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Agenda Item 5: Presentations – State / Industry / ICAO

PROGRESS ON AGA INITIATIVES UNDER THE AP-RASP ORG ROADMAP

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper reports 2026 progress on the AGA actions of the AP-RASP ORG Roadmap (SEI 2.3.1, 2.3.2 and 2.4.1) under Regional Goal 2. The Meeting is invited to note the progress and 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 three actions under Regional Goal 2 (strengthening the safety oversight capabilities of APAC States) to the ICAO APAC RO, via AGA Section, with a 2028 timeline. Progress is to be reported annually to RASG-APAC or to an APRAST meeting. This paper provides the 2026 report.

1.2 The actions support the AP-RASP targets for 2028 to improve States' AGA effective implementation (EI) scores for qualified technical personnel (CE-4, Target 2.2) and the resolution of safety issues (CE-8, Target 2.3), with no State below the baseline global average.

1.3 Based on USOAP CMA data as at October 2026, 18 of the 41 States/Administrations have an EI score at or above the baseline global average for CE-4/AGA (57.8 per cent) and 14 for CE-8/AGA (52.1 per cent). Three States have not been audited in CE-4/AGA and four in CE-8/AGA.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 **SEI 2.3.1 – AGA workshops and training courses.** The action is to conduct workshops and training courses in AGA, focused on the identified areas of concern. In 2026, one workshop and five training courses have been conducted (Table 1), including two PSIDS courses and one workshop delivered in coordination with the PSIDS Liaison Office (PLO). An aerodrome certification course is scheduled for November and December, and a workshop on the resolution of safety concerns (CE-8) is planned for the first quarter of 2027.

Table 1 – AGA workshops and training courses, 2026 - 2027

No.	Activity	Type	Date	Venue
1	ICAO Obstacle Limitation Surface (OLS) Training	Training course	12–16 January 2026	Bangkok, Thailand
2	ACI-ICAO Implementing Annex 14: Advanced Aerodrome Design and Operations Training for PSIDS	Training course	16–20 March 2026	Nadi, Fiji
3	ICAO Aerodrome Pavement Workshop	Workshop	20–22 May 2026	Nadi, Fiji
4	ICAO Obstacle Limitation Surface (OLS) Training	Training course	20–24 July 2026	Bangkok, Thailand
5	Aerodrome Safety Management Incorporating PANS-Aerodromes Training for PSIDS	Training course	17–21 August 2026	Virtual
6	COSCAP-SEA Oversight of Aerodrome Ground Lights	Training course	28 September–2 October 2026	Bangkok, Thailand
7	Integrated Wildlife Hazard Management – A Risk-Based Approach (organised by COSCAP-SEA and World Birdstrike Association)	Workshop	2–6 November 2026	Jakarta, Indonesia
8	ACI-ICAO Aerodrome Certification	Training course	30 November–4 December 2026	Bangkok, Thailand
9	Resolution of Safety Concerns (CE-8) in AGA	Workshop	Q1 2027 (Planned)	To be determined

2.2 **SEI 2.3.2 – Aerodrome Assistance Go-Team missions.** No Aerodrome Assistance Go-Team mission is planned for 2026. During the AP-AA/WG/8, AP-WHM/WG/8 and AOP/SG/10 meetings, States requiring assistance in preparing for USOAP CMA activities, or requiring any other technical assistance, were encouraged to seek support from COSCAPs, PASO or the ICAO APAC Office through Aerodrome Assistance Go-Team missions or Technical Assistance Missions on a cost-recovery basis.

2.3 **SEI 2.4.1 – AGA Regional Guidance.** AP-AA/WG/8 agreed to form a Small Working Group (SWG) of subject matter experts from India (lead), supported by Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and ACI, to develop Regional Guidance on the coordination mechanism among the aviation authority, the land use authority and the environmental authority (AP-AA/WG Task List 8/1). The target completion date is 2028. This is an additional effort to the CE-8 workshop in Table 1, which supports the resolution of safety concerns in AGA area.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The Meeting is invited to:

a) note the progress reported on SEI 2.3.1, SEI 2.3.2 and SEI 2.4.1; and

b) encourage States to participate in future AGA workshops and training courses and to make use of Aerodrome Assistance Go-Team missions for technical assistance.

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