

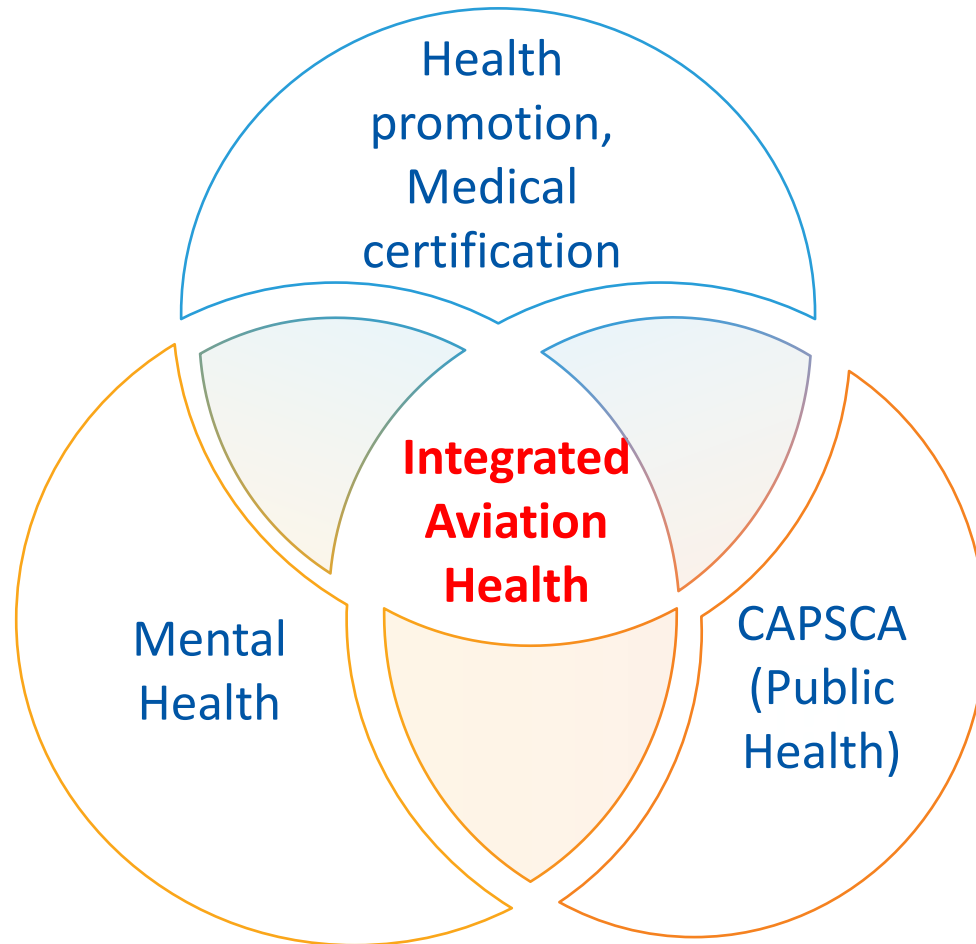


ICAO - WHO Collaboration

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— Aviation Health Management in ICAO



WHO-ICAO Memorandum of Understanding (2022)

- **A framework of cooperation and understanding:**
 - Provide evidence-informed & risk-based advice
 - Joint advocacy and risk communication on international travel in public health emergencies.
 - Share information and tools
- **Joint workplan** to facilitate and monitor MoU implementation
- **Quarterly** coordination meeting



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WHO - ICAO Collaboration Activities

- **Annual** workplan **update** (with the input of regional WHO and ICAO offices)
- **Participation of ICAO** in:
 - WHO Emergency meetings and committees
 - WHO JEE
 - Technical meetings and webinars

WHO - ICAO Collaboration Activities

- **Participation of WHO** in:
 - CAPSCA Technical Assistance Visits
 - Panel meetings and webinars in ICAO.
- Inform about IHR amendments and ICAO SARPs
- Provide **outbreak updates** (Ebola, hantavirus), in the global and regional meetings and webinars

WHO - ICAO Collaboration Activities (Examples)

- Technical consultation between WHO and ICAO for technical guidance (e.g. **digitalisation of health documents**).
- Development and promotion of aviation-specific guidance material (**aircraft disinfection and disinsection procedures**)
- **Joint-Statements (COVID-19)**.

Ebola Outbreak – ICAO Activities

- A new Ebola 2026 repository website <https://www.icao.int/capsca>

ICAO References:

- CAPSCA guidance for the New Ebola outbreak (20 May 2026)
- International air services remain safe amid Ebola outbreak, ICAO News Release (25 May 2026)
- ICAO State Letter 26/48: Public Health Emergency of International Concern – Ebola disease caused by Bundibugyo virus (1 June 2026)
- Summary of key public health and social measures for managing BVD outbreak in Aviation (5 June 2026)

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 - WHO References
 - CDC references
 - ECDC references
 - Africa CDC references
 - IATA References

Ebola Outbreak – ICAO Activities

Outbreak updates and discussions on CAPSCA global meetings:

- Tabletop and Simulation Exercises (outcomes of Ebola Simulation Exercise Geneva) - Switzerland.
- Contact tracing procedures and operations (challenges, recommendations, legal frameworks and possible solutions – passenger data) – ICAO FAL, CDC and EASA.
- WHO update – WHO HQ.
- Updates on WHO Emergency Meetings/Committees.

— World Health Assembly WHO Health Emergencies Programme

Recommendations to WHO

- Ensure that essential emergency capacities are preserved
- Speak out against attacks on healthcare & violations of international regulations
- leverage the full extent of its partners' capacities and resources
- establishing clearer expectations & stronger accountability mechanisms

— World Health Assembly WHO Health Emergencies Programme

- Together with UN agencies, Member States and relevant partners:
 - streamline country-level coordination
 - identify areas to rationalize resources within the cluster coordination mechanism

Feedback on World Health Assembly Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)

- Entered into force on 19 September 2025
- Globally, in 2025 assessed & triaged > 4 million raw signals on potential PHE
- Assessed 472 PHE with potential international public health implications - 396 substantiated
- States Parties Self-Assessment Annual Reporting tool (SPAR) submitted electronically by 97% of States

Feedback on World Health Assembly Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)

- Policy & technical support to strengthen core capacities for border health preparedness & response at POE
- Latest available evidence and expert guidance on the effectiveness and impact of travel measures
- Work closely with key partners in the travel and transport sector, such as ICAO and IMO, to promote alignment of their legal frameworks with the 2024 amendments to the IHR.

Feedback on World Health Assembly

Strengthening health emergency prevention, preparedness, response & resilience

- Landscape evolving rapidly - crises becoming more frequent and complex
- Built on lessons learned through the HEPR framework (Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness, Response and Resilience)
- Strengthening health emergency preparedness for disasters resulting from natural hazards
- Epidemic Intelligence from Open Sources initiative - strengthen global public health surveillance and intelligence

Feedback on World Health Assembly

Strengthening health emergency prevention, preparedness, response and resilience

- Coordinate with international travel, transport and migration partners to align health emergency policies, strategies and guidance with amendments to the IHR
 - strengthened global health emergencies governance
 - protection of essential workers
- A global mapping exercise
 - identified guidance gaps and priorities
 - development of operational guidance on risk-informed governance

Thank You

