

**Fourteenth Telecom of the Aviation Safety Implementation Assistance Partnership (ASIAP)
Caribbean, Central and South America Discussion
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Participants: Canada, France, Singapore, United Arab Emirates, United States, United Kingdom, EASA, France Aviation Civile Services, Airbus, and ICAO (HQ (ANB, SPCP), APAC, EUR-NAT, NACC, SAM)

1. Introductions

- Participating States and Organizations are listed above.
- Further to the ASIAP face-to-face meeting that was held as a side-bar to the 40th ICAO Assembly, it was agreed to hold telecoms based on regional areas, in order to better focus the discussions and facilitate possible opportunities for collaboration. The first telecom of 2020 was held to discuss technical assistance projects and proposals in the Caribbean, Central America and South America.

2. Discussion on technical assistance projects and proposals and opportunities for collaboration

- ICAO NACC Regional Office:

- ICAO is working with **CASSOS** to try to strengthen the RSOO and its member States. In order to provide support, funding and/or technical experts are needed in order to support the required technical assistance. ICAO has reached out to the Inter-American Development Bank for possible funding. EASA has also conducted a gap analysis for CASSOS in March 2019.
- ICAO is providing support to **ECCAA** in order to strengthen the regional organization. High-level ICAO mission was conducted in late 2019 to all ECCAA Member States and a technical mission was also conducted, with support from CASSOS (AGA inspector) and Transport Canada (OPS inspector). Technical experts and/or funding is needed in order to implement the necessary assistance for the RSOO.
- **Barbados** is currently undergoing an organizational restructuring in order to create a new CAA. Two assistance missions in the area of AGA and ANS have been conducted, however assistance is needed in OPS and PEL in order to improve their certification activities, as well as to develop qualified inspectors. ICVM is scheduled for October of this year.
- ICAO NACC office has launched the **SOS project** (safety oversight system) for NACC states. This is a holistic project to strengthen familiarity and competence regarding the various auditing activities conducted in order to build a strong inspectorate base in the region. The NACC Office is working with the FAA and EASA to coordinate activities. Technical experts are needed to support these activities. EASA offered to provide SAFA training in mid-April for inspectors. Airbus has also offered training.
- **Haiti** continues to have the lowest effective implementation level in the region; however the SSC has been removed through mitigating measures. Technical assistance also continues to be provided by Transport Canada and coordination efforts for assistance between ICAO, Transport Canada and France Aviation Civile Services (formerly DSNA).

- **ICAO SAM Regional Office:**
 - **Guyana/Suriname:** With the increase in mining and deep-water exploration in Guyana and Suriname, helicopter operations have significantly increased. As a result, it is necessary to build safety oversight capability among CASSOS States for helicopter operations so they can certify and oversee the increasing number of applicants for helicopter air operator certificates. Discussions were held recently at the CASSOS Board meeting to identify inspectors to support the operations. UAE has offered to provide training to inspectors once identified. Additionally, they advised of an upcoming airworthiness course that will be held in Dubai. EASA will discuss possibilities for including assistance in their project at the upcoming EASA Project meeting in March in Chile.
 - **Suriname:** A project has been developed to enhance the safety oversight capabilities of Suriname, with focus on legislation, organization, ANS and AGA. Suriname has also requested assistance in the areas of OPS and AIR. ICAO is scheduled to conduct a mission at the end of March to discuss further technical assistance needs. Funding and/or technical experts is needed to support project. EASA advised that they will discuss the possibility of providing assistance at the EASA Latin American project meeting in March.

- **Federal Aviation Administration (FAA):**
 - The FAA provided an overview of the various programmes and assistance that is provided to the region. They advised that the assistance is done on a reimbursable basis, unless they receive funding from donors. Additionally, the FAA has been conducting more formal analysis in order to determine priorities for assistance activities. The FAA works closely to support the ICAO Regional Offices, as well as providing subject matter experts and go-teams in order to maximize outreach and inputs.
 - **Caribbean:** The FAA has established the Caribbean Aviation Resilience and Recovery Group (CARRG) to facilitate information sharing prior to, during, and after an event, and provide human and equipment resources as needed to re-establish air traffic and airport operations following a disaster.
 - **Central American Partnership (CAP):** The CAP program provides capacity-building support to aviation authorities and airports for the seven Central American countries. In collaboration with COCESNA, the CAP focuses on implementation of international standards, providing technical training, and assisting authorities in modernizing air navigation, airport technologies, and operational procedures that increase efficiency and safety of regional air navigation. The CAP may be able to provide support to NACC SOS project.
 - **U.S. – Brazil Aviation Partnership (AP)** was launched in 2012 as is designed to enhance bilateral cooperation in areas such as airport expansion, airspace management, safety, commercial space cooperation, and security.

- **EASA:**
 - **EU-Latin America Cooperation on Civil Aviation Project (EU-LAC).** Under the project, EASA is working with ACSA, Mexico, CASSOS, Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Brazil and SRVSOP.
 - **ACSA –** Assistance is being provided for a common regulatory framework and to assist them with their GASOS assessment and recognition.
 - **Mexico –** EASA is assisting them with the establishment of a new authority.

- **South America** – EASA is providing assistance in a wide variety of areas directly or through SRVSOP, including workshops, certification of aerodromes and SAFA.
- **CASSOS** – EASA conducted a gap analysis and report of the RSOO. CASSOS Board Meeting was recently held and EASA will have further discussions with them following up to their report.

3. Additional Assistance Proposals and Updates

- **Transport Canada (TC)**

- TC has working with the ICAO NACC office to provide technical assistance to **Haiti** for the last 2 years. Various technical experts have been provided by TC to assist OFNAC. Due to instability in Haiti, it has been difficult to provide assistance. Next mission will be conducted in March in order to coordinate assistance with ICAO NACC and France for OFNAC.

- **France Aviation Civile Services (formerly DSNA)**

- France Aviation Civil Services has a 4 year contract to provide assistance to **Haiti**. Assistance has been provided in the development of technical regulations and manuals. They have been coordinating and collaborating with ICAO NACC and TC.

- **United Kingdom**

- The UK continues to provide operational workshops in the region to assist States and industry. UK is also focusing on **ECCAA** and **CASSOS** for assistance with safety issues. UK advised that they cannot provide long-term secondments, but can continue to provide workshops and other assistance in the region. Furthermore, they are interested in follow-ups from workshops conducted.

4. AOB

- ICAO's Strategic Planning, Coordination and Partnerships Office (SPCP), provided a quick update on their activities. The office is responsible for coordinating efforts to assist with identifying funding and in-kind support for the technical assistance activities. A new web platform has been developed that will be shared with ICAO Regional Offices and ICAO Council Members with information on projects in need of funding. A presentation on their activities will be given at the next telecom.
- DGCA France requested an update on the issue of indicators that was to be provided at the last ASIAP face-to-face meeting, but was not presented due to time. An example on the usage of the indicators is on the ASIAP meeting site: <https://www.icao.int/safety/ASIAP/Pages/Fifth-ASIAP-Meeting.aspx>.
- The next ASIAP telecom is anticipated to be held in May and will focus on assistance and projects in the Asia-Pacific Region.
- The ICAO EUR-NAT office requested that a telecom be held in the Spring in order to coordinate activities in their region. A separate telecom will be arranged and coordinated with Partners interested.

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