

ICAO Engagement across the Asia Pacific Region

Analysis of Survey Results

At the RCMTF/9 meeting in November 2022, States noted the need for the RCMTF to identify common needs across the region and develop action to address these gaps.

The implementation roadmap was updated to account for this. To identify these needs, the following two surveys have now been conducted by the RCMTF:

- Needs Survey in May – June 2023
- Survey on understanding ICAO engagement across the APAC region in December 2023.

This survey seeks to understand ICAO engagement across the region and how States/Administrations manage State Letters, including identifying whether there are any challenges that the RCMTF can help address.

Survey response rate

South Asia	North Asia	Southeast Asia	Oceania
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afghanistan • Bangladesh • Bhutan • India • Maldives • Nepal • Pakistan • Sri Lanka 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • China • Democratic People's Republic of Korea • Hong Kong SAR, China • Japan • Macau SAR, China • Mongolia • Republic of Korea 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cambodia • Indonesia • Malaysia • Laos • Philippines • Singapore • Thailand • Timor-Leste • Vietnam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australia • Cook Islands • Federated States of Micronesia • Fiji • New Zealand • Papua New Guinea • Samoa • Tonga • Vanuatu
8/8 (100%)	7/7 (100%)	9/11 (81%)	9/15 (62.5%)
Total: 33/41* (80.9%)			

*one additional State/Administration submitted a response but did not provide the name of their State/Administration.

Data breakdown

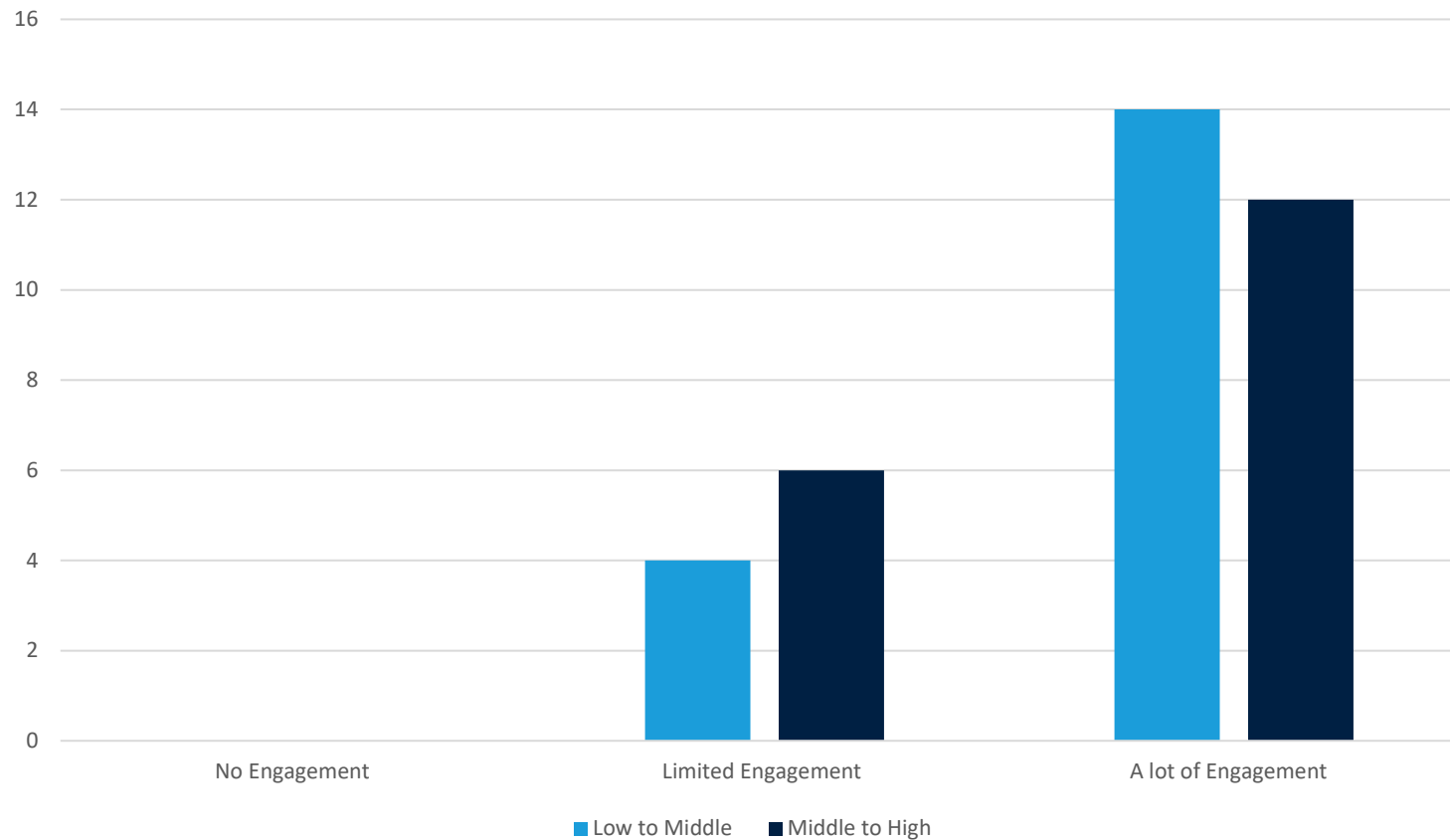
✈ **45.5%** Middle to High Income States/Administrations

✈ **54.5%** Low to Middle Income States/Administrations

✈ This breakdown is based on World Bank income classifications which are based on Gross National Income

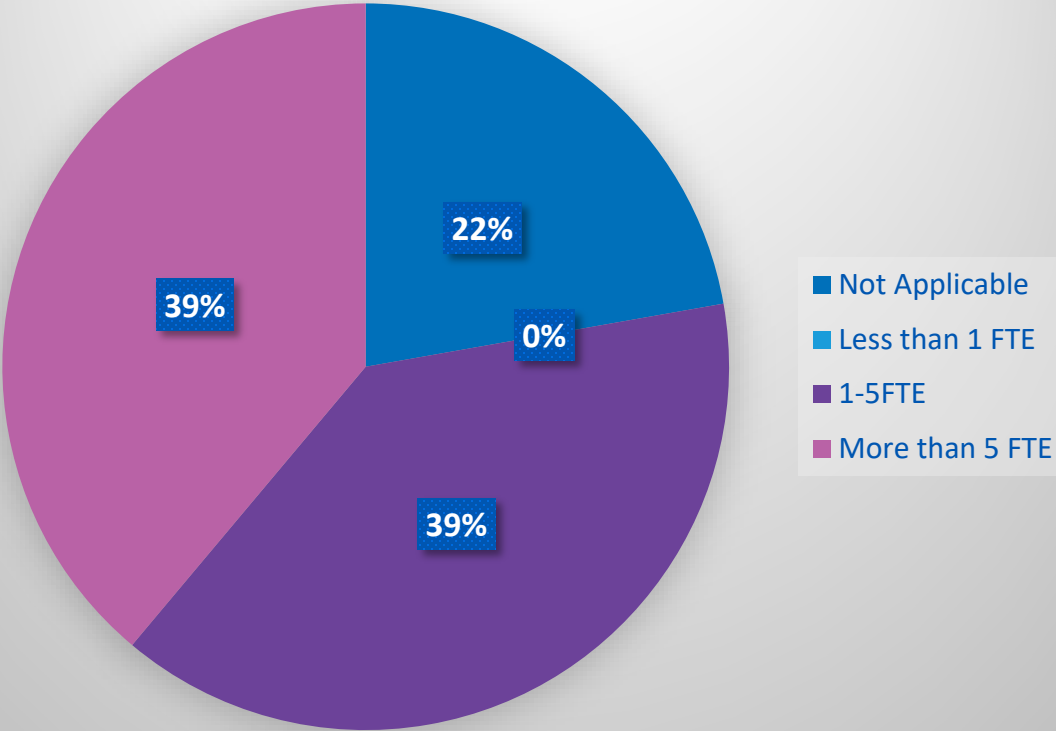
Low to Middle Income	Middle to High Income
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Q1: What level of engagement does your State/Administration have with ICAO? (This could include any type of communication with ICAO, meeting attendance, engaging in the State Letter process, engaging with the ICAO Regional Office, and influencing ICAO SARP development.)

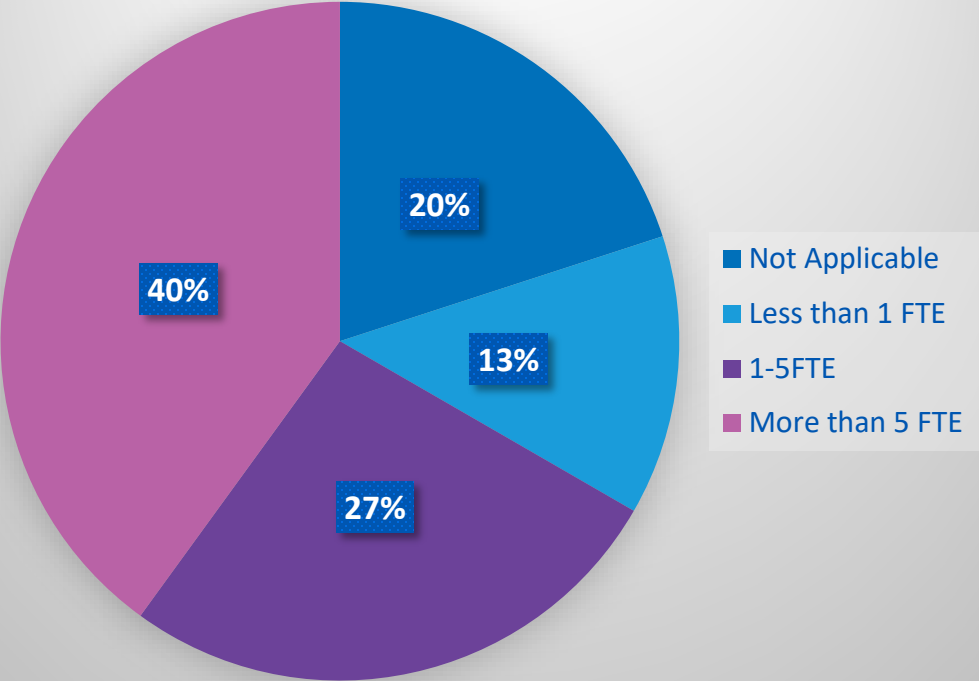


Q2: How big is your States/Administration's international engagement team? (FTE = Full-time equivalent staff member)

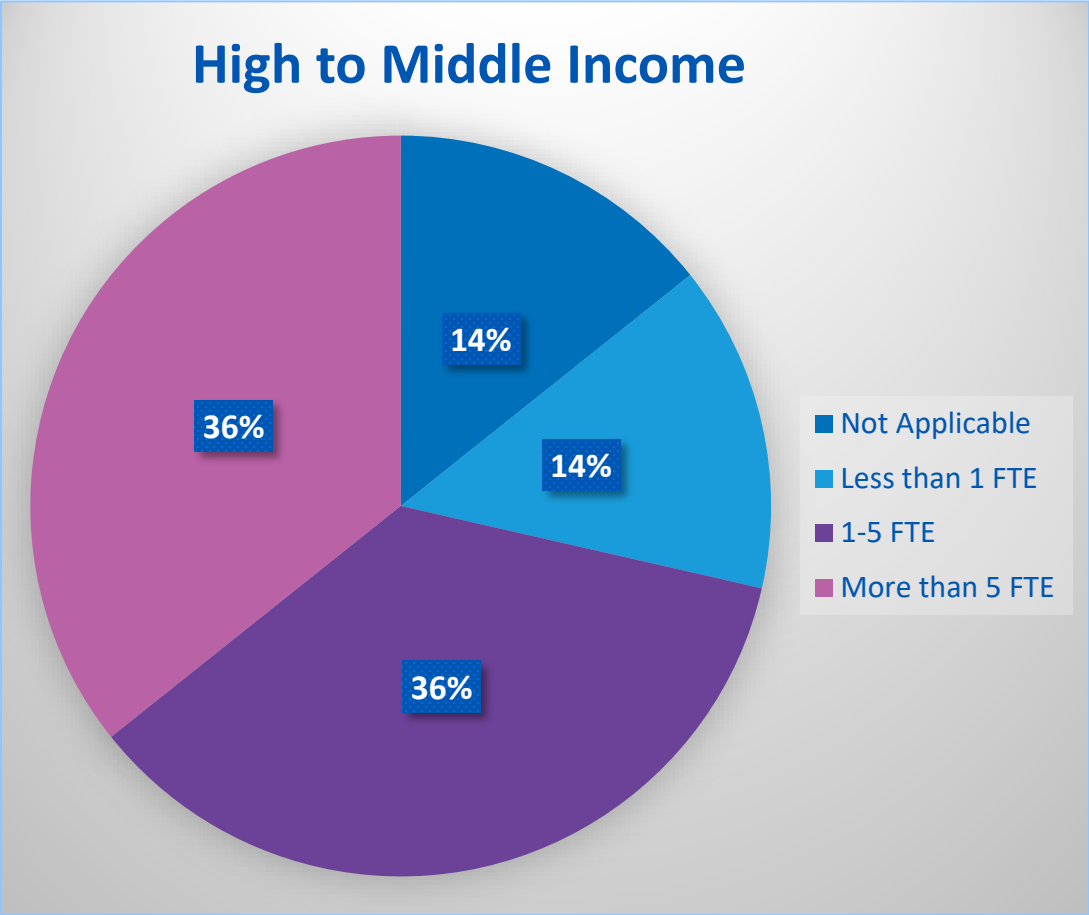
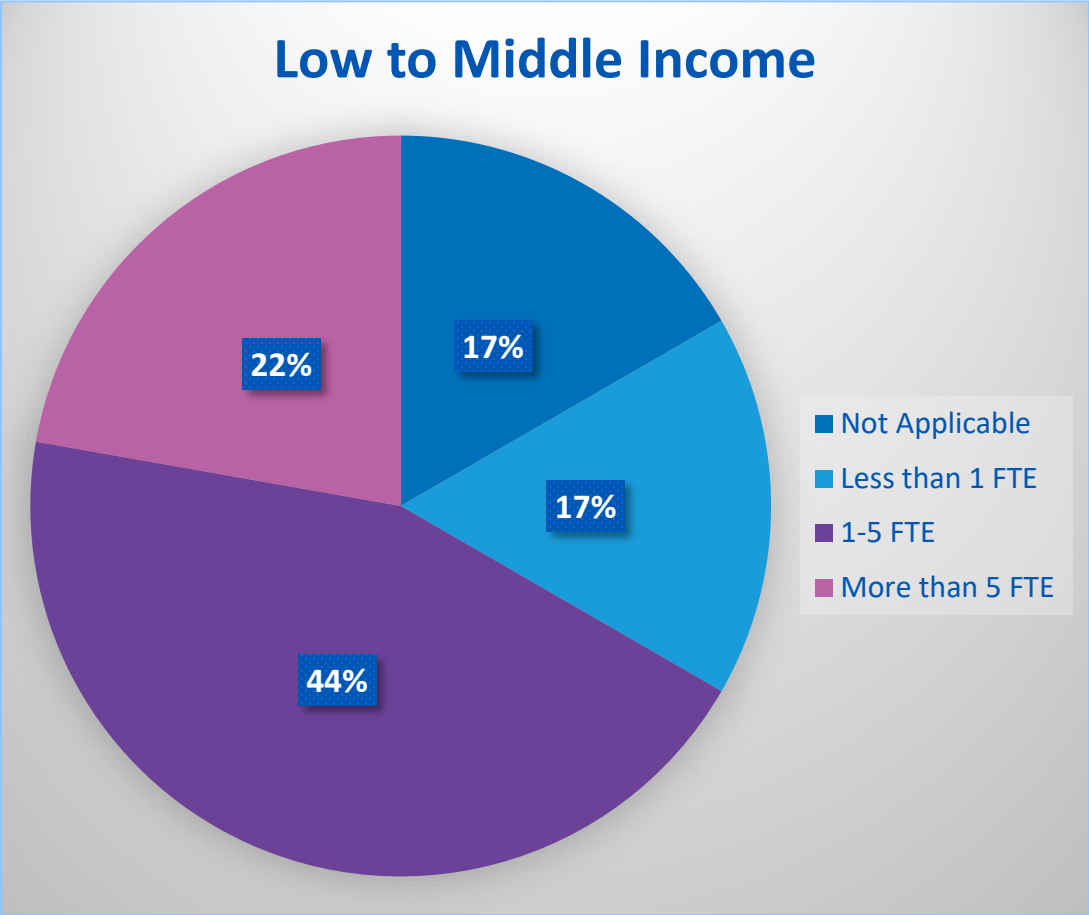
Low to Middle Income



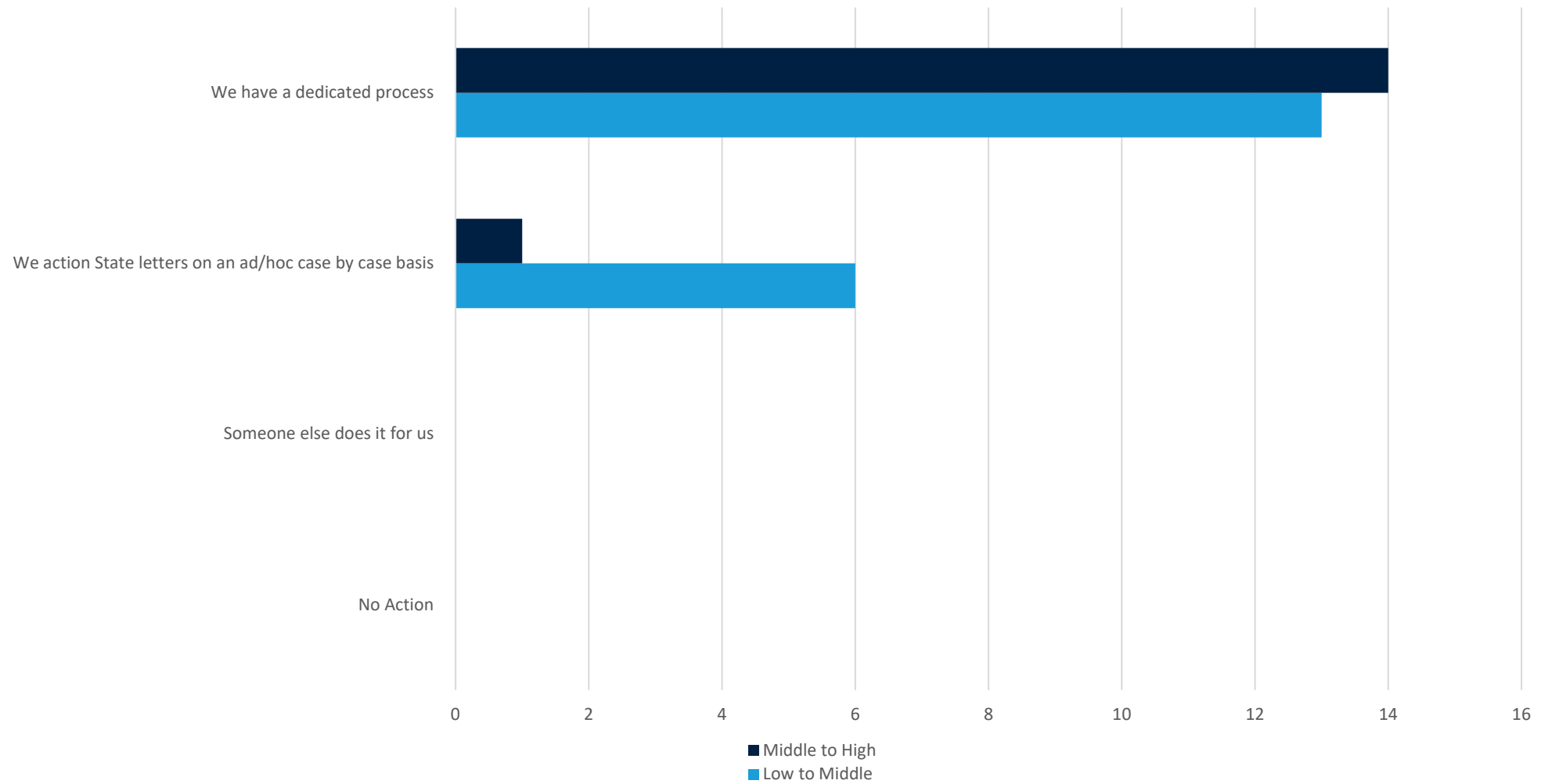
Middle to High Income



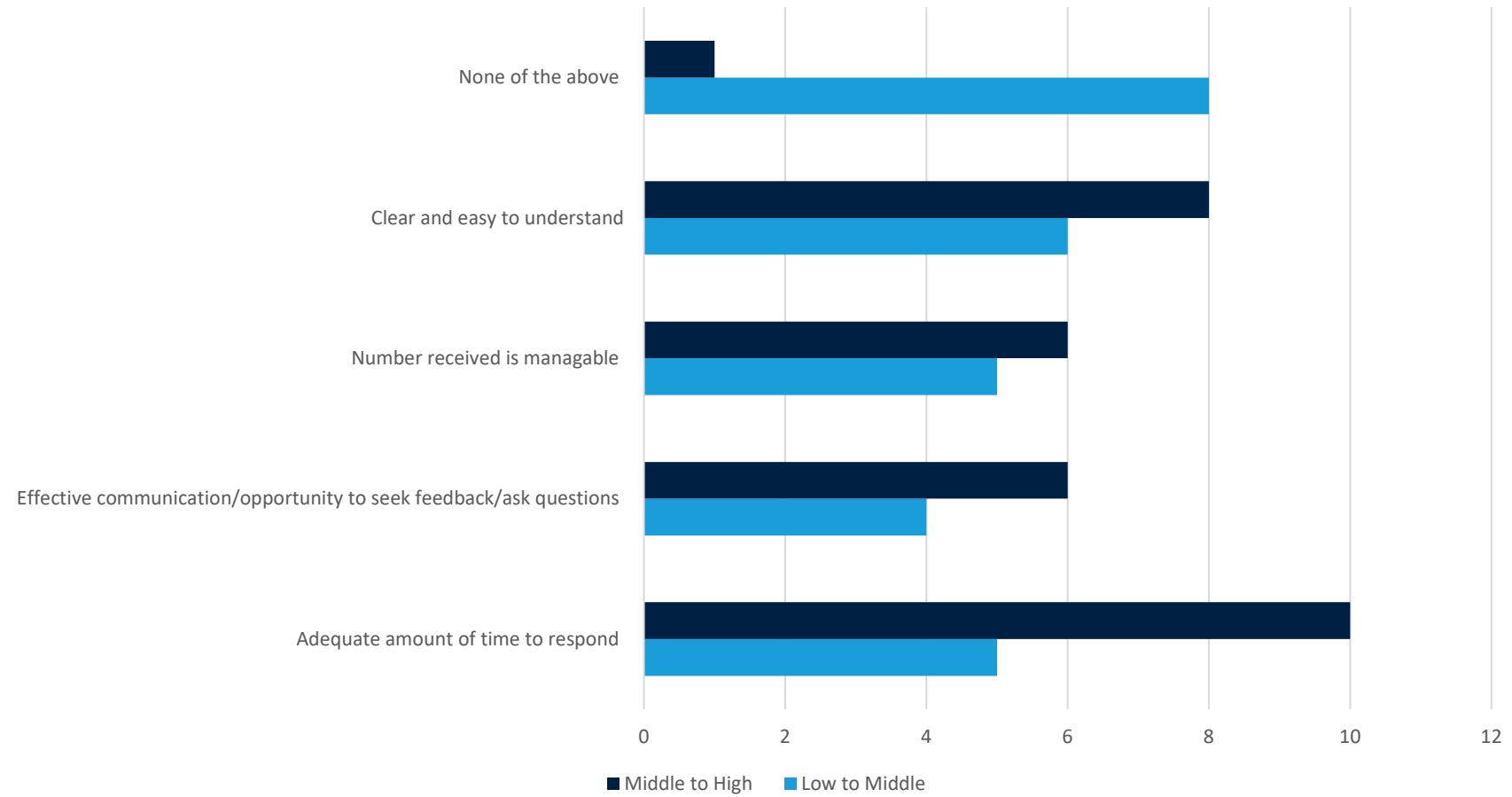
Q3: How big is your States/Administration's team responsible for processing State Letters (not including other engagement with ICAO)?



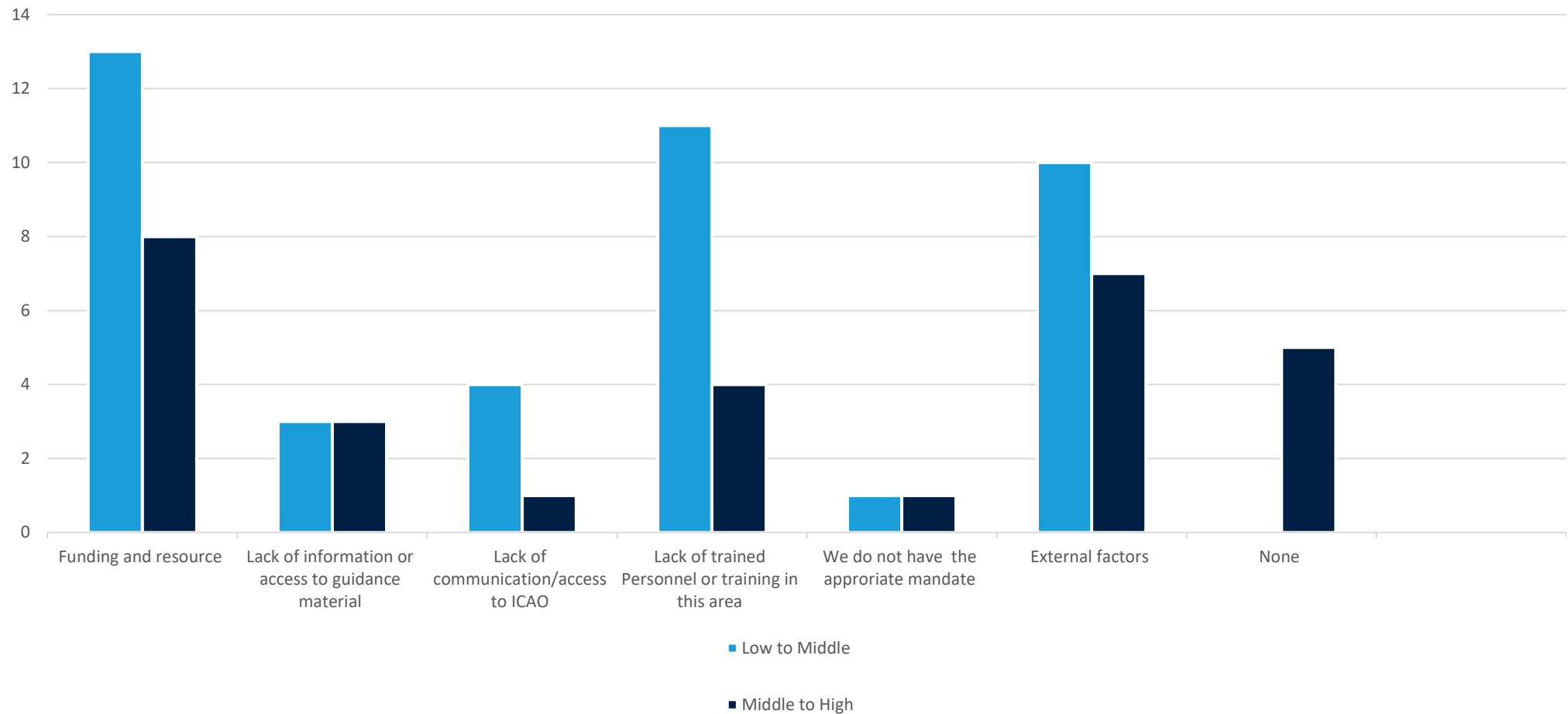
Q4: How does your State/Administration action State Letters from ICAO?



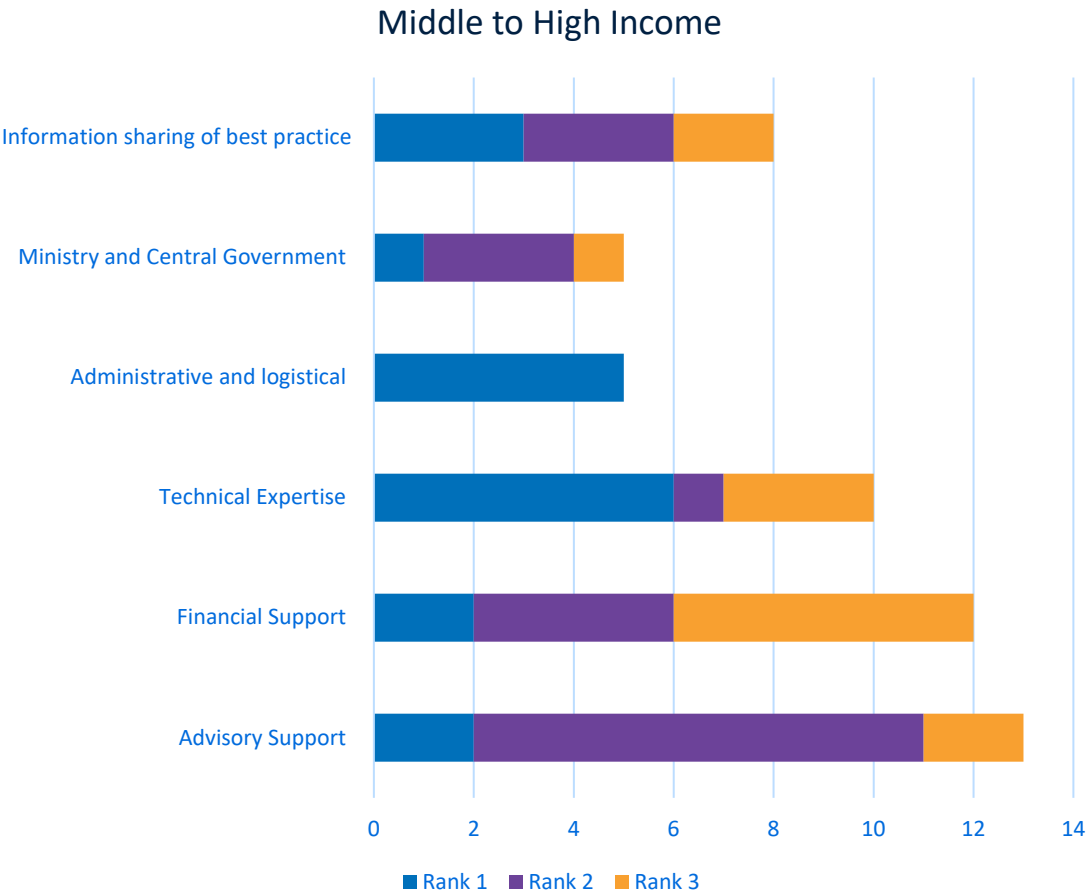
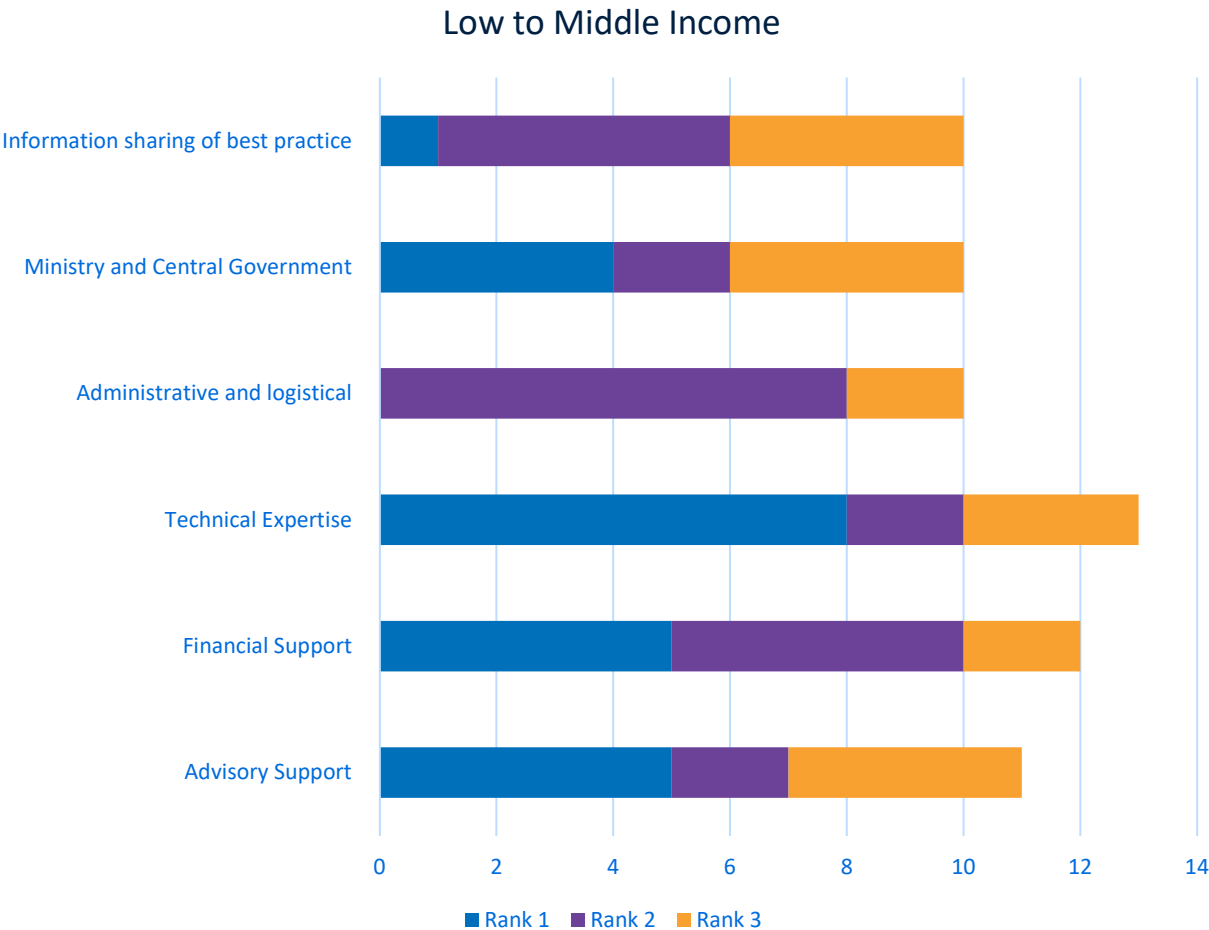
Q5: Which of the following would you say is done well by ICAO in relation to State Letters?



Q6: What issues does your State/Administration face with wider ICAO engagement? (Select all that are relevant)



What support does your State/Administration need to address these issues? (Please rank top 3)



Freeform comments

- Freeform comments suggest that many have found a lot of value in regional groups especially for information sharing.
- Some States/Administrations expressed their willingness to share information on various systems and processes, which could be useful for addressing the clear gap in technical expertise.
- Many respondents emphasised the need for improved communications from ICAO and the need for the State Letter process to be more simplified.

A word cloud visualization featuring various terms in different colors and sizes. The words are arranged in a non-uniform, overlapping manner. The colors used include shades of purple, blue, orange, green, and red. The sizes of the words vary, with 'accessibility' being the largest. The words are: groups, communication, functional, funding, relevancy, process, technical, information, resource, volumes, icao-response, icao-communication, training, accessibility, regional, cumbersome, interface, support, sharing, timeframes.

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Key Observations

- Majority of States/Administrations have the capacity required to effectively engage with the State Letter process, however, technical knowledge, as well as the ability to communicate with ICAO is a limiting factor in this.
- Many of these survey questions, especially the ones regarding what ICAO does or does not do well highlights the need for ICAO to develop its processes to support the varying needs of States/Administrations. This is particularly important when considering ICAOs 'No Country Left Behind' initiative.

Next Steps

- These findings will be used to inform a paper to be presented at DGCA/59.
- This paper will use the findings from this survey to suggest improvements to the State Letter process and wider ICAO engagement.
- The findings from this survey, combined with the 2023 Needs analysis survey, will help to inform Part 3 of the Civil Aviation Commission Feasibility Study.
- We would like to form a working group to aid us with the drafting of this paper. If your State/Administration would like to be involved, please contact:

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