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**Subject:** Workshop on Enhancing Airworthiness  
Information Management and Safety Investigation  
Practices (Bangkok, Thailand, 12-13 May 2026)

**Action Required:** Reply by 20 April 2026

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to invite representatives from your Civil Aviation Authority to participate in the final of three Workshops on System Component Failures (SCF). Organized by the Flight Safety Foundation's Asia Pacific Centre for Aviation Safety (AP-CAS) in partnership with the ICAO APAC Regional Office, the event will be held from 12 to 13 May 2026 (0900 to 1700 GMT+7) at the ICAO Asia and Pacific Regional Office, with an option for virtual attendance. While hybrid, the Workshop is designed to optimize in-person engagement to improve use of the Airworthiness Information Network (AIN) and strengthen the information loop between Type Certificate holders, Air Operator Certificate (AOC) holders, and the States of Design and Registry within the continuing airworthiness lifecycle.

AP-CAS conducted an Airworthiness Needs Analysis Study on System Component Failures – Non-Powerplant (SCF-NP) and Powerplant (SCF-PP) in the Asia Pacific Region. Based on accident and serious incident data from 2017 to 2023, the study found that SCF-NP accounted for 14 per cent of all non-fatal occurrences, most commonly involving cabin pressurization, hydraulic, landing gear, and electrical systems, while SCF-PP events were primarily related to turbine blade and other engine component failures. The study results were presented to APRAST/23 and DGCA/60, both of which recognized the need to strengthen airworthiness oversight through capacity-building and information sharing (reference: APRAST Decision 23/3 and DGCA Action Item 60/10). Subsequently, during the APRAST/24 Meeting, AP-CAS presented Working Paper WP/14, informing the Meeting of the three upcoming workshops. You may refer to the website for APRAST/24 to review this paper.

The overall objective is to deliver a two-day hybrid workshop for regulatory inspectorate staff and industry personnel to enhance regional understanding and utilization of the Airworthiness Information Network (AIN) for effective airworthiness information sharing. The workshop will also strengthen the capability of regulatory authorities, AOCs, and Approved Maintenance Organizations (AMOs) to perform effective root cause analysis during fault defect reporting, service difficulty reporting, and incident investigations and embed structured safety investigation practices within the existing Safety

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Management Systems (SMS) of operators and maintenance organizations. This knowledge will improve the accuracy and effectiveness of causal and contributing factor identification during safety investigations to proactively mitigate future risks.

The workshop will include scenario-based learning, enabling participants to apply regulatory and operational knowledge in realistic oversight and industry scenarios. Your participation will contribute to an increased and more consistent utilization of the AIN system across APAC States, improving the reliability and timeliness of continuing airworthiness information exchange.

You are invited to nominate airworthiness and flight operations safety experts from your Authority to attend this workshop and to contribute their experience to the discussion. Even though a virtual option is being offered, we encourage States to send at least one inspector onsite to optimize the opportunity for knowledge sharing.

I encourage you to participate in this Workshop from 12 to 13 May 2026. Registration is available online at: [https://flightsafety.swoogo.com/05\\_12\\_2026\\_EnhancingAirworthiness\\_Workshop/register](https://flightsafety.swoogo.com/05_12_2026_EnhancingAirworthiness_Workshop/register). Once your nominated experts have registered for the workshop, they will be able to download the agenda from the registration website. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the ICAO Asia and Pacific Regional Office ([apac@icao.int](mailto:apac@icao.int)) or the Flight Safety Foundation through Mr. Mitchell Fox ([mfox@flightsafety.org](mailto:mfox@flightsafety.org)) or Mr. Henry Gourdjih ([Gourdjih@flightsafety.org](mailto:Gourdjih@flightsafety.org)).

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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