

Taskforce to Strengthen and evolve existing regional mechanism for regional cooperation, towards capability and capacity building and technical assistance

Terms of Reference

The 54th DGCA Conference has agreed to establish a new Taskforce to focus exclusively on strengthening and evolving existing regional mechanisms for regional cooperation, towards capability and capacity building and technical assistance.

Noting that:

- There is a continuing need to find improved means of coordination and support for many States/Administrations in the Asia and Pacific regions to build their capabilities to improve safety, security and air navigation;
- There are already a variety of regional activities under the leadership of the ICAO APAC Regional Office (RO) for co-ordination and co-operation of regional capability to meet the goals and targets of the GASP, GANP, GAsEP and Regional Air Navigation Plans;
- Co-operative arrangements already exist for the regional development of capability and capacity building, the resource and funding efforts initiated and coordinated by the ICAO APAC RO, and that there exist bilateral and multi-lateral arrangements between States/Administrations for co-operation;
- There is scope to enhance and strengthen these mechanisms, to provide more effective support for the region, optimize regional resources and avoid duplication of effort, to achieve the region's priorities in an expeditious manner; and
- The Asia Pacific Civil Aviation Commission (APCAC) Taskforce has determined that there was insufficient basis to establish an APCAC;

The Taskforce will:

- a) Identify common and/or evolving needs of States/Administrations or a Group of States/Administrations in the APAC region for capability and/or capacity development;
- b) Identify and enhance common mechanisms for regional co-operation to prevent overlaps and duplication;
- c) Identify and enhance mechanisms for funding of technical assistance;
- d) Propose recommendations for the approach and roadmap to strengthen existing regional mechanism for regional cooperation towards capability and capacity building, and technical assistance;
- e) Identify opportunities to improve and stream line the communication of work and outcomes of various ICAO regional working groups and taskforce.

The Task Force will report on its work to the DGCA Conference.
