

Updates on Regional Training Cooperation Framework Working Group

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The Regional Training Cooperation Framework Working Group was established in August 2024 under the Regional Cooperation Mechanism Task Force with the following terms of reference:

- Coordinate and work out details to implement the identified initiatives under the RTCF
- Review and propose additional coordination activities under the Framework
- Monitor the progress of initiatives and review their effectiveness

The key initiatives under the RTCF include:

- Annual ICAO APAC Regional Training Symposium
- Regional Training Needs Analysis / Regional Train-the-Trainer programme
- Regional Training Compendium

ICAO APAC Regional Training Symposium

- Led by Singapore; supported by Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand
- Date: 16-17 Jul 2025
- Venue: Suntec Singapore Convention and Exhibition Centre, Halls 401 and 402
- Theme: **Enhancing Training Cooperation - Building Human Capital for the Sustainable Development of Civil Aviation**
- Targeted Number of Participants: 500 (including youths from APAC States/Administrations)
- Target Audience:
 - Directors-General of Civil Aviation
 - CEOs/Directors of Civil Aviation Training Academies
 - Head of Training/HR of CAAs
 - Relevant representatives from academic institutes and universities
 - Industry Partners
 - Other relevant organizations



Programme Overview

Time	16 Jul - Day 1	17 Jul - Day 2	
Morning	Opening Ceremony <u>Speeches</u> • Mr Ma Tao, ICAO Asia Pacific Regional Director • Speaker from Singapore • Mr Juan Carlos Salazar, ICAO Secretary-General <u>Signings/ Awards/ Announcements</u> • Award Ceremony for Singapore-ICAO NGAP Scholars • MOU Signings (TBC)	Discussion Panel 3 Effectiveness of Training Assessments in an Evolving Aviation Landscape	
	Tea Break	Tea Break	
	High Level Panel 1: Future Ready Aviation Workforce – Challenges and Opportunities	Discussion Panel 4: Building a Resilient Aviation Workforce in the APAC Region: Focusing on PSIDS	
	High Level Panel 2: Nurturing the Next Generation of Aviation Professionals – Strategy and Policies	Closing • Speech by Mr Ma Tao, ICAO Asia Pacific Regional Director • Declaration on Training Cooperation for APAC led by ICAO	
Afternoon	Networking Lunch	Networking Lunch	
	Discussion Panel 1: Leveraging Educational Technologies and Innovative Methodologies in Aviation Training	Social Programme	Technical Visits
	Discussion Panel 2: From the Regional Perspective: Lessons Learned, Success Stories, and Collaborative Efforts in the TRAINAIR PLUS Programme		
Evening	Dinner hosted by CAAS at Timbre+	End of Symposium	

List of exhibitors

- Aeroclass
- CAAS
- ICAO
- Incheon Airport Aviation Academy
- Qatar Aeronautical Academy

Next Steps

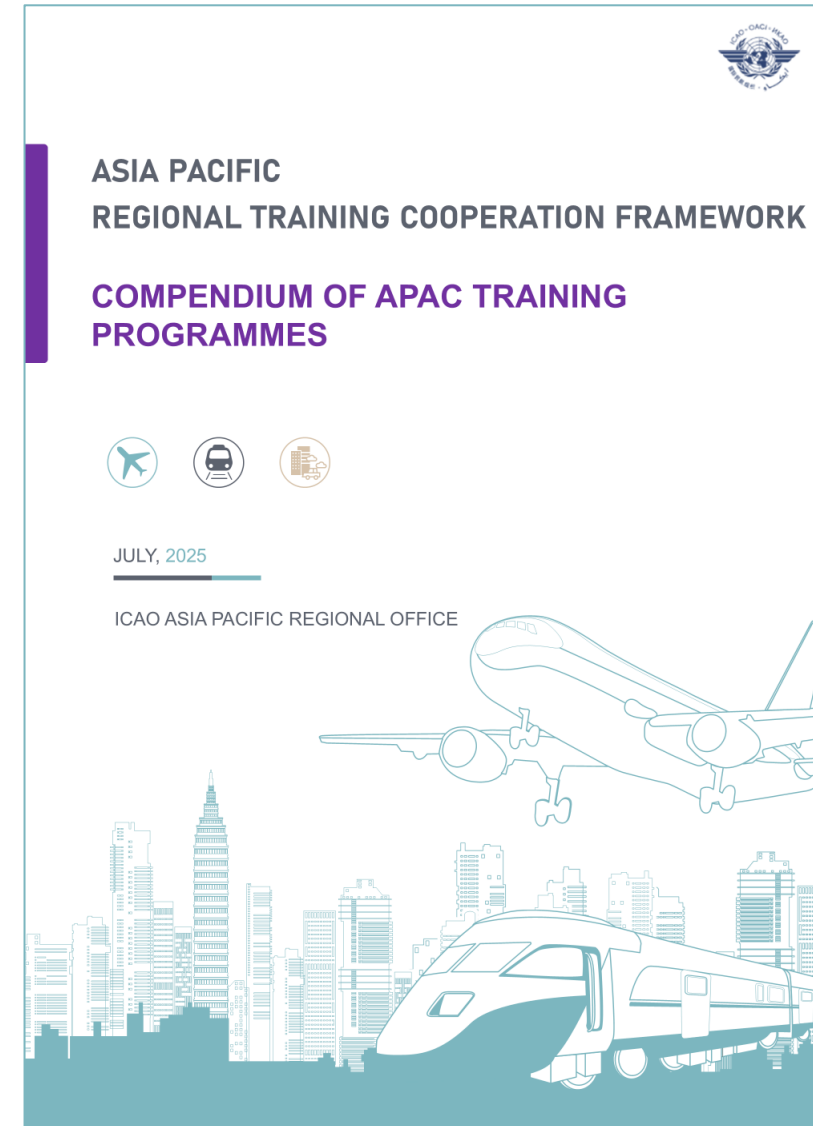
- States / Administrations are encouraged to register for the symposium
 - Encourage State/ Administrations to share the details of the symposium with their universities, institutes of higher learning and aviation training organisations
 - Participants from ICAO Member States, aviation training organisations, universities and other institutes may register for the event free of charge.
 - Registrations close on 13 June 2025
 - Event website – <https://www.icao.int/Meetings/irtsapac2025>
- Exhibition spaces are still available, interested parties may reach out to the ICAO Asia Pacific Regional Office for more information
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Asia Pacific Youth for Aviation Programme

- ICAO and Singapore will be jointly organising the inaugural Asia-Pacific Youth for Aviation (YFA) Programme in Singapore from 14 to 18 July 2025, in conjunction with the ICAO Asia Pacific Regional Aviation Training Symposium
- The YFA is a five-day programme which aims to bring together Asia-Pacific youth leaders passionate about aviation to network, and to discuss the future of aviation and their role in it.
- All ICAO APAC Member States are invited to send 2 youths aged 18 to 25 years to the event; economy class airfare and accommodation are provided by Singapore.
- Joint invitation letters signed by DG CAAS and ICAO APAC Regional Director have been sent out to all APAC Member States
- States are encouraged to send in nominations.

Regional Training Compendium Development

- Lead by Republic of Korea
- Aim to publish a regional training catalogue that include
 - List of APAC Aviation Training Institutes/Academies
 - List of training related ICAO courses
 - List of fellowship/scholarship courses
 - List of ICAO certified training instructors
- To be showcased at the ICAO APAC Regional Symposium



Regional Training Need Analysis

- Lead by USA and supported by Bangladesh, Philippines and Vietnam
- Aim to provide a comprehensive analysis of training capability, trends and pain points within the APAC region
- State letter and survey circulated on 27 Feb 2025, links to form <https://forms.office.com/r/5W3DdWDinz>
- 32 responses received as of 23 May (80% response rate)
- A comprehensive report that review and forecast the training conditions within the region; provide recommendations in area to focus
- Analysis of the survey to inform the report is ongoing; analysis report to be completed by July 2025
- Presentation
 - ICAO APAC Regional Aviation Training Symposium
 - DGCA/60 by RCM TF



Regional Train-the-Trainer Programme

- 90 inspectors trained for GSI-AIR, GSI PEL, and GSI-PEL, supported by FAA-Boeing (2023-2024)
- Total 124 Prospective Instructors are listed on Train The Trainer Program (TTP) Management Sheet maintained by APAC RO, include:
 - Previous GSI Courses participants, conducted under support of FAA-Boeing
 - Potential Instructor Candidates by 9 States in response to ICAO APAC email Titled “Update on Candidates for APAC Train The trainer program (TTP)” dated 19 January 2025.
- 6 new ICAO qualified instructors targeted in a 2 year period; with 2 additional instructors per GSI



Regional Train-the-Trainer Programme (cont'd)

- Nomination from States:

Course Name	No. of Instructor Candidates	States/Administrations
ICAO GSI-AIR	18	Cambodia, Fiji, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, ROK, Singapore, Vanuatu, Vietnam
ICAO GSI-PEL	12	Bangladesh, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Vanuatu
ICAO GSI-OPS	25	Bhutan, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vanuatu
ATM Inspector	3	Philippines
Total	58	

Regional Train-the-Trainer Programme (cont'd)

Current Status:

- 1 instructor approved by ICAO GAT to instruct GSI-PEL
- 1 instructor approved by ICAO GAT to instruct GSI-AIR and needs to undergo OJT
- 14 inspectors completed TIC (4-AIR, 6-PEL, 4-OPS) and may proceed to apply through ICAO GAT to be instructor
- 34 candidates have completed the GSI courses (14-AIR, 13-PEL, and 7-OPS)
- 3 New Candidates from ATM domain

Next Steps

- Propose OJT for existing instructor candidates
- ICAO Instructor Training Courses (TIC) are being organised to help build pipeline of potential instructors
 - **Singapore:** First TIC to be held from **23 to 27 Jun 2025** in Singapore for 12 persons; second TIC to be held in 2026. Course fees are waived.
 - **ROK:** TIC to be held from **4 to 10 Sep 2025** for 10 persons funded by fellowships.
- Candidates are encouraged to apply ICAO Instructor after completing TIC
- To plan for 2 classes each for GSI-PEL, GSI-OPS, and GSI-AIR from 2025 through 2026; confirmed classes are:
 - **GSI-AIR:** Jakarta, scheduled for **5 -23 May 2025**
 - **GSI-PEL:** Incheon ROK, scheduled in Q2 of 2026 for 10 persons by ROK fellowship

Next Steps for Reporting at DGCA / 60

- Propose for all updates on RTCF WG to be reported by RCM TF chair in the paper outlining overall RCM TF activities to be submitted for DGCA / 60