o Provided 3 experts to conduct 3 separate APAC CAT missions.
  - o Provided funding to the SAFE fund to support ICAO's technical assistance activities in Nepal; and
  - o Begun preparations to second a technical expert to ICAO ANB to assist with implementation activities.
- UK advised that they have on-going work in Thailand and had submitted the information to be included in the technical assistance table. They are also collaborating extensively with EASA on various cooperation projects.
- The World Bank advised of the following:
  - o The 2016 Annual Air Transport Report is being finalized.
  - o A decrease in demand for air transport projects, as governments are focusing on other priorities, including other transportation sectors such as roads.
  - o That aviation projects are being undertaken in: Sao Tome and Principe, PASO States, Bolivia, Guatemala, and Egypt.
- Canada advised that they provided an SMS workshop in Guyana in December and it is envisioned that additional workshops will be organized in the future.
- ACI thanked EASA and the World Bank for their assistance and collaboration and advised that they plan to have missions in the following States:
  - o Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Sao Tome and Principe, Guinea Bissau, Central African Republic and Mauritania.

- The ASIAP technical assistance table will be updated and posted on the web site.

4. **Working Group on Performance Indicators**
   - It was noted that EASA, France, UK and ICAO have currently agreed to participate in the Working Group and that EASA will coordinate the group.
   - It was agreed to invite other ASIAP members to participate in the working group and interested members should advise ICAO within 2 weeks of the telecom.
   - EASA will prepare an invitation to hold the initial telecom within 4-6 weeks, and will draft and circulate terms of reference.

5. **Discussion on updated list of ASIAP Priority States (refer to presentation)**
   - ICAO presented the ASIAP prioritisation of States and Areas for technical assistance, including the methodology and criteria, the ASIAP Priority States listed by Region and Technical Area, and the ICAO selection of States from the ASIAP list which is used for reference by the MARB and in the use of SAFE funds.
   - It was emphasized that every ASIAP partner may voluntarily shortlist any group of States, and the list of ASIAP Priority States is intended to serve as a reference for information without any obligations.
   - The objective is that when more than one ASIAP partner shortlists the same State, they coordinate and collaborate when possible and beneficial to do so, in addition to the continued information sharing between all ASIAP partners on technical assistance plans and activities for all the ASIAP Priority States

6. **Discussion on Thailand**
   - ICAO advised that the 5 areas of assistance identified by Thailand in the October meeting are currently being covered by various projects that are being implemented by the ASIAP partners and ICAO.
   - ICAO will update the table with additional information that has been provided by UK, France and EASA.
   - France advised that they are providing assistance free of charge over a 2 year period and are focusing on Annexes 1, 6, 8 and 19.
   - UK, EASA and France are coordinating regarding their assistance activities.

7. **AOB**
   - ICAO raised the issue of including the other Civil Aviation Commissions/Conferences to become members of ASIAP. It was agreed that ICAO will send an invitation to ECAC, ACAC and LACAC.
   - ICAO advised that the next major event that will be held at ICAO in which a majority of ASIAP members may be present is the Safety and Air Navigation Implementation Symposium (SANIS) that will be held in Montreal 13-15 December 2017. It was suggested that the ASIAP meeting be held in either the morning or afternoon of 13 December.
   - EASA reminded participants of the RSOO Forum that will be held in Swaziland from 20-24 March 2017.
   - Post-meeting note: the next teleconference is proposed during the week of 27 March 2017.