Terms of reference of the SMO Sub-Group

Mandate

The SMO/SG is established and mandated by AASPG to support the implementation of ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) and carry out specific activities aimed to enable AASPG to discharge its functions and responsibilities in Safety management and Safety oversight.

Key Functions

To carry out its functions, the Sub-Group shall, as guided by AASPG:

a) Foster the implementation by States of the Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP, Doc 10004), taking into account aspects of Global Aviation Security Plan (GASeP) by ensuring effective coordination and cooperation between all States; and
b) Carry out implementation projects related to the areas of Safety management and Safety oversight, on the basis of the Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP) and the Global Aviation Safety Roadmap (GASR) and as guided by the Regional performance objectives, to support States in the implementation of SARPs and regional requirements;
c) Take necessary action to enable coherent building of States aviation systems in the AFI Region, to support the objective of achieving seamlessness in the air navigation system, interoperability and harmonization within the Region and with other Regions;
d) Conduct follow-up to GASP/GASR AFI-RASP related activities as required;
e) Collect and analyse, safety data and information on in the region; propose initiatives to enhance safety; report on progress and challenges beyond the capacity of the sub-group.

Tasks

a) Coordinate and conduct meetings of the SMO Sub-Group;
b) Oversee performance of Projects Teams under the SMO Sub-Group and provide guidance;
c) Coordinate the development and implementation of safety risk mitigation action plans by States, taking into consideration States' level of effective implementation of the critical elements of safety oversight systems and progress being made to improve the level;
d) Analyse safety information and hazards to civil aviation at the regional level and review the action plans developed within the region to address identified hazards;
e) Monitor and report, using a data driven approach, the region's main aviation safety risks, and determine regional priorities and associated work programme based on the GASP;

f) Monitor, report on the AFI-RASP implementation and propose actions for its improvement based on the region identified priorities

~~g) Analyse safety information and hazards to civil aviation at the regional level and review the action plans developed within the region to address identified hazards;~~

h) Identify and report on regional and emerging safety challenges experienced that affect implementation of ICAO global provisions by States and measures undertaken or recommended to effectively address them;

i) Facilitate the development and implementation of regional and national aviation safety plans (NASPs) by States;

j) Support States, Regional Organisations on the implementation of Safety enhancement initiatives to address the identified safety challenges;

k) Coordinate with the IIM/SG and AAO/SG on safety aspects of the air navigation system in the region; and

l) Carry out comprehensive reviews and updates of all Conclusions and Decisions within the framework of AASPG that are applicable to the SMO Sub-Group in order to ensure continued relevance of the Conclusions and Decisions.

Working Methods

a) The Sub-Group shall convene at least once a year taking into consideration the schedule of other AASPG activities. It shall make use of available means of electronic communication including teleconferencing to prepare and progress its work in between meetings and keep its members up to date on issues of concern, as well as to discuss specific issues.

b) Taking into consideration that the SG will be representing the interests of the Region, and that not all AASPG member States will necessarily be represented in an SG, the participating State officials shall be expected to work more as experts in their respective fields, as opposed to delegates attending only in the interests of their States. The SG shall, while exercising due professional care and without prejudice to States sovereignty and integrity, work with minimum formality to facilitate effective delivery.

Composition

The SMO -SG shall be composed of officials possessing the qualifications and experience in at least one of the aviation technical areas in the Sub-Group concerned. In order to facilitate focus,

continuity and appropriate expertise, States and international organizations identified by AASPG will nominate specific officials to the Sub-Groups, providing information on nominee's qualifications and experience (i.e., CV), to enable the respective Sub-Groups to optimally take advantage of the expertise availed to them.