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PROGRESS ON AIG INITIATIVES UNDER THE AP-RASP ORG ROADMAP

(Presented by the Secretariat on behalf of APAC-AIG)

SUMMARY

This paper reports 2026 progress on the AIG actions of the AP-RASP ORG Roadmap (SEI 2.2.1 and 2.5.1) under Regional Goal 2, as discussed at APAC-AIG/14 Meeting. The Meeting is invited to note the progress, to encourage States to participate in the activities and make use of the available assistance.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The ORG Roadmap of the AP-RASP 2026–2028 (First Edition, April 2026) assigns two actions under Regional Goal 2 (strengthening the safety oversight capabilities of APAC States) to APAC-AIG, in collaboration with the ICAO APAC RO, with a 2028 timeline: SEI 2.2.1 (regional AIG workshops and training courses) and SEI 2.5.1 (identification of the constraints on establishing an independent Accident Investigation Authority (AIA), and technical support to address them). This paper provides the 2026 update to APRAST.

1.2 The actions support two AP-RASP targets for 2028: to improve States' AIG effective implementation (EI) scores for qualified technical personnel (CE-4, Target 2.2), with no State below the baseline global average; and for at least 70 per cent of States/Administrations to establish an independent AIA (Target 2.4, numbered 2.5 in the ORG Roadmap).

1.3 As discussed in the APAC-AIG/14 Meeting organized between 7 – 9 October 2026 at ICAO APAC RO, 15 of the 41 States/Administrations (37 per cent) meet the baseline global average for CE-4/AIG (38.9 per cent), and 20 (49 per cent) have established an independent AIA, against a target of 29 (70 per cent). Both targets remain challenging, as they depend on legislative and institutional change and sustained capacity building, especially in the Pacific small island States.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 **SEI 2.2.1 – AIG workshops and training courses.** APAC-AIG Task Force 1 plans three training sessions between 2026 and 2027. In 2026, one virtual session and one regional workshop have been conducted (Table 1), and further sessions are planned for Q1 2027. APAC-AIG/14 also agreed that the ICAO APAC RO coordinate with the Pacific Liaison Office (PLO) to explore workshops for Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS) (APAC-AIG Decision 14/03), and issue a State Letter encouraging States to invite others to hands-on workshops (APAC-AIG Decision 14/05). During APAC-AIG/14, States/Administrations also presented capacity-building support provided to each other directly through the Investigation Cooperation Mechanism (ICM) and bilateral arrangements (Table 2).

Notably, such cooperation mechanism enabled Tonga, with ATSB's assistance, to publish its first ever Annex 13 investigation report.

Table 1 – APAC-AIG workshops and sessions, 2026–2027

No.	Activity	Date	Delivered by
1	ICAO APAC Regional Accident Investigation Workshop Session 1 (Virtual): *The Investigation Process*	17 June 2026	APAC-AIG Task Force 1: AAIB Malaysia, KNKT Indonesia, AIC Papua New Guinea
2	ICAO APAC Regional Accident Investigation Workshop Session 2 (Onsite, Bangkok): *Recorder readout and field investigation overview*	5–6 October 2026	APAC-AIG Task Force 1: TSIB Singapore, AAIB Malaysia, ATSB Australia, AIC Papua New Guinea
3	ICAO APAC Regional Accident Investigation Workshop Session 3 (Virtual): *Evidence preservation, safety recommendations and report writing (planned)*	Q1 2027	APAC-AIG Task Force 1: TBC

Table 2 – Peer-to-peer capacity building between States/Administrations

No.	Activity	Date	Provided by
1	Support to the Tonga Civil Aviation Office for its first Annex 13 investigation	From 15 December 2023 - 26 June 2025	ATSB Australia
2	On-the-job training for two Lao PDR investigators under the ICM	27 April–8 May 2026	KNKT Indonesia
3	Flight data analysis training for AAIC Thailand	7–10 July 2026	TSIB Singapore and AAIC Thailand
4	Aviation investigation training for Brunei Darussalam	10–13 August 2026	TSIB Singapore and MTIC Brunei Darussalam

2.2 **SEI 2.5.1 – Constraints on establishing an independent AIA.** APAC-AIG Task Force 7 surveyed States/Administrations on the establishment of independent AIA. The survey is now closed and its findings are guiding the training planned by Task Force 1. The break-out session at APAC-AIG/14 identified legislation, funding, political will, human resources and facilities, among others, as common constraints, and concluded that addressing them requires attention at a higher level. APAC-AIG/14 therefore agreed that Task Force 7 develop materials for the APAC-AIG to organize workshops or dialogue with the concerned ministries of States/Administrations at a higher level, to assist the establishment of independent AIAs in the APAC Region (APAC-AIG Decision 14/09).

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The Meeting is invited to:

a) note the progress reported on SEI 2.2.1 and SEI 2.5.1, including the challenge of achieving the AIG targets by 2028; and

b) encourage States/Administrations to nominate investigators to the training sessions, to share their experience as panellists or instructors, and to make use of the ICM and bilateral cooperation for investigation capacity building.

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