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The Combined Tenth Meeting of the South Asia/Indian Ocean ATM Coordination Group (SAIOACG/10) and Twenty—Seventh Meeting of the South-East Asia ATS Coordination Group (SEACG/27)

Video Teleconference, 29 March – 02 April 2021

Agenda Item 9: Any Other Business

FUTURE MEETINGS MODALITIES

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents the information on the Future Meetings Modalities Survey conducted by the ICAO APAC Regional Sub-Office.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Future Meetings Modalities Survey form was provided as Attachment E to the ICAO State Letter RSO – AP004/21 (RSO), with a response date of 26 February 2021 (**Attachment A**). The survey requested respondents to advise the preferred modality and conduct of future meetings.

1.2 Only ten Administrations responded to the survey.

2. DISCUSSION

Future Meetings Modalities Survey

2.1 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.

2.2 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/Administrations 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.

2.3 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 Asia Pacific Air Navigation Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APANPIRG) Deficiency resolution and Seamless Air Navigation Services (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.

2.4 Results of the survey as follows:

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

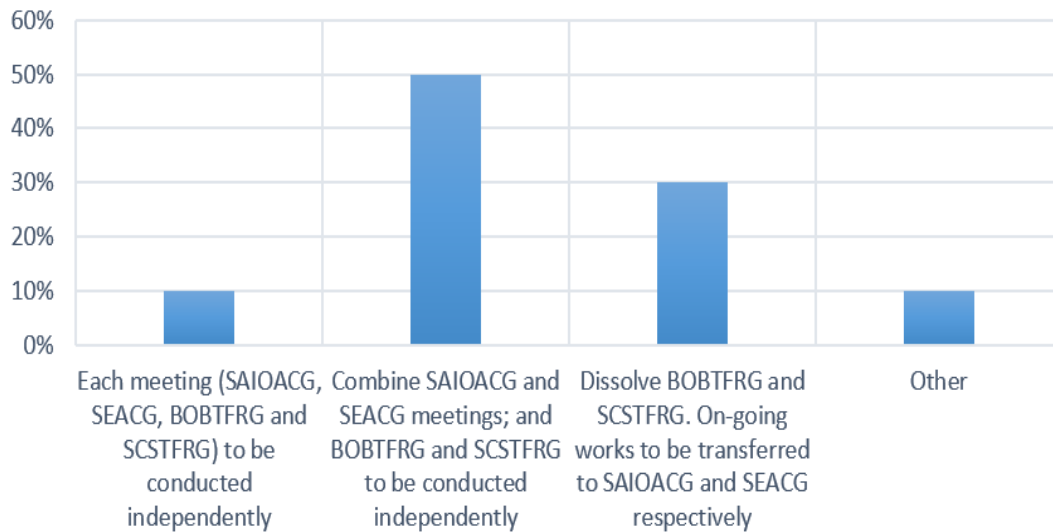


Figure 1: Preferred Modality of Future Meetings

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

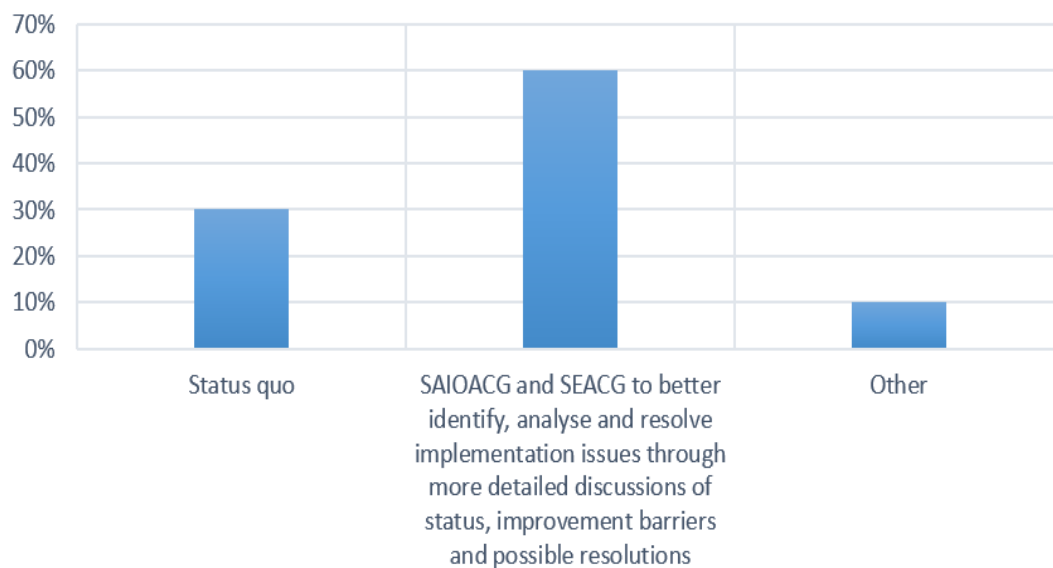


Figure 2: Preferred Conduct of Future Meetings

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

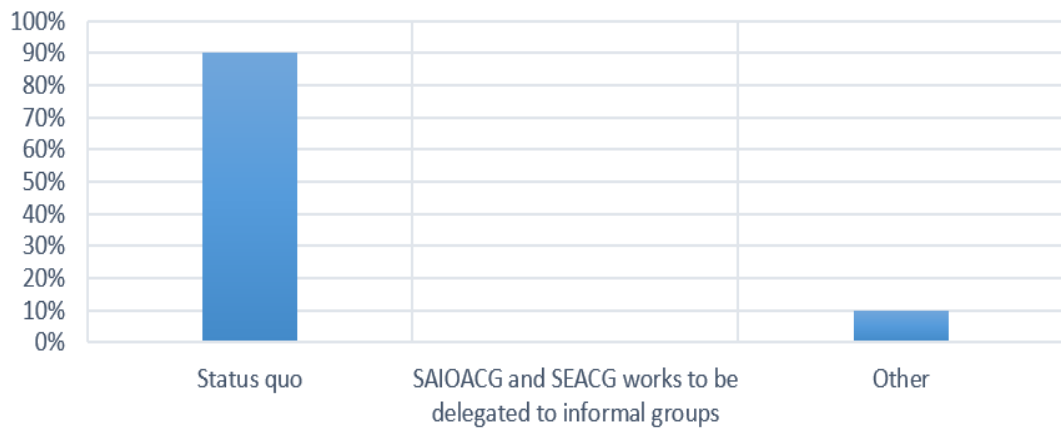


Figure 3: Management of Future Meetings

2.5 SAIOACG/10 and SEACG/27 are invited to discuss and agree to the following Draft Decision:

Draft Decision SAIOACG/10 and SEACG/27-X: Combining SAIOACG and SEACG Groups			
What:	That, noting the: 1. 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; and 2. resource challenge to States/Administrations in terms of participant’s travel and attendance costs attending two separate meetings; the Secretariat to develop a consolidated Term of Reference for ATM/SG consideration.	Expected impact:	<input type="checkbox"/> Political / Global <input type="checkbox"/> Inter-regional <input type="checkbox"/> Economic <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ops/Technical
Why:	To ensure future meetings are conducted more effectively and economically.	Follow-up:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required from States
When:	2-Apr-21	Status:	Draft to be adopted by Subgroup
Who:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sub groups <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APAC States <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ICAO APAC RO <input type="checkbox"/> ICAO HQ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: RSO		

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

- 3.1 The meeting is invited to:
- a) note the information contained in this paper;
 - b) discuss and agree to the Draft Decision; and
 - c) discuss any relevant matters as appropriate.

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ATTACHMENT E

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.



ATTACHMENT E

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, with a copy to 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): _____