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Agenda Item 4: Implementation of safety and air navigation goals, targets and indicators, including priorities set in the Regional Aviation Safety and Air Navigation Plans

4.9. Other aviation safety and air navigation initiatives

Regional collaboration between RSOOs and States to improve aviation safety oversight

(Presented by ASSA-AC)

SUMMARY
This information paper presents the initiatives undertaken by the Central African Aviation Safety Oversight Agency (ASSA-AC) to strengthen collaboration between Regional Safety Oversight Organizations (RSOOs) and member States in order to improve safety oversight in the region. Action by the Meeting is at **paragraph 3.**

REFRENCE(S)	- Doc 10004, Global Aviation Safety Plan - Doc 10161, Global Aviation Safety Roadmap - Doc 9734, Safety Oversight Manual: o Part A — The Establishment and Management of a State Safety Oversight System o Part B — The Establishment and Management of a Regional Safety Oversight Organization - Revised Abuja Safety Targets, 2024; - ASSA-AC Strategic Plan 2026–2028
Objectifs stratégiques	A. Every Flight is Safe and Secure; C. Aviation Delivers Seamless, Accessible and Reliable Mobility for All; D. No Country is Left Behind.

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP, Doc 10004) sets out strategic goals to enable States to achieve compliance with ICAO safety-related Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) and to improve their level of compliance by proactively enhancing safety through the management of organizational challenges, operational safety risks and emerging issues.

1.2 Achieving these goals to ensure aviation safety in member States falls within the responsibilities of the Directors responsible for aviation safety.

1.3 In accordance with the Global Aviation Safety Roadmap (Doc 10161), Regional Safety Oversight Organizations (RSOOs) are called upon to support States in implementing safety enhancement initiatives (SEIs).

1.4 Furthermore, Goal 4 of the GASP and Goal 4 of the Revised Abuja Safety Targets, 2024, encourage States to increase collaboration at the regional level to strengthen their safety oversight capabilities. The stakeholders include AFCAC, RSOOs, RAIOs, ICAO and States.

1.5 Accordingly, mindful of the GASP goals and the Revised Abuja Safety Targets, the Central African Aviation Safety Oversight Agency (ASSA-AC) organized a meeting of officials responsible for safety within civil aviation authorities as part of its Strategic Plan 2026–2028. The meeting was held in Brazzaville, Congo, from 10 to 14 August 2026.

1.6 This meeting was organized in collaboration with the African and Malagasy Civil Aviation Authorities (AAMAC) and the Western and Central African (WACAF) Regional Office of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). The following authorities from member States participated:

- Cameroon Civil Aviation Authority (CCAA);
- National Civil Aviation Authority of the Central African Republic (ANAC-Centrafrique);
- National Civil Aviation Agency of Congo (ANAC-Congo);
- National Civil Aviation Agency of Gabon (ANAC-Gabon);
- Aeronautical Authority of Equatorial Guinea (AAGE);
- Civil Aviation Authority of Chad (ADAC);
- Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau of Congo (BEA Congo).

1.7 The meeting provided an opportunity to:

- explore ways to strengthen aviation safety oversight in the subregion;
- share the experience of officials responsible for aviation safety within civil aviation authorities; and
- discuss a strategy for pooling the expertise required for aviation safety oversight.

1.8 At the conclusion of this first meeting of Directors responsible for Aviation Safety (DSAs), a roadmap was developed to translate the adopted recommendations and decisions into concrete actions and ensure their follow-up over time. The roadmap aims to strengthen coordination among member States, ASSA-AC, AAMAC and ICAO, while promoting the harmonization of practices and the continuous improvement of aviation safety oversight in the subregion.

2 DISCUSSION

2.1 The achievement by our States of the strategic goals of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), as set out in the Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP, Doc 10004), falls primarily within the responsibilities of the Directors responsible for Aviation Safety.

2.2 The organizational structure of each CAA defines the oversight areas assigned to each Directorate in accordance with the guidance provided in Doc 9734, Part A.

2.3 Accordingly, the meeting of Directors responsible for Safety covered all oversight areas, namely PEL, OPS, AIR, AIG, ANS, AGA and SSP.

2.4 The central theme of the meeting was communicated to member States, which prepared presentations that were reviewed and approved by the Organizing Committee prior to the workshop.

2.5 Some States attended with delegations comprising at least two Directors, depending on the organizational structure of their CAAs. All States delivered presentations, followed by constructive and well-moderated discussions.

2.6 The meeting featured twenty (20) presentations focusing on the difficulties faced by CAAs, lessons learned by States following USOAP-CMA audits, new technologies (safety oversight tools), emerging challenges in aviation safety oversight, and other related topics.

2.7 The first meeting of officials responsible for Safety in the CEMAC region benefited from presentations by two CAA Directors General: Ms Paule Avomo Assoumou Koki, Director General of the Cameroon Civil Aviation Authority (CCAA), and Mr Brahim Guihini Dadi, Director General of the Civil Aviation Authority of Chad (ADAC).

2.8 The roadmap developed during the meeting identified the main areas of intervention, the concrete actions to be undertaken and the stakeholders responsible for implementation (see Appendix).

2.9 The next meeting is scheduled for the second half of 2027 in N'Djamena, Chad.

3 ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

(a) note the information provided in this paper;
(b) encourage ASSA-AC to continue this initiative;
(c) invite other RSOOs to draw on this initiative; and
(d) request the support of ICAO and AFCAC in organizing these meetings of officials responsible for aviation safety.