

**15<sup>th</sup> Telecom of the Aviation Safety Implementation Assistance Partnership (ASIAP)**  
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**Participants:** Canada, China, France, Republic of Korea, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, France Aviation Civile Services, ACI, Airbus, World Bank and ICAO (HQ (ANB, SPCP, TCB), APAC, ESAF, EUR-NAT, NACC, SAM, WACAF)

**1. Introductions**

- Participating States and Organizations are listed above.
- Due to the COVID Pandemic, ASIAP telecoms have been postponed due to the significant reduction in aviation activities and the constraints on the provision of technical assistance. The discussion for the telecom provided an overview on global activities.
- Telecoms focused on specific regional areas will be re-considered in 2021 depending on the restart and recovery activities. It is anticipated that the regional discussions would resume with a focus first on the APAC region.
- The Co-Chair from China provided some opening remarks.

**2. ICAO Update on Activities**

- **ICAO Headquarters:**

- The SAFE funded project for **Guyana** was completed at the end of 2019 and the January 2020 ICVM reflected a 31% increase in the Effective Implementation compared to their CSA audit in 2007.
- A new project focused in the areas of organization and personnel licensing for **Timor-Leste** to be funded by SAFE is pending approval by the ICAO Secretary General.
- Prior to COVID, discussions were beginning regarding possible projects for **Suriname and Guinea**. These will be revisited in 2021 depending on the situation.

- **ICAO APAC**

- As presented at the 5<sup>th</sup> ASIAP face-to-face meeting in October 2019, the APAC office planned to implement the **CATTIIC Project** in 2020. With an estimated budget of \$250,000, the FAA has already provided funding of \$50,000, however the remaining funds are outstanding. This project is to be implemented in 2 phases:
  - Phase 1: week long missions by APAC team to evaluate inspector competencies; and
  - Phase 2: deploy relevant experts to conduct OJT.

Due to COVID, project implementation has been delayed, but the Regional Office will revisit the workplan in 2021, as the project is anticipated to provide assistance to 15-20 States in the region.

- As mentioned earlier, a project in **Timor Leste** is anticipated to start to assist the regulator and will be implemented through TCB.
- A project for **Nepal** was shifted and conducted off-site and has thus lead to the project's extension. The project has just wrapped up and a report is being sent to Nepal.

- **ICAO EUR/NAT**

- The majority of the projects for the region that were focusing on strengthening aviation safety and security, as well as focusing on significant safety concerns have been postponed/slowed down due to COVID.
- The Regional Office has been conducting various webinars to provide information and assistance to Member States, reaching over 1500 participants.
- Project proposals for **Uzbekistan** and the **Maghreb States** have been shared on the ICAO Resource Mobilization platform.

- **ICAO NACC**

Due to the COVID Pandemic, the NACC Office had to adjust their technical assistance activities due to limitations in travel, as well as changes in priorities of States to implement the 2020 Projects. The specific updates of each Project are:

- The project for the **development of a Caribbean Regional Accident Investigation Organization (RAIO-C)** is being redesigned due to some limitations in the region. The redesign of the project focuses first on providing assistance to States to establish a minimum structure dedicated to AIG at a national level, while at the same time structuring a regional cooperation mechanism (MoC), which will ultimately result in a RAIO. Project documentation will be updated shortly and will be shared with ASIAP/ Resource Mobilization Platform.
- **Strengthening the Eastern Caribbean Civil Aviation Authority (ECCAA) and the Safety Oversight System of the Eastern Caribbean States:** The NACC Office has been working with ECCAA to carry out an institution review. The review was conducted in October/November and the results will be shared with ECCAA shortly. Canada, the United States, Jamaica, as well as Trinidad and Tobago played the role of Champion States and provided extensive support. An action plan is being developed and will be agreed to by the 6 States of ECCAA.
- **Barbados Safety Oversight System Enhancement** Project: Assistance had been provided to Barbados virtually and an onsite mission conducted in 2019. The activities shall continue in 2021.
- Several projects that were in the pipeline that had funds allocated and/or were about to be launched in 2020 are under review and/or updates due to changes in priorities, including:
  - **Harmonization of legal frameworks for the Caribbean and Central America.** United States, Central America and ALTA has advised of their interest for this project, which will be launched in early 2021;
  - The following have been postponed to 2021 due to priorities in the region:
    - **Regional Flight Procedure Programme (FPP)**
    - **General Guidelines and Good Practice on Passengers with Disabilities**
    - **ICAO Risk Assessments in the Caribbean Region**
- Several projects that were in the pipeline that had not been allocated any funds are under review and/or updates due to changes in priorities, including:
  - Enhancing **CASSOS:** to be reviewed with CASSOS.
  - Enhancing **Safety Oversight Capabilities of the States (SOS Project)**, through the establishment of groups of experts (provided by the aviation authorities) which will be

trained in the audit methodologies of IASA, EASA (SAFA) and other audit programmes, to perform evaluations on States and provide technical support on the deficiencies found.

- **Technical Assistance for Infrastructure Enhancement, System Upgrade and ICAO Aviation System Block Upgrades (ASBU)/Implementation:** An infrastructure improvement project was under discussion with USTDA, but has now been postponed due to COVID.
- Project in **Haiti** has been ongoing for over 2 years and Canada has played an integral role in the project by providing SMEs in the areas of OPS and AIR. Significant progress has been made in the development of guidance material for both OPS and AIR. Support also continues in other areas such as ANS and AGA, with periodic meetings and the recent approval of the aviation Law.
- iPacks have been initially deployed in **Jamaica, Barbados, Belize and Trinidad** for the first Aviation Safety Risk Management (ASRM) iPack funded by the Regional MCAAP Project. It is hoped to launch additional ASRM iPacks in **Central America and Mexico** also funded by the Regional MCAAP Project. Canada and United States have advised of their interest to fund some iPacks for the **English Caribbean** States maybe for ASRM or for the other new iPacks. The United States informed of their support to fund the Aerodrome Restart iPacks for the **Central American States**.

### 3. Partner Updates

#### - **United Kingdom**

- COVID changed the landscape massively for all. The UK had to shift priorities in 2020 due to COVID, but have continued to try to maintain support and assistance via virtual means (and occasional safe face-to-face) in support of ASIAP and to help raise global aviation standards.
- Substantial work has been done in cooperation with ICAO, international NAAs and Industry on CART and Public Health Corridors.
- Joining the ICAO GAT and TRAINAIR Plus programme as a Corporate Partner, the UK worked with ICAO to develop and deliver training to aid NAAs with return to operations during a pandemic.
- Ongoing considerable cooperation with EASA and their International Cooperation Department initiatives, including part of the future ICD framework.
- Continued delivery of support to the European Commission in assisting the **SAA Ukraine**.
- Working with CAA **Thailand** to further capacity building through robust manuals, forms, procedures and enhance safety oversight.
- Continuing cooperation with the CAA **Malaysia** to maintain inspector competencies through training.
- Ongoing support to the Aviation Administration of **Kazakhstan** to provide for robust safety oversight through organisational structure and effectiveness.

#### - **France**

- France was selected as sub-contractor of international activities of EASA and will be providing support to the APP (**Aviation Partnership Project**).
- France has launched online training courses due to the Pandemic and the difficulty for civil aviation authority students to reach ENAC in Toulouse. One example of the newly launched online training that is being provided through ENAC includes an audit techniques course, which included

participates from **Brazil, Pakistan, Iraq and Sri Lanka**. Another online training course that has been developed is Sustainable Air Transport.

- At the same time, France continue to assist specific States in the Asia Pacific region, including **Thailand, Philippines, India and Nepal**. Due to the pandemic, the assistance had to be reviewed in order to provide it remotely while waiting to be able to resume on-site activities in the States.

- **ACI**

- ACI advised that **APEX** is currently doing safety and security assessments but is now piloting environment. The initial scope was for small airports, but has expanded to include all size airports. There is currently a pool of over 450 assessors.
- ACI and ICAO have been working on project for airports in **Africa**, with 4 reviews conducted before the end of 2019. It is anticipated to conduct 8 reviews in 2021. Some of the work is being done through virtual assessments, but onsite reviews will commence when travel permits.
- ACI has been conducting assessment activities as much as possible virtually, including the review of documents (aerodrome manual, emergency response, etc.) and procedures (such as SMS).
- ACI is working with **LAC**, the ICAO ROs and the World Bank to implement a systemic approach to aerodrome certification in the region. ACI is also reaching out to EASA.
- ACI has been providing significant support to ICAO and the implementation of the CART. The **Airport Health Accreditation** programme is an assessment of the overall management process and is in direct support of the CART. Since July 450 airports have applied and 270 have joined.
- Additionally, ACI is working with Bureau Veritas on **Safeguard Hygiene**, which is an audit process of the effectiveness and application of health measures.

- **World Bank**

- The aviation portfolio at the World Bank is declining and is currently below \$1 billion, as presently there is not a lot of infrastructure projects to support. Presently there are some requests for support in **Africa, the Pacific Islands and Asia**.
- Currently there is discussion with ICAO for a regional project in the **Eastern Caribbean** to support safety oversight, as well as possible infrastructure projects in **Haiti and St. Lucia**.
- In order to support COVID related activities, \$16 billion has been allocated and there is currently discussions with IATA to possibly support vaccine deliveries.

- **United Arab Emirates**

- Due to COVID, UAE has moved to hold their training virtually. From May to August, they held 19 training courses, with 137 participants from 25 States.
- UAE has established a technical committee to share measures on COVID-19 actions. Currently UAE is working with 15 countries to provide guidance and support.
- UAE will revisit the provision of fellowships in 2021.

- **Republic of Korea**

- The Republic of Korea has been providing support regarding the CART and the deployment of iPacks in order to rectify deficiencies. ROK will support the deployment of 9 iPacks (4 for aerodromes and 5 for facilitation).

- ROK is interested in the deployment of these iPacks to be carried out in **Central and South America, Africa and the Pacific Islands**, taking into consideration LDS, LLDS and SIDs. ROK is requesting recommendations from the Partners as to which States these iPacks should be deployed.

#### 4. iPacks

- ICAO provided a brief overview of the **ICAO Implementation Packages (iPacks)**. iPacks are self-continued packages which are composed of: guidance material, standardized training, tools, subject matter expertise and guidance for procurement. Currently 4 iPacks have been developed (**Aviation Safety Risk Management (ASRM), Aerodrome Restart, Aviation Facilitation and Aviation Security**). ICAO is currently developing an iPack on Public Health Corridors.
- Phase I of deployment is anticipated to include one deployment of each iPack per ICAO Region. Presently 4 ASRM iPacks have been deployed in the NACC Region (**Barbados, Belize, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago**). Phase II is to be based on donor funding and contributions in order to support global deployment. Priority States are currently being identified based on their needs and outreach is currently in progress to donors for funding.
- ICAO advised that there has been tremendous support from the aviation community to work together during this Pandemic. In order to offset the costs to States for the iPacks, ICAO issued a State letter in August 2020 requesting US\$7.5 million and so far US \$500,000 has been mobilized. Funding has been provided by **Canada, Qatar and United States**. As discussed earlier, the **Republic of Korea** will support the deployment of 9 iPacks. ICAO is also having discussions with the African Development Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank and the Asian Development Bank.

#### 5. AOB

##### - **Resource Mobilization Platform**

- ICAO's Strategic Planning, Coordination and Partnerships Office (SPCP), provided a quick update on the online platform developed to share information on technical assistance projects in need of funding. The platform provides basic information on the project, Member State, technical areas, objectives and funding needed. The platform serves as a means to share information on projects proposed, those that are in the pipeline, and that are completed (with a final report). Currently the platform is available to the ICAO Council. Partners interested in more information can contact George Paltakis directly at ([gpaltakis@icao.int](mailto:gpaltakis@icao.int)).

##### - **Next ASIAP Telecon**

- As States are moving to restarting and/or increase their operations, it was agreed to explore the possibility of the next ASIAP telecon for February 2021. ICAO will explore further the timeframe and the subject for the telecon (global vs. regional perspective), contingent upon feedback from the regional offices and the state of aviation activities

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