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Ref. RSO – AP0088/24 (RSO)

18 July 2024

Subject: The Sixth Meeting of the Bay of Bengal
Traffic Flow Review Group (BOBTFRG/6)
(Bangkok, Thailand, 14 – 15 November 2024)

Actions required:

- 1) To complete online registration by **28 October 2024**; and
- 2) To submit paper(s) and presentation(s) by **28 October 2024**

Sir/Madam,

I wish to invite your Administration to participate in the Sixth Meeting of the Bay of Bengal Traffic Flow Review Group (**BOBTFRG/6, a Small Working Group established to undertake tasks on behalf of the South Asia-Indian Ocean Southeast Asia ATM Coordination Group – SAIOSEACG**), which will be held in Bangkok, Thailand from **14 – 15 November 2024**.

The BOBTFRG/6 meeting will address several priorities that have potential to enhance our collective airspace management efforts. These include the improvement and efficiency of FLAS in Bay of Bengal (BOB) Airspace, ensuring that our operations are optimized for safety and effectiveness.

This meeting will also focus on the reduction of longitudinal spacing, which is essential for improving traffic management and capacity and will delve into performance-based and distance-based separation minima to uphold the highest standards of safety and efficiency. The discussion on implementing 50 NM longitudinal separation with PBCS in BOB Airspace will explore the benefits of advanced communication and surveillance technologies.

Another key topic will be the implementation of RNP 4 (or RNP 2) routes in BOB Airspace, which is vital for enhancing route efficiency and safety. This meeting will also engage in other in-depth and technical discussions aimed at improving route efficiency, ultimately enhancing aircraft operations and expanding aviation capacity in the Bay of Bengal region.

Your participation in these comprehensive discussions is important to contribute to increasing the efficiency and safety of aircraft operations, while also expanding aviation capacity in the BOB region.

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Enclosed herewith are the BOBTFRG/6 Provisional Order of Business (**Attachment A**), Provisional Agenda (**Attachment B**), Meeting Bulletin (**Attachment C**), and the current BOBTFRG Task List (**Attachment D**). ICAO kindly requests that you complete online registration(s) of the delegate(s) from your Administration that will be attending the meeting by **Monday, 28 October 2024**. The registration link is provided on the meeting webpage, available through the ICAO Regional Office website at <https://www.icao.int/APAC/Meetings/Pages/2024-BOBTFRG-6.aspx>.

To ensure a productive and effective meeting, ICAO encourages States, Administrations, and International Organizations to submit their working papers **no later than two weeks before the meeting date**. Please send these papers via email to the ICAO APAC Regional Sub-Office at APAC-RSO@icao.int and hykwon@icao.int or/and Zxuu@icao.int. Papers received after **Monday, 28 October 2024**, will generally be treated as flimsy and may only be presented if time permits and after all other timely submitted papers have been reviewed.

Participants should obtain meeting materials prior to the commencement of the meeting from the meeting web page.

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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Tao Ma
Regional Director

Enclosures:

Attachment A — Order of Business
Attachment B — Provisional Agenda
Attachment C — Meeting Bulletin
Attachment D — BOBTFRG Task List



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Ref. RSO – AP0087/24 (RSO)

18 July 2024

Subject: The Second Free Route Airspace (FRA)
Implementation Workshop (FRA Implementation
Workshop/2)
(Bangkok, Thailand, 13 November 2024)

Actions required:

- 1) To send nomination letter/email by **28 October 2024**
- 2) To complete the online registration by **28 October 2024**

Sir/Madam,

I have the honor to inform you that the ICAO Asia-Pacific Office will conduct the Second Free Route Airspace (FRA) Implementation Workshop in the Asia Pacific (APAC) Region, scheduled for **November 13th, 2024** (Wednesday). The workshop will be held at ICAO APAC Regional Office, Bangkok, Thailand. In light of the strong interest to last year's webinar and the demand expressed in subsequent meetings, ICAO recognized the need for a more interactive workshop format. This event will strategically align with the SCSTFRG/12 (November 11-12, Monday and Tuesday) and BOBTFRG/6 (November 14-15, Thursday and Friday) meetings, enhancing the efficiency of our collaborative efforts and maximizing travel economy for participants. This hybrid workshop would also be available for online participation.

Free Route Airspace (FRA) is transforming air traffic management across the globe, proving its worth through remarkable gains in operational efficiency and significant reductions in environmental impact. With Europe, North and South America, and parts of Africa already reaping the benefits of FRA, the Asia-Pacific region is also moving in the same direction. Following a successful pilot project for Free Route Operations/User Preferred Routes between cities in Southeast Asia and Oceania, the APAC region is on the brink of leading in a new era of advanced FRA initiatives.

This workshop will be a good resource for navigating the complexities of airspace design under FRA, employing tools and simulations, enhancing coordination among ATC centers, tackling cross-border issues, and understanding training requirements for both ATC and airline operators.

This workshop will be an opportunity for collaboration and learning, designed to equip participants with the knowledge and skills needed for FRA, leveraging it to enhance airspace efficiency and sustainability across the APAC skies..

In addition, if you have specific topics you wish to explore, or if you are interested in contributing to the workshop as a speaker please contact Mr. KWON Hyuk Jin (hykwon@icao.int) and Mr. XU Zhi Feng (zxuu@icao.int).

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States/Administrations/International Organizations are requested to send nomination letter/email by **28 October 2024**, to the ICAO APAC Regional Sub-Office APAC-RSO@icao.int and Hykwon@icao.int.

Enclosed herewith are the Second FRA Implementation Workshop Provisional Agenda (**Attachment A**), and Workshop Bulletin (**Attachment B**). ICAO requests that you kindly complete online registration(s) of the delegate(s) from your Administration that will be attending the workshop by **28 October 2024**. The registration link is provided on the meeting webpage, available through the ICAO Regional Office website at <https://www.icao.int/APAC/Meetings/Pages/2024-FRA-IMPLEMENTATION-WORKSHOP-2.aspx>.

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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Regional Director

Enclosures:

- Attachment A: Provisional Agenda
- Attachment B: Workshop Bulletin