

**11th Meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group –
Asia and Pacific Regions (RASG-APAC/11)**

Update on APAC-AIG Activities
[WP/4]

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APAC-AIG Meetings

RASG-APAC Meeting	APAC-AIG Meeting	Date
	APAC-AIG/7	23 – 24 July 2019
RASG-APAC/9		7 – 8 November 2019
	APAC-AIG/8	21 October 2020
RASG-APAC/10		17 – 18 December 2020
	APAC-AIG/9	27-28 October 2021
RASG-APAC/11		25 – 26 November 2021

Introduction

- (1) This working paper updates the meeting on the activities of the Asia Pacific Accident Investigation Group (APAC-AIG) since APAC-AIG/9, which was held on a virtual platform on 27-28 October 2021.
- (2) APAC-AIG/9 Meeting adopted 01 Decision and 02 Conclusion, details of which can be found at;
<https://www.icao.int/APAC/Meetings/Pages/2021-APAC-AIG9.aspx>.

Introduction (Cont'd)

- (3) AIG/9 Meeting provided the update on the follow up of 'Conclusion APAC-AIG 7/3' for the Amendment to Standard 6.3 of Annex 13 Regarding Comments on the Draft Final Report of Investigation.
- It was discussed at the Sixth Meeting of the ICAO Accident Investigation Panel (AIGP/6) held in May 2021.
 - The AIGP/6 Meeting agreed that the proposal would constitute a good practice and that it should be incorporated in Part IV “Organization and Planning” of ICAO Doc 9756 “Manual of Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation” at the next update of Doc 9756.
 - The update will probably be in the form of a new paragraph along the following line:

“As a good practice, States invited to provide comments should acknowledge receipt of the draft Final Report and provide a response even when they have no comment on the draft Final Report. This will assure the State conducting the investigation that the draft Final Report has been received and duly considered.”

Update on APAC-AIG activities

- (1) First Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Civil Aviation held at Beijing.
- (2) Asia-Pacific Regional Aviation Safety Plan (AP-RASP) 2020-22.
- (3) Enhancing accident investigation capabilities.
- (4) Code of Conduct on Cooperation Relating to Civil Aviation Accident/Incident Investigation.
- (5) APAC Database of Investigation Agencies.

First Asia/Pacific Ministerial Conference on Civil Aviation, 31 January – 1 February 2018

- **Beijing Declaration** – Ministers committed to:

Either establish an accident investigation authority that is independent from State aviation authorities and other entities that could interfere with the conduct or objectivity of an investigation, or where appropriate develop a bilateral, sub-regional or regional partnership to support the establishment of accident investigation capabilities to serve the Region, sub-region or State

Second Ministerial Conference

- Planned to be held in 2020 to give further impetus to the commitments made in 2018.
- Postponed due to COVID-19 situation.
- APAC-AIG hopes that the next ministerial conference will set a target date for the States/ Administrations to establish an independent accident investigation authority.

APAC Regional Aviation Safety Plan 2020-2022

- RASG-APAC approved AIG-related targets: -
 - States to achieve **at least 75%** EI in AIG, and an APAC average AIG EI score that is higher than or equal to the global average
 - All States to **establish an independent aircraft accident and incident investigation authority** (AIIA) as required by Annex 13, as well as related investigation system and procedures (by 2022)
- RASG-APAC requests States/Administrations to provide update, **through the RASG-APAC monitoring mechanism**, on their plan and progress pertaining to the establishment of an independent AIIA

Enhancing Accident Investigation Capabilities

- Training opportunities since RASG-APAC/10: -
 - Aircraft Accident Investigation Techniques (AAIT) course at the Singapore Aviation Academy on 15-19 February 2021.
 - COSCAP-SEA1 /FAA AIG Webinar on 28 April 2021
 - COSCAP-SEA Webinar on USOAP updates: 2020 edition of PQs and roll out of Phase II of SSPIAs on 19 May 21
 - COSCAP-SEA Webinar on Transition to ECCAIRS 2 on 31 May 2021
 - ICAO APAC Office Webinar on Sharing Regional Experience and Challenges in the Establishment of Independent AIA on 10 June 2021.

Enhancing Accident Investigation Capabilities (Cont'd)

- ICAO APAC Office Webinar on Sharing Experience and Challenges in the Implementation of SSP and SMS in the Region, 8 July 2021
- Aircraft Accident Investigation Management course at the Singapore Aviation Academy on 2-6 August 2021
- COSCAP-SEA/US NTSB AIG Webinar on 19 October 2021
- ICAO Regional Accident Investigation Workshop on 26 October 2021.

Code of Conduct on Cooperation Relating to Civil Aviation Accident/Incident Investigation

- It was developed to promote mutual cooperation in accident/incident investigation in the APAC region
- Non-legal binding
- To date, 22 States/Administrations have pledged their support to the Code of Conduct: -
 - Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, France, Hong Kong China, Indonesia, Japan, Lao PDR, Macao China, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

APAC Database of Investigation Agencies

- For States/Administrations to obtain contact information of their counterparts
- To facilitate expeditious communication among States/Administrations
- To date, 24 States/Administrations have provided input to the database: -
 - Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, France, Hong Kong China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Macao China, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Thailand

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- To encourage States/Administrations to provide, or to update, their input to the database.

Next APAC-AIG Meetings

APAC-AIG/10 in 2022

- States have been asked to come forward and volunteer for hosting the next APAC-AIG meeting.
- Likely date – September/October 2022

Action by RASG-APAC/11 - Meeting invited to: -

- (a) Note the activities of the APAC-AIG;
- (b) Urge States/Administrations to take early actions to achieve the following AIG-related targets in the Asia Pacific Regional Aviation Safety Plan 2020-2022: -
 - States should achieve at least 75% EI in AIG of USOAP CMA, and an APAC average USOAP EI score in AIG higher than or equal to the global average
 - States should establish an independent aircraft accident and incident investigation authority (AIIA) as required by Annex 13, as well as related investigation system and procedures
- (c) Request States/Administrations to update the RASG-APAC on their plan and progress pertaining to the establishment of an independent aircraft accident and incident investigation authority;

Action by RASG-APAC/11 (Cont'd)

- d) Encourage States/Administrations which have not yet done so: -
 - To pledge their support to the APAC Code of Conduct on Cooperation Relating to Civil Aviation Accident/Incident Investigation;
 - To provide input to the APAC database of investigation agencies;
- e) Urge States/Administrations to attend APAC-AIG/10 in 2022.

THANK YOU