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REPORT
TENTH MEETING OF THE ICAO ASIA AND PACIFIC
COVID-19 CONTINGENCY AND RECOVERY PLANNING GROUP
(ACCRPG/10)

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INTRODUCTION

1. History of the Meeting

1.1. The ICAO Asia and Pacific (APAC) Office hosted the Tenth Meeting of the ICAO APAC COVID-19 Contingency and Recovery Planning Group (ACCRPG/10) via web-conference from Bangkok, Thailand, on 3 June 2021.

2. Attendance

2.1. Over one hundred and six (106) participants joined the Meeting from twenty (20) Member States/Special Administrative Regions and twelve (12) International Organizations and aviation industry partners. The list of registered participants is at **Appendix A** to this Report.

3. Officers and Secretariat

3.1. Mr. Jim Wolfe, Assistant Secretary, COVID International, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications, Australian Government, and Mr. Conrad Clifford, Regional Vice President, Asia Pacific, International Air Transport Association (IATA), presided as Co-Chairs of the Meeting.

3.2. Mr. Manjit Singh, Acting Regional Director, ICAO APAC Office, acted as Secretary for the Meeting; assisted by staff the ICAO APAC Office.

4. Language and Documentation

4.1. The working language of the Meeting was English, inclusive of all documentation and this Report. The meeting considered information in seven (7) presentations as listed at **Appendix B** to this Report. The Meeting documentation is available at the ICAO APAC Office website: <https://www.icao.int/APAC/ACCRPG/Pages/2021-ACCRPG9.aspx> .

REPORT ON AGENDA ITEMS

1. Opening of the meeting and working arrangements

1.1. The Secretary officially opened the Meeting at 10:00 hrs. in Bangkok on 3 June 2021 (ICT, UTC+7). The Secretary and the Co-Chairs provided opening remarks and welcomed all participants to the Meeting.

Adoption of the Agenda

1.2. The Meeting adopted the Agenda as shown below:

- Agenda Item 1: Opening of the meeting and working arrangements
- Agenda Item 2: ICAO Updates
- Agenda Item 3: Experience Sharing by States
- Agenda Item 4: “Health Pass”/“Digital Certificate” Technology Solutions
- Agenda Item 5: The way forward for ACCRPG
- Agenda Item 6: Any other business/next meeting

2. ICAO Updates

Presentation: ICAO COVID-19 Response and Recovery Implementation Centre (CRRIC) – APAC State Activity Status Updates (Secretariat)

2.1. The CRRIC¹ now contains information on the implementation by States of all twenty (20) CART Recommendations, from CART Phase I, II and III.

2.2. While several APAC States have made significant progress in updating the CRRIC, the Secretariat suggested that the information currently available in the CRRIC might not reflect the actual, up-to-date situation of all States with respect to the implementation of the (20) CART Recommendations and take-off guidance.

2.3. Taking into account the purpose of the CRRIC to facilitate the sharing of information and experience among States and the identification of gaps and needed support, the Secretariat urged States to continue to update the CRRIC to ensure the most up-to-date information concerning the status of implementation of the measures and recommendations contained in the CART Report are reflected.

Presentation: Beneficial of Lao PDR from implementing ICAO FAL iPack (DCA, Lao PDR)

2.4. Department of Civil Aviation (DCA), Lao PDR expressed its appreciation to receive the ICAO Implementation Package (iPack) on “Strengthening National Air Transport Facilitation Committees for the Restart and the Resilience of Civil Aviation”.

2.5. With the support of the subject matter experts and guidance provided by the iPack, DCA, Lao PDR, was able to enhance development of the *National Air Transport Facilitation Program* (NATFP), bringing together the relevant stakeholders involved in the implementation of air transport facilitation-related measures.

¹ <https://portal.icao.int/CRRIC/Pages/default.aspx>

Presentation: *Aviation Safety Risk Management (ASRM) – iPACK Experience of Nepal (CAA, Nepal)*

2.6. Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), Nepal, expressed its appreciation to receive the iPack on “Aviation Safety Risk Management during COVID-19 for CAAs”.

2.7. The training and support provided by the iPack facilitated CAA, Nepal, with the application of safety-related measures in a standardised and harmonised manner. The iPack provided the CAA inspectors with opportunities for training to enhance their knowledge and performance, and their understanding of aviation risk management issues.

3. Experience Sharing by States

Presentation: *Australia-New Zealand Safe Travel Zone (Australia and New Zealand)*

3.1. Australia and New Zealand unilaterally opened two-way quarantine-free air travel, commencing 19 April 2021, known as a “Safe Travel Zone”. Information sharing, communication and coordinated engagement by all relevant stakeholders were critical success factors in the planning and operation of the Australia-New Zealand Safe Travel Zone.

3.2. The experience of Australia and New Zealand shows that the management and operation of a system to allow quarantine-free international travel (e.g., “Safe Travel Zone”, “Travel Bubble”, etc.) requires the participating States to adopt “ground rules” and common principles, such as the constant review of health risks and assessments, and application of enhanced border and travel protocols.

3.3. Australia and New Zealand both maintain national sovereignty over decision making and either country may unilaterally decide to pause or suspend quarantine-free travel based on health risks and assessments. To this end, the public messaging cautions travellers in the Safe Travel Zone to be prepared for disruption. However, in such circumstances, arrangements are in place to facilitate timely communications and minimise disruption to all stakeholders.

4. “Health Pass”/“Digital Certificate” Technology Solutions

Presentation: *VDS – NC: Health-related VDS Specifications (Chair – ISO SC17/WG3/TF5)*

4.1. The presentation discussed the main drivers behind the development of the Visible Digital Seals for non-constrained environments (VDS-NC) and provided an overview of the VDS-NC technology, including the associated Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) and COVID-19-related datasets, related international initiatives and a demonstration of VDS-NC application to show a traveller’s “proof of test” and “proof of vaccination”.

Presentation: *IATA Travel Pass (IATA)*

4.2. The presentation provided an overview of the IATA “Travel Pass”, including its modules, data sets, and process for verification of traveller’s personal data. The Travel Pass system utilizes “decentralized technology” to maintain a high level of data privacy and security. It is modular and interoperable with other COVID-19-related, and existing airline and industry solutions, and will continue to support contact-less travel post COVID-19.

Presentation: *Safe Travel Initiative – Unifier for the Travel Ecosystem (Affinidi)*

4.3. To enable safe reopening of borders, multiple digital solutions for COVID-19 (test/vaccination) records have emerged, which has created a new set of challenges. Affinidi’s “Unifier” is a web-based application that enables airlines and immigration to verify digitally verifiable test results. “Unifier” can verify test results instantly and is ready for deployment.

5. The way forward for ACCRPG

5.1. The Secretariat presented an initial draft of the *ACCRPG Annual Report to DGCAs*, including proposed revisions to the *ACCRPG terms of reference* (note: both documents are available for further review at the ACCRPG/10 meeting website).

5.2. With respect to the way forward for the ACCRPG, the Co-Chairs noted that most States had not yet advanced to the COVID-19 “recovery” stage. The ACCRPG could focus on the challenges associated with establishment of policy between States to enable international travel. Digital solutions may not be viable for every State in the region. Engagement with public health authorities plays an important role in driving border reopening and international travel.

5.3. With respect to the proposed revisions to the *ACCRPG terms of reference*, the Co-Chairs suggested that, given the current situation with many virtual meetings/sessions taking place, the proposed schedule of six (6) plenary meetings of the ACCRPG in the next year may be too many and that a schedule of quarterly meetings would be more manageable.

5.4. The Co-Chairs also noted that the proposed revision at paragraph 7.4.5 of the *ACCRPG terms of reference* needed to be further revised recognizing that the CART Recommendations and guidance did not constitute (ICAO) international standards.

5.5. The Co-Chairs and Secretariat invited the meeting members to further review the initial draft of the *ACCRPG Annual Report to DGCAs*, including the proposed revisions to the *ACCRPG terms of reference*, and provide comments to ICAO by 10 June. The Secretariat and Co-Chairs would then share the final *ACCRPG Annual Report to DGCAs* with States in advance of the upcoming *Fourth COVID-19 Information Sharing Session with APAC CAA Director Generals*, scheduled on 6 July 2021.

6. Any other business/next meeting

6.1. The *Fourteenth Meeting of the Collaborative Arrangement for the Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation Asia Pacific (CAPSCA-AP/14)*, will take place online, 17 June 2021, 09:30 – 11:30 a.m., ICT (UTC+7).

6.2. Details/dates TBC for an upcoming conference on *Visible Digital Seals (“VDS-NC”) for Travel Related Public Health Proofs*.

6.3. A *High-level Conference on COVID-19 (HLCC 2021)*, will take place (virtual/hybrid meeting) from 12 to 22 October 2021.

6.4. The *ICAO Fourth COVID-19 Information Sharing Session with APAC CAA Director Generals* will take place online, 6 July 2021, 10.00 a.m., ICT (UTC+7).

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List of Participants

	NAME	TITLE/ADMINISTRATION
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2.	Mr. Conrad Clifford	Regional Vice President Asia Pacific International Air Transport Association
1.	AUSTRALIA	
3.	Mr. Miles Gore-Brown	FOI, International Operations & Chair ICAO Flight Operations Panel Civil Aviation Safety Authority
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5.	Mr. Mark Roberts	Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA)
2.	BANGLADESH	
6.	Dr. Brig Gen Md Abdur Rab Miah (Retd)	Aviation Public Health Inspector & Consultant FSR Division Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh
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23.	Mr. D. C. Sharma	Deputy Director General of Civil Aviation Directorate General of Civil Aviation
24.	Mrs. Tuhinanshu Sharma	Deputy Director General and NCMC Directorate General of Civil Aviation
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27.	Mr. Somphonh Sygnavong	Director of Aviation Security Division Department of Civil Aviation

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42.	Dr. Muhammad Khurram	Joint Director Medical Services Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority

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2	Aviation Safety Risk Management (ASRM) - iPACK Experience of Nepal	Nepal
3	Australia-New Zealand Safe Travel Zone	Australia and New Zealand
4	VDS – NC: Health-related VDS Specifications	Chair – ISO SC17/WG3/TF5
4	IATA Travel Pass	IATA
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