

Conclusions – CAPSCA-AP/16

1. While confirming CAPSCA continues to be important for implementation support to respond to public health events in civil aviation, the meeting agreed that efforts should be made to find external funding for CAPSCA from States, Organizations and private entities.
2. The meeting recommended that guidance material and Indicators be developed by CAPSCA to better assess preparedness for all types of public health events and urged States/Administrations to support the development of such guidance material and tools.
3. The meeting agreed that CAPSCA implementation Assistance Visits remain an important activity to enhance public health preparedness planning and that it should be considered a priority for States/Administrations to request Assistance Visits, whether virtual or on-site.
4. States/Administrations are encouraged to collaborate with all agencies through the national Air Transport Facilitation Committees or equivalent and, develop and implement their National Aviation Plans for public health events.
5. The meeting urged States/Administrations to strengthen partnerships and investments in a concerted effort to enhance global, regional, and national preparedness and response strategies for public health events that profoundly affect the aviation sector through a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach.
6. The meeting encouraged the States/Administrations to foster strong partnerships between national public health agencies and aviation authorities to conduct joint risk assessments, develop emergency contingency plans, organize appropriate simulation exercises and establish timely information-sharing mechanisms.
7. The meeting urged Member States to fortify their health security capabilities and enhance the resilience of their health systems by rigorously implementing the International Health Regulations and other pertinent frameworks as well as to enhance international collaboration to share best practices, research findings, and resources for managing public health events in the aviation sector.
8. The meeting requested CAPSCA to provide an Information and Communication mechanism facilitating communication between the Civil Aviation Authorities as well as between Civil Aviation Authorities and Public Health Authorities.
9. The meeting requested sharing of best practices of national emergency plans between States/Administrations on a regional basis facilitating harmonization between all States/Administrations in the region.
10. While noting the risk of transmission of COVID-19 was mitigated through application of cabin air circulation technology and the use of HEPA filters in the jet aircraft, the meeting requested the CAPSCA Programme to consider the need to review the cabin air circulation technology of Turbo-Prop aircraft.

11. The meeting requested CAPSCA to develop guidance for States/Administrations regarding the transport of patients with communicable disease by air ambulance services.
12. The meeting noted the Conclusions agreed at the CAPSCA-AP/15 meeting held in 2022 and encouraged the States/Administrations to take action for the implementation of the outstanding Conclusions.

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