

Report of the Fourth Meeting of the NGAP Task Force 21 to 22 January 2013

1. Introduction

1.1 Dr. Tom Carney, NGAP Task Force Chair, opened the meeting with Ms. Nancy Graham, Director, Air Navigation Bureau, ICAO and Mr. Mohamed Elamiri, Deputy Director, Safety Management and Monitoring (SMM), ICAO.

1.2 Dr. Carney provided the opening remarks to the meeting, outlining the purpose of the meeting, some preliminary thoughts on the NGAP programme, objectives and deliverables for the meeting and the way forward. Dr. Carney raised some of the following key points:

- The NGAP TF has been very successful in pursuing a number of complementary initiatives in support of the future “people needs” of aviation, world-wide,
- There is a need to refocus on our core concern: the next generation of aviation professionals.
- We need to continue to welcome new Task Force members, and give them substantive work to do to support the NGAP programme.
- We should continue the effort to understand and catalogue the various types of accreditation and other measures of quality assurance in use around the world
- We need to determine the way forward for the NGAP programme by developing a vision and objectives for the programme.
- We need to affirm that “things take time”, and so will this process.

1.3 Ms. Graham welcomed all of the participants and thanked them for their participation in the Task Force. She noted the following:

- The task force is a new type of forum for ICAO to conduct work, and as a result we have faced some challenges, but also achieved many things:
 - Three Task Force meetings, an NGAP symposium in 2010, four ICAO NGAP and TRAINAIR *Plus* regional conferences in 2012, as well as partnering with Halldale at WATS 2012 in order to get the message out about NGAP;
 - A 20 year forecast to assist States in quantifying human resources requirements;
 - A YouTube contest entitled “Aviation: The Future is Yours”.
 - Disseminated information on the importance of competency-based training; and
 - The finalization of competency frameworks for ATM, as well as partnering under IPTC for flight crew.
- The Task Force needs to develop a clear mission and vision for the NGAP programme with tangible, achievable results with specific deliverables and timelines, and to ensure that we have the appropriate people or organizations to support the work.

2. Agenda

2.1 Participants reviewed and approved the agenda of the meeting.

3. Discussion

3.1 The Chairs of the four Working Groups (Outreach, Accreditation, ATM and Flight Crew) provided updates on their Groups' activities in support of the NGAP programme. Additionally, Mr. Kevin Caron of ACI provided a presentation on the status of competency frameworks for airport safety personnel.

3.2 Mr. Herve Touron, in the Outreach presentation, provided an update on several activities undertaken by the working group (NGAP website, high school/university kits, Goodwill ambassadors, and regional conference). He advised of the challenges that the group faced in implementing these ideas, (i.e. funding, and resources) and the fact that many of these activities could not be completed due to these challenges. He also provided information on the completion of four successful regional conferences conducted in various regions of the world in 2011. At the completion of the presentation, IATA volunteered to provide support and assistance regarding the kits.

3.3 Mr. William Agius, Chair of the Accreditation Sub-group, advised that there are several different accreditation systems around the world. As a result, it was proposed to establish equivalence between the different education and learning paths for the acquisition of theoretical knowledge in the field of aviation by defining a basic knowledge that is common to all the different professional functions in aviation.

3.4 Mr. Jim Dow advised that the work regarding the development of competencies for flight crew has been subsumed by the creation of the International Pilot Training Consortium (IPTC), and as a result, the Flight Crew Sub-group is no longer required.

3.5 Mr. Farid Zizi advised the Task Force that the ATM Sub-group has been working on finalizing the competencies for air traffic controllers, as well as ATSEPs. It is envisioned that the first draft of the competencies, as well as the ATC training manual will be ready by 4th Quarter 2013.

3.6 Mr. Kevin Caron provided an overview of ACI, as well as their work on the development of a competency matrix for airport safety personnel. It is envisioned that this work will be concluded by 3rd Quarter 2013.

3.7 A presentation was also given by Mr. Mitch Fox, Chief Operations, ICAO, regarding the creation of a new consortium supported by IATA, ICAO, IFALPA and RAeS: the International Pilot Training Consortium, including proposed deliverables for the Consortium.

3.8 Considerable discussion was given by the Task Force regarding the two papers submitted which proposed a new Vision and Objectives for the NGAP programme, as well as a new work structure to support the programme. The finalized documents are attached to this report.

4. Fifth Meeting of the NGAP Task Force and the Second NGAP Symposium

4.1 It was proposed that the NGAP Task Force meet two times a year (once in person, once electronically). Therefore it is proposed that an online meeting be conducted later this year. Additionally, tentative dates of 2 to 4 June 2014 have been proposed for the Second NGAP Symposium.