

Outcomes

ACAO ICAO EUR/NAT
SAR Workshop
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Overview

- **ACAO ICAO EUR/NAT SAR WS**
 - 37 States 8 Organizations
 - 3 Agenda items and 2 exercises



Introduction

- The SAR WS brings together representatives from ACAO and ICAO EUR/NAT States, Rescue Coordination Centres (RCCs), and SAR stakeholders.
- Believe in the **role** of Regional Aviation Organization (ACAO, ECAC, AFCAC, LACAC) in strengthening the **harmonization** and consistency between ICAO regions and particularly **across States around ICAO region borders**.
- The workshop aimed to reinforce regional collaboration and enhance the effectiveness of SAR services.

Regional SAR Coordination

Participants emphasized the importance of stronger cross-border cooperation to address operational challenges in joint SAR missions. Key issues discussed included:

- **Enhancing communication** channels between Aeronautical RCCs (ARCCs), Maritime RCCs (MRCCs), including military units.
- Improving access to real-time flight and maritime tracking information.
- Promoting bilateral and multilateral SAR agreements to facilitate rapid deployment and information exchange, including effective agreements **which do not require diplomatic clearance**.
- Locking forward to **certification of SAR service providers** as best practices on regulatory oversight.

SAR Training

The workshop underlined the critical role of training in ensuring effective SAR response. Key takeaways included:

- investing in personnel skills remains essential to maintaining operational readiness and safety.
- The need for **standardized training** material across the regions.
- The need for more structured training on **SAR oversight** tackling the regulator duties on that matter.
- The availability of certain structured SAR training on regional basis.

SAREX

SAREX activities were recognized as vital for testing SAR coordination and procedures in real-world conditions. Discussions highlighted:

- The importance of regular, structured, and **well-documented SAREX** events involving multiple States.
- Importance to include maritime authorities, air defense units, and emergency services to improve interagency cooperation.
- The requirement for **systematic debriefings to capture lessons learned** and feed them back into regional guidance.

Conclusion

- The workshop reaffirmed the strong commitment of ACAO and EUR/NAT States to improve SAR services through **enhanced cooperation, training modernization**, and **realistic exercises**.
- ICAO and ACAO will **continue supporting** States ensuring that SAR capabilities remain robust, coordinated, and prepared to save lives.

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