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USOAP will soon celebrate USOAP-1000, a milestone that marks the significant aviation safety improvements that ICAO and its Member States have achieved.

The audit of South Africa in March 2023 will be the 1000th activity conducted under the Programme. USOAP-1000 will be celebrated in both South Africa and Montreal in the ICAO headquarters.

Ceremonies are planned to present the USOAP milestones and achievements as well as to recognize contributions of staff and supporters to the success of the Programme. ICAO officials and representatives of ICAO Member States, international organizations, the aviation industry and the media are expected to attend the event.

USOAP-1000 is not the just commemoration of a historical milestone for the Programme. It is also an outreach activity to promote USOAP at large and encourage States to improve their safety records and level of effective implementation of ICAO's SARPs.



Capt. Denis Guindon interviewed by eNews Channel Africa on the occasion of USOAP-1000 in South Africa

Capt. Denis Guindon, DD/MAC was interviewed by eNCA, one of the most popular and trusted TV news channels in South Africa. He explained the purpose and the format of the ICAO USOAP audits and highlighted the impressive progress of South Africa and the entire African continent in improving aviation safety over the past decade.

Capt. Guindon thanked the SACAA and its Director, Ms. Poppy Khoza for the full support and the warm reception provided to the audit team. In conclusion, he highlighted the special meaning to USOAP to conduct its 1000th activity in South Africa.

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USOAP-1000, the audit of South Africa (22 March - 1 April) was successfully concluded

ICAO last audited South Africa in 2017, when the State scored a respectable 87.39% of Effective Implementation (EI).

The 2023 audit was kind of different. It was the USOAP 1000th activity, which the host State enthusiastically agreed to celebrate.

The USOAP team led by Louis Kweku Opoku (Ghana) consisted of auditors from nine different nationalities, each of them specializing in one of the eight technical areas.

Reportedly, the audit team had received full collaboration from the able staff of the SACAA who facilitated the audit.

Thus, the audit team was able to conclude its audit as planned and join the USOAP-1000 Gala organized by the gracious hosts from the SACAA.

The final audit results of South Africa will be released in Q3 this year.

USOAP-1000 Gala in South Africa

The conclusion of the audit of South Africa was celebrated on 2 April at a USOAP-1000 Gala organized by the South African CAA.

The event was attended by the Hon. Sindisiwe Lydia Chikunga, Minister of Transport of SA, Ms Poppy Khoza Director of SACAA, SA industry executives, MT and CAA officials as well as the ICAO USOAP audit team.

Capt. Denis Guindon, DD/MAC presented the Minister and the Director of SACAA with a commemorative USOAP-1000 frame, coins and certificates of recognition.



DEPARTURES:

Farewell to our “young” retirees - Yvonne Que and Tom Mistos

Two USOAP long-standing and dedicated team members have left us to retirement last month - Yvonne and Tom. Their value and contribution to the Programme over the years is difficult to express in words.

Yvonne has raised high the bar on editorial and the quality of the USOAP output. She was extremely productive and dedicated to her work and to the Programme. Personable and outspoken, she will certainly be missed by many of us.

Tom has led the Oversight Support unit with the confidence and the professionalism of a well-seasoned, experienced, knowledgeable and tactful manager who constantly strived to improve. His vision and creativity enriched the Programme with new tools, courses and procedures. Most of us will miss his advice, care for staff and sense of humor.

We wish Yvonne and Tom health and happiness in their new journey as “young” retirees. They will always be part of the USOAP FAMILY!



ARRIVALS:

A warm welcome to Ousman Kemo Manjang

Mr. Ousman Kemo Manjang has joined the Safety and Air Navigation Oversight Audit Section (OAS) as the Standards and Procedures Officer, Airworthiness (SPO-AIR) earlier this year.

Ousman comes to the Headquarters from the ICAO’s WACAF Regional Office in Dakar where he served as a Regional Officer, Airworthiness (RO-AIR) for the past 14 years.

He has close to 30 years of experience in Airworthiness. He is a qualified USOAP Airworthiness auditor and has participated in several USOAP CMA activities, both as a Team Member and a Team Leader.

Best of luck to Ousman in his continued journey at ICAO!