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ICAO USOAP CMA AND AGA FINDINGS

(Presented by the SECRETARIAT)

SUMMARY

This paper provides APAC average AGA EI scores derived from the USOAP – CMA online framework and USOAP CMA Audit common findings in AGA Area.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The USOAP CMA aimed at assessing Contracting States' capabilities to ensure an effective oversight of the aviation systems through the implementation of the eight critical elements of a safety oversight system. These critical elements include in particular:

The "Establishment CEs":

Critical Element (CE) 1 – Primary aviation legislation

Critical Element (CE) 2 – Specific operating regulations

Critical Element (CE) 3 – State system and functions

Critical Element (CE) 4 – Qualified technical personnel

Critical Element (CE) 5 – Technical guidance, tools and provision of safety-critical information

The "Implementation CEs":

Critical Element (CE) 6 – Licensing, certification, authorization and approval obligations

Critical Element (CE) 7 – Surveillance obligations

Critical Element (CE) 8 – Resolution of safety issues

1.2 The USOAP CMA focused on eight audit areas as follows:

- 1) Primary aviation legislation and specific operating regulations (LEG);
- 2) Civil aviation organization (ORG);
- 3) Personnel licensing and training (PEL);
- 4) Aircraft operations (OPS);
- 5) Airworthiness of aircraft (AIR);
- 6) Aircraft accident and incident investigation (AIG);
- 7) Air navigation services (ANS); and
- 8) Aerodromes and ground aids (AGA)

Note: State Safety Programme (SSP) as a new audit area will be added and announced in due course for its applicability.

1.3 ICAO launched the third edition of the *Safety Oversight Manual (Doc 9734), Part A — The Establishment and Management of a State Safety Oversight System*. It is expected that this manual will assist States in establishing and implementing their safety oversight systems.

1.4 The *Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme Continuous Monitoring Manual (Doc 9735)* provides detailed information about USOAP CMA, specifically the policy, procedures and guidance on the management and conduct of programme activities under the CMA. The Doc 9735 is available at <https://soa.icao.int/USOAPLibrary/Library.aspx>.

2. DISCUSSION

ICAO USOAP CMA activities in APAC States

2.1 The USOAP CMA Activity Plan, which is issued as an Electronic Bulletin and posted on ICAO-NET twice a year, lists the scheduled USOAP CMA activities and can be accessed at ICAO secure portal (<https://soa.icao.int/USOAPLibrary/Library.aspx>).

2.2 States are selected for CMA audits and ICVMs based on various factors, including risk indicators, previous audit results, deferrals, the level of activities in the State and progress made by States in resolving identified deficiencies. ICAO also conducts ICVMs for States with a Significant Safety Concern (SSC), once sufficient information is received indicating that the SSC has been resolved.

2.3 Each year, ICAO also carries out a number of off-site validation activities for States which have satisfactorily addressed certain findings (mostly related to Critical Elements 1 to 5) in the relevant audit areas.

2.4 In 2025, three audits and two ICVM conducted and USOAP CMA audit for Philippines postponed at the request of the State (see EB 2026/1 dated 13 January 2026 – **Attachment A**).

Dates (2025)	States	
	ICVM	Audit
12 to 24 Mar 2025		Philippines [Postponed ¹]
9 to 16 Apr 2025	Papua New Guinea [Completed]	
4 to 12 Jun 2025	Cambodia [Completed]	
11 to 23 Jun 2025		Maldives [Completed]
9 to 22 Jul 2025		New Zealand [Completed]
27 Aug to 8 Sep 2025		Thailand [Completed]

Table 1: USOAP CMA activities conducted in 2025 in APAC States

¹ Postponed at the request of the State.

2.5 In 2026, the following USOAP CMA Activities will be conducted for following APAC States (see EB 2026/21 dated 25 June 2026 – **Attachment B**):

Dates (2026)	States	
	ICVM	Audit
31 Mar to 13 Apr 2026		Bangladesh [Postponed ¹ to 2027]
22 Apr to 4 May 2026		Mongolia [Completed]
4 to 7 May 2026	Bhutan [Completed]	
2 to 15 Sep 2026		Philippines
9 to 22 Sep 2026		Brunei Darussalam
2 to 15 Dec 2026		Republic of Korea

Table 2: USOAP CMA activities conducted/planned in 2026 for APAC States

ICAO USOAP CMA results in AGA Area

2.6 The APAC Average AGA EI scores in all 8 Critical Elements derived from ICAO's USOAP CMA Online Framework (OLF) from 2017 to April 2026 are shown in the Table 3 below:

	APAC average EI in AGA (in %)	Critical Elements (CEs) – AGA Area							
		CE-1	CE-2	CE-3	CE-4	CE-5	CE-6	CE-7	CE-8
August 2026 (AOP/SG/10)	64.26 <i>[Global Average 65.30]</i> 143 (2020 PQs) → 153 (2024 PQs)	65.28 (2→2)	71.49 (21→22)	64.76 (7→7)	49.12 (7→8)	66.58 (14→16)	67 (51→53)	61.96 (32→36)	49.1 (9→9)
June 2025 (AOP/SG/9)	62.16 <i>[Global Average 64.20]</i> 168 (2017 PQs) → 143 (2020 PQs)	62.5 (1→2)	68.23 (28→21)	62.86 (7→7)	45.78 (7→7)	65.73 (20→14)	64.34 (64→51)	60.62 (31→32)	48.39 (10→9)
June 2024 (AOP/SG/8)	60.73 <i>[Global Average 63.06]</i> 168 (2017 PQs) → 143 (2020 PQs)	63.89	67.22	61.32	42.33	63.98	63.21	58.97	46.59
June 2023 (AOP/SG/7)	61.20 <i>[Global Average 62.43]</i> 168 (2017 PQs) → 143 (2020 PQs)	65.28	67.45	61.61	41.61	64.29	63.58	60.18	46.60
June 2022 (AOP/SG/6)	60.97 <i>[Global Average 63.37]</i> 168 (2017 PQs) → 143 (2020 PQs)	72.22 (1→2)	71.53 (28→21)	61.61 (7→7)	40.88 (7→7)	67.46 (20→14)	64.28 (64→51)	57.14 (31→32)	45.69 (10→9)
June 2021 (AOP/SG/5)	61.43 <i>[Global Average 62.72]</i>	75.00	71.33	62.56	41.40	68.04	64.51	58.16	46.96
Oct. 2020 (AOP/SG/4)	61.41 <i>[Global Average 62.65]</i>	75.00	68.64	64.44	42.73	58.61	63.26	58.11	38.42
June 2019	60.52	75.68	66.80	62.13	42.30	58.14	63.87	58.87	39.77

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	APAC average EI in AGA (in %)	Critical Elements (CEs) – AGA Area							
		CE-1	CE-2	CE-3	CE-4	CE-5	CE-6	CE-7	CE-8
(AOP/SG/3)	[Global Average 61.59]								
June 2018 (AOP/SG/2)	57.87 [Global Average 59.5]	68.57	65.78	55.71	38.18	49.60	60.45	53.01	51.13 [Error]
May 2017 (AOP/SG/1)	56.29 [Global Average 57.99]	68.57	63.3	53.65	33.17	51.9	59.78	55.2	39.44

Table 3: APAC Average AGA EI scores in all 8 Critical Elements
[Source: USOAP CMA OLF/ iSTARS 4.0 – PQ Tester]

2.7 It is noted that there is some improvement in EI score (APAC average AGA EI and its corresponding CEs) in 2026 compared to EI data for June 2021 thanks to outstanding performance by Cambodia, Maldives, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and Thailand in USOAP Audit/ICVM in 2025.

2.8 EIs in AGA Area derived from iSTARS4 USOAP Data Table for Asia and Pacific States are provided in **Attachment C** to this Working Paper.

2.9 There are **16 APAC States** [17 APAC States in 2025] with AGA EI Scores more than or equal to 75% as shown in the Table 4 below.

S. No.	State's USOAP EI in AGA Area (More than or equal to 75%)		
	Source: iSTARS 4.0, USOAP DATA TABLE (Date: 11 Apr 2026)		
	State	USOAP EI (In Per Cent)	Remarks
2	Australia	87.18	12-19/09/2023, Focus Audit
4	Bhutan	77.88	7-16/08/2018, ICVM
5	Brunei	80.17	17/02-01/03/2007, CMA Audit
7	China	94.53	16-30/04/2024, CMA Audit
9	DPR Korea	84.25	26/05-04/06/2008, CMA Audit
10	Fiji	76.15	27/08-04/09/2019, ICVM
11	India	92.68	09-16/11/2022, ICVM
13	Japan	92.17	14-23/06/2010, CMA Audit
17	Maldives	90.16	11-23/6/2025, CMA Audit
20	Mongolia	88.07	28/06-07/07/2010, CMA Audit
25	Pakistan	80	05-12/06/2024, ICVM
29	Rep. of Korea	98.25	13-22/05/2008, CMA Audit
31	Singapore	100.00	16-19/11/2021, Virtual ICVM
33	Sri Lanka	91.59	25/10-04/11/2010, CMA Audit
34	Thailand	84.62	27/8-8/9/2025, CMA Audit

S. No.	State's USOAP EI in AGA Area (More than or equal to 75%)		
	Source: iSTARS 4.0, USOAP DATA TABLE (Date: 11 Apr 2026)		
	State	USOAP EI (In Per Cent)	Remarks
39	Viet Nam	83.72	15-27/05/2024, CMA Audit

Table 4: State's with USOAP EI (more than or equal to 75%) in AGA Area

2.10 There are **8 APAC States** [4 APAC States in 2025] with AGA EI Scores more than 60% but less than 75% as shown in the Table 5 below.

S. No.	State's USOAP EI in AGA Area (More than 60% to less than 75%)		
	Source: iSTARS 4.0, USOAP DATA TABLE (Date: 11 April 2026)		
	State	USOAP EI (In Per Cent)	Remarks
3	Bangladesh	64.22	19-27/09/2017, ICVM
6	Cambodia	71.67	4-12/6/2025, ICVM
12	Indonesia	69.23	10-18/10/2017, ICVM
15	Lao PDR	74.77	21-27/04/2015, ICVM
21	Myanmar	62.83	100-21/12/2018, CMA Audit
23	Nepal	67.48	13-25/04/2022, CMA Audit
24	New Zealand	72.66	9-22/7/2025, CMA Audit
27	Papua New Guinea	74.19	9-16/4/2025, ICVM

Table 5: State's with USOAP EI (more than 60% but less than 75%) in AGA Area

2.11 There are **15 APAC States** [18 APAC States in 2025] with AGA EI Scores less than or equal to 60% as shown in the Table 6 below.

S. No.	State's USOAP EI in AGA Area (Less than or equal to 60%)		
	Source: iSTARS 4.0, USOAP DATA TABLE (Date: 11 April 2026)		
	State	USOAP EI (In Per Cent)	Remarks
1	Afghanistan	16.13	02-16/12/2019, Documentation-base Audit
8	Cook Islands		USOAP Activity not conducted in AGA Area
14	Kiribati		USOAP Activity not yet conducted

S. No.	State's USOAP EI in AGA Area (Less than or equal to 60%)		
	Source: iSTARS 4.0, USOAP DATA TABLE (Date: 11 April 2026)		
	State	USOAP EI (In Per Cent)	Remarks
16	Malaysia	47.90	29/09-30/10/2020, Off-site Validation Activity
18	Marshall Islands	9.26	25-28/05/2010, CMA Audit
19	Micronesia	0.93	13-17/12/2010, CMA Audit
22	Nauru	5.71	03-03/03/2008, CMA Audit
26	Palau	7.41	22-26/11/2010, CMA Audit
28	Philippines	45.37	30/05/08/06/2017, ICVM
30	Samoa	58.18	11-16/02/2010, CMA Audit
32	Solomon Islands	14.42	27/03/2014, Off-site Validation Activity
35	Timor Leste	23.58	07-10/12/2010, CMA Audit
36	Tonga	27.78	18-27/11/2019, ICVM
37	Tuvalu		USOAP Activity not yet conducted
38	Vanuatu	21.82	18-27/11/2019, ICVM

Table 6: State's with USOAP EI (less than or equal to 60%) in AGA Area

2.12 As per above analysis conducted by ICAO APAC Office, it was revealed that:

- 1) **15** APAC States have their EI in AGA area less than 60%;
- 2) **8** APAC States have their EI in AGA area more than 60% to less than 75%;
and
- 3) **16** APAC States have their EI in AGA area more than or equal to 75%

Therefore, **23 States** [22 States in 2025] with EI less than 75% would require more resources and efforts to enhance their EI by strengthening their safety oversight capabilities, particularly in addressing specific challenges based on critical elements and audit areas, as emphasized in the ICAO Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP) 2026-2028 (Doc 10004).

USOAP Findings in AGA area

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The most common findings in AGA area are related to:

- outdated primary aviation legislation [CE-1] not reflecting the current civil aviation situation or not establishing a civil aviation authority with the necessary human resources and vested with necessary powers, including for issuing, suspending or cancelling aerodrome certificates;
- the absence of specific operating regulations [CE-2] transposing into national standards from Annex 14 provisions and prescribing the conditions and criteria for the certification of aerodromes;
- the lack of dedicated entity within the CAA [CE-3] tasked with aerodrome regulation and certification, or when this entity exists, inadequate technical staff due to difficulties in attracting and retaining qualified personnel and/or of inadequate technical staff job descriptions not covering all the fields of expertise required for aerodrome certification and continuing surveillance;
- the lack of training programme taking account of technical staff training requirements [CE-4] and defining the various training activities required to access the various levels of aerodrome inspector functions;
- the lack of guidance material [CE-5] intended for aerodrome operators as well as for regulatory technical staff, including the lack of an approved process describing the various steps for the certification of an aerodrome and up-to-date ICAO documentation;
- the lack of an aerodrome inspector's handbook with methodology and procedures for initial audit and continuing surveillance, including checklists in the various disciplines [CE-5] to assist in the conduct of office review of aerodrome manuals and on-site aerodrome inspections;
- the lack of implementation of aerodrome certification and safety management requirements and publication of status of certification of aerodromes in the AIP [CE-6];
- the lack of policy and procedures for accepting non-compliance with established requirements, including risk assessment mechanism and notification procedures [CE-6];
- the lack of surveillance programme and plan for continuing surveillance of certified aerodromes [CE-7] and a methodology to address safety concerns identified during surveillance inspections, and enforcement procedures [CE-8].

State's Actions on USOAP CMA On-line Framework (OLF)

2.14

The following actions are required from States through USOAP CMA OLF:

- a) continuous update of the compliance checklist/EFOD and SAAQ;
- b) submission of the Corrective Action Plans (CAPs) on the USOAP CMA OLF, and inform the ICAO Regional Office when complete and ready for review; and
- c) implementation of the CAPs and complete the self-assessment of the PQs on the OLF, including uploading the evidence documents, to report the progress on the OLF, and inform the ICAO Regional Office when complete and ready for validation.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The Meeting is invited to note the information contained in this paper and:

- a) urge States/Administrations to take action in accordance with Paragraph 2.14;
- b) urge States with EI less than 75% to put more resources and efforts to improve their EI; and
- c) encourage States to approach respective COSCAPs, Pacific Aviation Safety Office (PASO) or ICAO APAC Office if State(s) require assistance in their preparation for USOAP CMA activity.

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ICAO UNIVERSAL SAFETY OVERSIGHT AUDIT PROGRAMME — ACTIVITY PLAN

1. The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) Activity Plan, published twice a year and posted on the USOAP Continuous Monitoring Approach (CMA) online framework (<https://www.icao.int/usoap>), lists the completed and planned CMA audits, ICAO Coordinated Validation Missions (ICVMs), off-site validation activities and workshops for the past and current year (see Attachments A and B for details). The activity plan published in January constitutes an update to the activity plan published in June of the previous year. The 2026 activity plan was first published on 30 June 2025 through Electronic Bulletin (EB) 2025/17.
2. States are selected for CMA audits and ICVMs based on various factors, including risk indicators, previous audit results, deferrals, the level of activities in the State and progress made by States in resolving identified deficiencies. ICAO also conducts ICVMs for States with a Significant Safety Concern (SSC), once sufficient information is received indicating that the SSC has been resolved.
3. To support the USOAP CMA objectives, States are strongly urged to accept the dates of a scheduled USOAP activity and to refrain from making deferral requests. Any such requests shall be subject to the provisions of Article 14 of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed with ICAO regarding the USOAP CMA and of Doc 9735 – *Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme Continuous Monitoring Manual*, Chapter 3, 3.5.4 – Postponement and Cancellation of USOAP CMA Activities.
4. Each year, ICAO also carries out a number of off-site validation activities (including integrated validation activities) for States which have satisfactorily addressed certain findings in the relevant audit areas.
5. In 2025, 15 CMA audits and 4 ICVMs were completed, along with 2 off-site validations.
6. For 2026, 21 USOAP CMA activities have been scheduled: 15 CMA audits (including 2 Documentation-based audits) and 6 ICVMs. States interested in receiving a CMA activity (either on-site or off-site), including on a cost-recovery¹ basis for on-site activities, are advised to contact the Deputy Director, Monitoring, Analysis and Coordination, Air Navigation Bureau by email at USOAPInbox@icao.int. Such requests will be considered based on various factors listed in paragraph 2 above, as well as available ICAO resources.
7. In 2025, 3 USOAP CMA workshops were conducted in two ICAO Regional Offices and a Member State. For 2026, 3 workshops have been tentatively scheduled.

Enclosures:

- A — Status of USOAP CMA Activities in 2025
- B — Planning status of USOAP CMA Activities in 2026

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¹ A cost-recovery USOAP CMA activity is paid for by the requesting State and can include audits, validations, etc. (Doc. 9735).

ATTACHMENT A to EB 2026/1

USOAP CMA Activities — Status for 2025

Note 1.— States and organizations are listed in alphabetical order and by region. Organizations come after States.

Note 2.— Dates for audits and ICVMs represent the on-site or virtual activity dates. For off-site validation activities, the dates represent the publication dates of the final reports.

Note 3.— Unless otherwise specified by the audit notification letter, the scope of the audits includes all audit areas.

Note 4.— The scope of validation activities is determined based on the level of progress made by the State in resolving the safety deficiencies identified during previous USOAP CMA activities.

State/Organization	Type of Activity	Dates	Status
Asia and Pacific (APAC) Region			
Cambodia	ICVM	4 to 12 Jun 2025	Completed
Maldives	Audit	11 to 23 Jun 2025	Completed
New Zealand	Audit	9 to 22 Jul 2025	Completed
Papua New Guinea	ICVM	9 to 16 Apr 2025	Completed
Philippines	Audit	12 to 24 Mar 2025	Postponed to 2026 ¹
Thailand	Audit	27 Aug to 8 Sep 2025	Completed
Eastern and Southern African (ESAF) Region			
Eritrea	Audit	16 to 28 Jul 2025	Postponed ¹
Lesotho	Audit	27 Aug to 8 Sep 2025	Postponed ¹
Mauritius	Audit	6 to 18 Aug 2025	Completed
South Africa	Off-site validation	Jun 2025	Completed
Uganda	ICVM	10 to 17 Dec 2025	Postponed ¹
United Republic of Tanzania	Off-site validation	Apr 2025	Completed
European and North Atlantic (EUR/NAT) Region			
Algeria	Audit	11 to 23 Feb 2025	Completed
France	Audit	19 Nov to 2 Dec 2025	Completed
Greece	Audit ²	10 to 19 Dec 2025	Completed
Malta	Audit	29 Oct to 10 Nov 2025	Completed
Netherlands	Audit	14 to 27 May 2025	Completed
European Union Aviation Safety Agency	Audit	17 Feb to 19 Mar 2025	Completed
Middle East (MID) Region			
Bahrain	Audit	2 to 14 Dec 2025	Postponed to 2026 ¹
Kuwait	Audit	4 to 16 Nov 2025	Completed
North American, Central American and Caribbean (NACC) Region			
Canada	ICVM	10 to 17 Dec 2025	Postponed to 2026 ¹
Costa Rica	Audit	22 Oct to 3 Nov 2025	Completed
El Salvador	Audit	16 to 28 Jul 2025	Completed
South American (SAM) Region			
Argentina	ICVM	22 to 29 Jan 2025	Completed

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State/Organization	Type of Activity	Dates	Status
Western and Central African (WACAF) Region			
Cameroon	Audit	2 to 14 Apr 2025	Postponed to 2026 ¹
Congo	Audit	15 to 27 Oct 2025	Completed
Senegal	Audit ¹	20 to 27 Oct 2025	Completed
	ICVM	29 to 31 Oct 2025	Completed

USOAP CMA Workshops — Status for 2025

Note.— Workshops are listed in chronological order.

Location	Region	Dates
Lima, Peru (regional)	SAM	9 to 11 Apr 2025
Bangkok, Thailand (regional)	APAC	11 to 13 Nov 2025
Manila, Philippines (cost-recovery)	APAC	17 to 19 Nov 2025

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USOAP CMA Activities — Planning Status for 2026

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Note 2.— The dates for audits and ICVMs represent the on-site activity dates and may be subject to last-minute change.

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State/Organization	Type of Activity	Dates
Asia and Pacific (APAC) Region		
Bangladesh	Audit	31 Mar to 13 Apr 2026 Postponed ¹
Brunei Darussalam	Audit	9 to 22 Sep 2026
Mongolia	Audit	22 Apr to 4 May 2026
Philippines	Audit	2 to 15 Sep 2026
Republic of Korea	Audit	2 to 15 Dec 2026
Eastern and Southern African (ESAF) Region		
Angola	ICVM ²	21 to 28 Oct 2026
Ethiopia	Audit	14 to 27 Oct 2026
United Republic of Tanzania	Audit	9 to 21 Apr 2026
South Africa	ICVM ²	24 to 29 Apr 2026
European and North Atlantic (EUR/NAT) Region		
Belarus	Audit	4 to 17 Feb 2026
Kyrgyzstan	ICVM	30 Sep to 7 Oct 2026
Luxembourg	Audit	3 to 15 Jun 2026
North Macedonia	Audit	11 to 24 Nov 2026
Tajikistan	Documentation-based audit (DBA)	28 Jan to 13 Feb 2026
Tunisia	Audit	17 to 29 Jun 2026 Postponed ¹
Middle East (MID) Region		
Bahrain	Audit	30 Jun to 13 Jul 2026 Postponed ¹
Egypt	Audit	5 to 17 May 2026
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	ICVM	11 to 18 May 2026
North American, Central American and Caribbean (NACC) Region		
Canada	ICVM	9 to 16 Dec 2026
Cuba	Audit	24 Jun to 6 Jul 2026
Trinidad and Tobago	Audit	4 to 17 Mar 2026 Postponed ¹
South American (SAM) Region		
Chile	Audit	28 Jan to 10 Feb 2026 Postponed ¹
Peru	Audit	14 to 27 Oct 2026

¹ Postponed at the request of the State.

² Planned on a cost-recovery basis at the request of the State.

State/Organization	Type of Activity	Dates
Western and Central African (WACAF) Region		
Cameroon	Audit	25 Nov to 8 Dec 2026
Nigeria	ICVM	15 to 22 Apr 2026
Sao Tome and Principe	Documentation-based audit (DBA)	6 to 20 Jul 2026

USOAP CMA Workshops – Planning Status for 2026

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Location	Region	Dates
Dubai, United Arab Emirates (cost-recovery)	MID	24 to 26 Mar 2026
Dakar, Senegal (regional)	WACAF	26 to 28 May 2026
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (regional)	NACC	TBD

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2. States are identified for CMA audits and ICVMs based on factors including the date of the last audit, risk indicators, previous audit results, deferrals of activities, the level of activities in the State and progress made by States in resolving identified deficiencies.
3. ICAO also conducts ICVMs for States with a Significant Safety Concern (SSC), once sufficient information is received indicating that the SSC has been resolved. Further, ICAO carries out off-site validation activities (including integrated validation activities) for States which have satisfactorily addressed certain findings in the relevant audit areas.
4. As of the end of June 2026, 4 CMA audits and 3 ICVMs were completed, along with 1 off-site validation. For the remainder of 2026, 10 CMA audits and 4 ICVMs are planned. For 2027, 25 USOAP CMA activities have been scheduled: 21 CMA audits and 4 ICVMs.
5. As recalled in Assembly Resolution A42-12: The Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) Continuous Monitoring Approach (CMA), clause 17, Member States are urged to cooperate with ICAO and accept activities planned by the USOAP CMA, without any changes, unless there are compelling reasons, in order to facilitate the efficient and cost-effective functioning of the audit programme (EB 2024/26 dated 31 December 2024 - Effects of cancellations and postponements on the activities of ICAO audit programmes, also refers). Any deferral requests from States would be subject to the provisions of Article 14 of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed with ICAO regarding the USOAP CMA, and of Doc 9735 Section 3.5.4 - Postponement and Cancellation of USOAP CMA Activities.
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USOAP CMA Activities — Status for 2026

Note 1.— States are listed in alphabetical order and by region.

Note 2.— Dates for audits and ICVMs represent the on-site or virtual activity dates. For off-site validation activities, the dates represent the publication dates of the final reports.

Note 3.— Unless otherwise specified in the audit notification letter to the States, the scope of the audits includes all audit areas.

Note 4.— The scope of validation activities is determined based on the level of progress made by the State in resolving the safety deficiencies identified during previous USOAP CMA activities.

State	Type of Activity	Dates	Status
Asia and Pacific (APAC) Region			
Bangladesh	Audit	31 Mar to 13 Apr 2026	Postponed ¹ to 2027
Bhutan	ICVM	4 to 7 May 2026	Completed
Brunei Darussalam	Audit	9 to 22 Sep 2026	
Mongolia	Audit	22 Apr to 4 May 2026	Completed
Philippines	Audit	2 to 15 Sep 2026	
Republic of Korea	Audit	2 to 15 Dec 2026	
Eastern and Southern African (ESAF) Region			
Angola	ICVM	21 to 28 Oct 2026	
Eritrea	Audit	30 Sep to 13 Oct 2026	
Ethiopia	Audit	14 to 27 Oct 2026	
South Africa	ICVM	24 to 29 Apr 2026	Completed
United Republic of Tanzania	Audit	9 to 21 Apr 2026	Postponed ¹ to 2027
European and North Atlantic (EUR/NAT) Region			
Belarus	Audit	4 to 17 Feb 2026	Completed
France	Audit ²	6 to 13 Jul 2026	
Kyrgyzstan	ICVM	30 Sep to 7 Oct 2026	
Luxembourg	Audit	3 to 15 Jun 2026	Completed
North Macedonia	Audit	11 to 24 Nov 2026	
Tajikistan	Documentation-based audit (DBA)	28 Jan to 13 Feb 2026	Completed
Tunisia	Audit	17 to 29 Jun 2026	Postponed ¹
Türkiye	Off-site validation	Jun 2026	Completed
	ICVM	16 to 22 Sep 2026	
Middle East (MID) Region			
Bahrain	Audit	30 Jun to 13 Jul 2026	Postponed ¹
Egypt	Audit	5 to 17 May 2026	Postponed ¹ to 2027
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	ICVM	11 to 18 May 2026	Postponed ³
North American, Central American and Caribbean (NACC) Region			
Canada	ICVM	9 to 16 Dec 2026	
Cuba	Audit	24 Jun to 6 Jul 2026	Postponed ³
Trinidad and Tobago	Audit	4 to 17 Mar 2026	Postponed ¹ to 2027

¹ Postponed at the request of the State.

² The scope of the audit includes only airworthiness (AIR) - design certification and production.

³ Postponed due to the security situation of the State.

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State	Type of Activity	Dates	Status
South American (SAM) Region			
Chile	Audit	14 to 27 Oct 2026	
Peru	Audit	14 to 27 Oct 2026	Postponed ¹ to 2027
Western and Central African (WACAF) Region			
Cameroon	Audit	25 Nov to 8 Dec 2026	
Nigeria	ICVM	15 to 22 Apr 2026	Completed
Sao Tome and Principe	Documentation-based audit (DBA)	6 to 20 Jul 2026	

USOAP CMA Workshops — Status for 2026

Note.— Workshops are listed in chronological order.

Location	Region	Dates
Dubai, United Arab Emirates (cost-recovery)	MID	Postponed ² to 2027
Dakar, Senegal (regional)	WACAF	2 to 4 June 2026
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (regional)	NACC	14 to 16 Sep 2026

¹ Postponed at the request of the State.

² Postponed due to the security situation of the State.

ATTACHMENT B to EB 2026/21

USOAP CMA Activities — Planning Status for 2027

Note 1.— States are listed in alphabetical order and by region.

Note 2.— The dates for audits and ICVMs represent the on-site activity dates and may be subject to last-minute change.

Note 3.— Unless otherwise specified in the audit notification letter to the States, the scope of the audits includes all the audit areas.

Note 4.— The scope of validation activities is determined based on the level of progress made by the State in resolving the safety deficiencies identified during previous USOAP CMA activities.

State	Type of Activity	Dates
Asia and Pacific (APAC) Region		
Bangladesh	Audit	19 Oct to 1 Nov 2027
Nepal	ICVM	5 to 12 May 2027
Sri Lanka	Audit	12 to 25 May 2027
Eastern and Southern African (ESAF) Region		
Malawi	Audit	16 to 29 Jun 2027
Mozambique	Audit	24 Nov to 7 Dec 2027
Rwanda	Audit	17 to 30 Nov 2027
Seychelles	Audit	25 Aug to 7 Sep 2027
United Republic of Tanzania	Audit	14 to 27 Apr 2027
European and North Atlantic (EUR/NAT) Region		
Iceland	Audit	27 Jan to 9 Feb 2027
Ireland	Audit	21 Apr to 4 May 2027
Kazakhstan	Audit	19 May to 1 Jun 2027
Lithuania	Audit	24 Feb to 9 Mar 2027
Malta	Audit ¹	28 Sep to 7 Oct 2027
Uzbekistan	ICVM	24 to 31 Mar 2027
Middle East (MID) Region		
Egypt	Audit	16 to 29 Mar 2027
Saudi Arabia	Audit	7 to 20 Sep 2027
North American, Central American and Caribbean (NACC) Region		
Belize	ICVM	27 Oct to 3 Nov 2027
Honduras	Audit	3 to 16 Feb 2027
Jamaica	Audit	26 May to 8 Jun 2027
Trinidad and Tobago	Audit	1 to 14 Dec 2027
South American (SAM) Region		
Guyana	ICVM	6 to 13 Oct 2027
Peru	Audit	10 to 23 Nov 2027
Western and Central African (WACAF) Region		
Chad	Audit	15 to 28 Sep 2027
Equatorial Guinea	Audit	1 to 14 Sep 2027
Guinea-Bissau	Audit	30 Jun to 13 Jul 2027

¹ The scope of the audit includes only personnel licensing and training (PEL).

USOAP CMA Workshops – Planning Status for 2027

Note. — Workshops are listed in chronological order.

Location	Region	Dates
Dubai, United Arab Emirates (cost-recovery)	MID	15 to 17 Feb 2027
Nairobi, Kenya (regional)	ESAF	23 to 25 Mar 2027
Lima, Peru (regional)	SAM	12 to 14 Oct 2027

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S. No.	State's USOAP EI in AGA Area			
	(Date: 11 April 2026)			
	Source: iSTARS 4.0, USOAP DATA TABLE			
	State	USOAP EI (In Per Cent)		Remark
1	Afghanistan	16.13	Less than or equal to 60%	02-16/12/2019, Documentation-base Audit
2	Australia	87.18	More than or equal to 75%	12-19/09/2023, Focus Audit
3	Bangladesh	64.22	More than 60% to less than 75%	19-27/09/2017, ICVM
4	Bhutan	77.88	More than or equal to 75%	7-16/08/2018, ICVM
5	Brunei	80.17	More than or equal to 75%	17/02-01/03/2007, CMA Audit
6	Cambodia	71.67	More than 60% to less than 75%	4-12/6/2025, ICVM
7	China	94.53	More than or equal to 75%	16-30/04/2024, CMA Audit
8	Cook Islands		Less than or equal to 60%	Nil AGA Activity
9	DPR Korea	84.25	More than or equal to 75%	26/05-04/06/2008, CMA Audit
10	Fiji	76.15	More than or equal to 75%	27/08-04/09/2019, ICVM
11	India	92.68	More than or equal to 75%	09-16/11/2022, ICVM
12	Indonesia	69.23	More than 60% to less than 75%	10-18/10/2017, ICVM
13	Japan	92.17	More than or equal to 75%	14-23/06/2010, CMA Audit
14	Kiribati		Less than or equal to 60%	Nil USOAP Activity
15	Lao PDR	74.77	More than 60% to less than 75%	21-27/04/2015, ICVM
16	Malaysia	47.90	Less than or equal to 60%	29/09-30/10/2020, Off-site Validation Activity
17	Maldives	90.16	More than or equal to 75%	11-23/6/2025, CMA Audit
18	Marshall Islands	9.26	Less than or equal to 60%	25-28/05/2010, CMA Audit
19	Micronesia	0.93	Less than or equal to 60%	13-17/12/2010, CMA Audit
20	Mongolia	88.07	More than or equal to 75%	28/06-07/07/2010, CMA Audit
21	Myanmar	62.83	More than 60% to less than 75%	100-21/12/2018, CMA Audit
22	Nauru	5.71	Less than or equal to 60%	03-03/03/2008, CMA Audit

S. No.	State's USOAP EI in AGA Area			
	(Date: 11 April 2026)			
	Source: iSTARS 4.0, USOAP DATA TABLE			
	State	USOAP EI (In Per Cent)		Remark
23	Nepal	67.48	More than 60% to less than 75%	13-25/04/2022, CMA Audit
24	New Zealand	72.66	More than 60% to less than 75%	9-22/7/2025, CMA Audit
25	Pakistan	80.00	More than or equal to 75%	05-12/06/2024, ICVM
26	Palau	7.41	Less than or equal to 60%	22-26/11/2010, CMA Audit
27	Papua New Guinea	74.19	More than 60% to less than 75%	9-16/4/2025, ICVM
28	Philippines	45.37	Less than or equal to 60%	30/05/08/06/2017, ICVM
29	Rep. of Korea	98.25	More than or equal to 75%	13-22/05/2008, CMA Audit
30	Samoa	58.18	Less than or equal to 60%	11-16/02/2010, CMA Audit
31	Singapore	100.00	More than or equal to 75%	16-19/11/2021 Virtual ICVM
32	Solomon Islands	14.42	Less than or equal to 60%	27/03/2014, Off-site Validation Activity
33	Sri Lanka	91.59	More than or equal to 75%	25/10-04/11/2010, CMA Audit
34	Thailand	84.62	More than or equal to 75%	27/8-8/9/2025, CMA Audit
35	Timor Leste	23.58	Less than or equal to 60%	07-10/12/2010, CMA Audit
36	Tonga	27.78	Less than or equal to 60%	18-27/11/2019, ICVM
37	Tuvalu		Less than or equal to 60%	Nil USOAP Activity
38	Vanuatu	21.82	Less than or equal to 60%	18-27/11/2019, ICVM
39	Viet Nam	83.72	More than or equal to 75%	15-27/05/2024, CMA Audit