



DISCUSSION PAPER

**COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR AVIATION
SAFETY IN AFRICA (AFI PLAN)**

EIGHTEENTH STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

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Agenda Item 1: Aviation Safety Implementation Assistance Partnership (ASIAP)

(Presented by the ICAO Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents the Aviation Safety Implementation Assistance Partnership (ASIAP) established to coordinate and collaborate between partners on technical assistance activities.

The Steering Committee is invited to:

- a) Note the information contained in the paper; and
- b) Invite States and International Organisations providing technical assistance to States to support and join ASIAP.

1. INTRODUCTION

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 first 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 are closely related to the outcomes of the ICAO Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) which is a main source for identifying specific assistance areas, types and needs of States, and the Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP) objectives.

1.4 In order to enhance aviation safety implementation assistance capacity in the aviation community, the Aviation Safety Implementation Assistance Partnership (ASIAP) was established during the Second High-level Safety Conference 2015.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The ASIAP's objectives are: information sharing, collaboration on assistance and agreement on performance indicators. Additionally, the ASIAP provides communication channels for discussion amongst donors and assistance providers to facilitate the provision of assistance to States.

2.2 With the establishment of the ASIAP, it was agreed to focus on collaborating efforts to provide assistance prioritizing first the States with the highest safety risk exposure based on the USOAP level of effective implementation (EI) of safety oversight system critical elements and air traffic. The assistance is to be directed towards correcting the significant safety concerns (SSCs) and other critical safety deficiencies, and safety oversight system capacity building.

2.3 The main activities of ASIAP include continuous sharing of assistance information which is performed through quarterly teleconferences, the ASIAP website <http://www.icao.int/safety/scan/Pages/Aviation-Safety-Implementation-Assistance-Partnership.aspx>, the collaboration on particular assistance activities, as well as annual face-to-face coordination meetings.

2.4 The coordination and sharing of information on assistance projects, and activities planned and implemented by the partners avoids duplication of efforts and maximizes the effectiveness and efficiency of assistance programmes provided by the partners.

2.5 Some of the key achievements of ASIAP to date are summarised as follows:

- a) established Terms of Reference and partner focal points;
- b) six teleconferences and three meetings;
- c) web page for information sharing and links to partners' projects pages;
- d) 16 partner States and International Organizations have joined ASIAP;
- e) prioritization of States for assistance;
- f) information sharing on assistance in Priority States;
- g) collaboration on assistance delivered in Cambodia, Guyana, Nepal and Thailand; and
- h) contributions by China, Japan, EASA and Boeing for ICAO ASIAP Priority State projects.

3. CONCLUSION

3.1 Through the ASIAP, ICAO has been working with partners to identify, develop and cooperate on technical assistance activities in order to enhance aviation safety. Coordination and collaboration between ICAO and assistance partners is essential to ensuring the efficient and effective implementation of technical assistance activities, while filling the gaps in needs and avoiding duplication of efforts. Continued support from partners is critical to the success of these activities.