

## **FUTURE MEETINGS MODALITIES SURVEY**

### **Background**

The South Asia/Indian Ocean ATM Coordination Group (SAIOACG) and the South-East Asia ATS Coordination Group (SEACG) have been meeting to discuss Air Traffic Management (ATM) coordination in South and Southeast Asia for many years.

Also, in order to address the number of urgent matters related to safety and efficiency of ATM over the Bay of Bengal and South China Sea airspaces, the SAIOACG and SEACG have established the Bay of Bengal Traffic Flow Review Group (BOBTFRG) and South China Sea Traffic Flow Review Group (SCSTFRG), respectively.

Other than that, several informal ATM groups have been established to also conduct coordination work, such as the Bangladesh, India, Myanmar and Thailand (BIMT) Coordination Group and the Mekong ATM Coordination Group (MK-ATM/CG). These meetings do not formally report to APANPIRG and were not managed by ICAO, but did provide an excellent forum for bilateral and multilateral discussions, and the outcomes were often presented to APANPIRG's contributory bodies.

### **Why is this survey necessary?**

Over the years, it had become increasingly clear that there was a large cross-over in work between the SAIOACG and SEACG, with about 90% of the papers being developed by the Secretariat and virtually the same content. Moreover, there was also a large cross-over of work with the informal groups such as the MK-ATM/CG.

To avoid duplication of work, it is proposed that SAIOACG and SEACG concentrate on 'drilled down' discussions that allow a State to describe its progress and potential barriers to improvements, such as APANPIRG Deficiency resolution and Seamless ANS element implementation (higher level APANPIRG bodies normally just concentrate on overall status reports, as they don't have time to discuss, State-by-State, improvement activities). This would also allow the use of breakout or bilateral discussions to more effectively identify, analyse and resolve implementation issues.

It should be recalled that the conduct of meetings not only posed a workload on the ICAO Regional Office and Regional Sub-Offices, but also posed a resource challenge to States in terms of participant's travel and attendance costs. Due to these reasons, on few occasions, the SAIOACG and SEACG had been conducted as a combined meeting.

Since ICAO Regional Sub-Office will manage the SAIOACG and SEACG meetings, effective from 2021, and at the same time continue managing the BOBTFRG and SCSTFRG, ICAO would like to seek the inputs from States/Administrations/International Organizations by completing this survey.



What need to be done?

State/Administration/International Organization to complete and submit this survey form to the following email address [APAC-RSO@icao.int](mailto:APAC-RSO@icao.int), with a copy to [msallehuddin@icao.int](mailto:msallehuddin@icao.int), no later than **26 February 2021**.

Q1: What would be the most preferred modality for future meetings?

- A. Each meeting (SAIOACG, SEACG, BOBTFRG and SCSTFRG) to be conducted independently.
- B. Combine SAIOACG and SEACG meetings; and BOBTFRG and SCSTFRG to be conducted independently.
- C. Dissolve BOBTFRG and SCSTFRG. On-going works to be transferred to SAIOACG and SEACG respectively.
- D. Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Q2: Would you prefer SAIOACG and SEACG discussions to concentrate on more detailed State-by-State discussions, including breakouts, to discuss improvement activities?

- A. Status quo.
- B. SAIOACG and SEACG to better identify, analyse and resolve implementation issues through more detailed discussions of status, improvement barriers and possible resolutions.
- C. Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Q3: How do you expect the meeting will evolve in the next five years?

- A. Status quo.
- B. SAIOACG and SEACG works to be delegated to informal groups.
- C. Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_