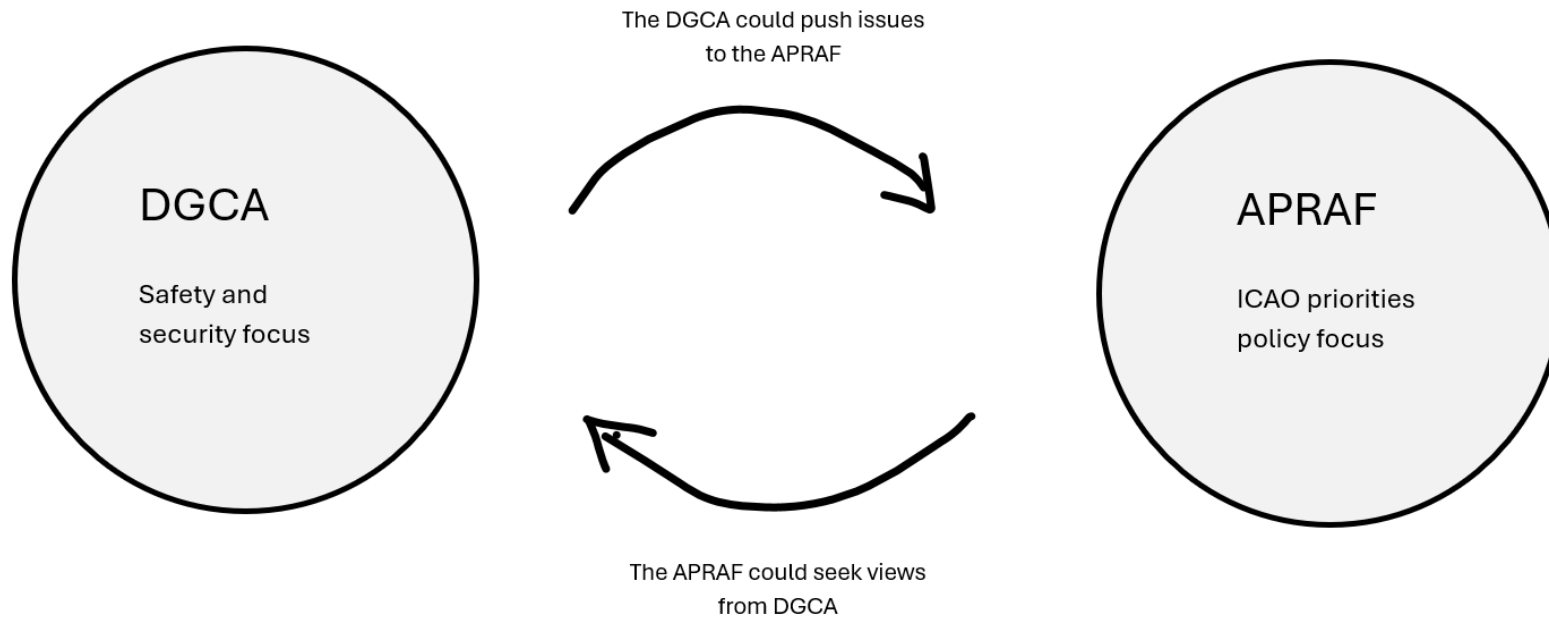


## Principles

To differentiate between the existing DGCA mechanism and consideration of establishing a dedicated forum, two sets of underpinning principles have been developed. These principles set the scope of each mechanism and provide a guideline for the work that the RCMTF needs to complete.



DGCA principles (to develop ToR upon)	Forum principles (to develop ToR upon)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ICAO facilitates and enables</li> <li>- Focus on ICAO global plans for safety/security in the APAC region, and any other relevant matter the DGCA deems a priority.</li> <li>- Increase safety and security outcomes for APAC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- State led, enabled and facilitated</li> <li>- Focus is on ICAO priorities beyond safety and security (economic regulation, facilitation etc) but can include traditional safety and security areas if forum is most appropriate mechanism.</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Capability/capacity building</li> <li>- Aviation growth</li> <li>- Cooperation to improve safety and security outcomes</li> <li>- NAA's primarily</li> <li>- Includes non-state orgs as participants</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Adheres to ICAO/UN 'conventions' on geopolitical issues</li> <li>- Countries with 'aligned' or similar views developing a joint position to represent to ICAO</li> <li>- State policy agencies primarily</li> <li>- Non-state inclusion by invitation to observe</li> </ul>
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### RCMTF Work Plan 2026

Working group	Task/deliverable	Lead	Members
Group 1:  DGCA enhancements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finalise TOR based on feedback/discussion at 60/DGCA – a final TOR for endorsement by States will be required at 61/DGCA in 2026.</li> <li>• Work with ICAO regional office/DGCA secretariat to formalise the establishment of the small team to assist with the administration of the DGCA conference. The intent of this team is set out in the 59/DGCA report back paper</li> </ul>	Singapore	RoK United States China Japan Thailand Malaysia Bangladesh Hong Kong China Australia NZ
Group 2:  Possible Regional Aviation Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a ToR detailing the value, practicality, scope and objectives of a possible Regional Aviation Forum for consideration by 61/DGCA.</li> <li>• Finalise document that outlines the proposed operational approach for a Forum to be considered alongside the ToR at 61/DGCA (most of this work can be found in the report back paper that was presented at 60/DGCA) – link below.</li> </ul>	Australia	Singapore RoK China Japan Thailand Malaysia Hong Kong China India Sri Lanka NZ

<p>Group 3:</p> <p>Consideration of the future of RCMTF</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The report back paper to 60/DGCA proposed that the RCM TF transitions to becoming a permanent body focused solely on collaboration and regional collaboration.</li> <li>• The scope of this body needs to be defined, so that a clear purpose and objectives are identified, and the risk of becoming a ‘catch-all’ for all types of work can be avoided. The RCM TF proposed to define this scope and provide a final proposal to 61/DGCA for consideration.</li> <li>• This workstream would consider the status quo, something different, or whether the task force is wound up.</li> </ul>	<p>New Zealand</p>	<p>Singapore RoK China Thailand Malaysia Hong Kong China Australia</p>
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**Key dates and deadlines:**

Date	Deadline/event	Who
3 Dec 2025	RCMTF/18 (virtual) Working groups established and leads identified	All
9 Jan 2026	Work plan revised following RCMTF/18 and distributed to TF for comment	NZ
<p>26 Jan 2026 or 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026</p> <p>(date to be confirmed)</p>	<p>RCMTF/19 – quick one hour meeting</p> <p>Principles/work plan finalised and agreed to</p>	All
30 March 2026	Final drafts from each working group provided to APRO for distribution ahead of RCMTF/19	Singapore, Australia, NZ, APRO
<p>Week of 13 April</p> <p>(TBC)</p>	<p>RCMTF/20 (in-person) – location TBD (possible Wellington)</p> <p>Working group papers discussed and refined</p>	All

20 April 2026 – 18 June 2026	Revision period for working groups	All
19 June 2026	Final working group papers <b>due</b> to New Zealand for consolidation into DGCA report back	Singapore, Australia, NZ
19 June 2026 – 21 July 2026	Report back paper drafted	NZ to hold pen, possible volunteer for support needed.
21 July	Report back paper circulated to RCMTF for review	NZ/APRO
27 July 2026 (TBC)	RCMTF/20 - virtual  RCMTF endorsement of final report back paper (comments can come in until 4 August)	All
4 – 7 August 2026	Final revisions to DGCA paper made	NZ
7 August 2026	DGCA paper submitted	NZ
Week of 14 Aug	DGCA paper published to give States as big of a lead in time as possible.	ICAO/DGCA secretariat
7 – 11 September 2026	61/DGCA	All

**Resources:**

60/DGCA report back paper: [60-DP-09-05 RCMTF REPORT BACK ON ACTION ITEMS FROM DGCA59.pdf](#)

60/DGCA action items: [DGCA/60 - Action Items](#)