



ICAO/EASA 3rd Global RSOO/RAIO Forum for Aviation Safety 29 – 30 September, Georgetown, Guyana

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

DAY 1 – Tuesday, 29 September 2026	
TIME	
08:00-09:00	Registration
09:00-10:15	Opening speech and Cultural Activity Michele Merkle, Director, Air Navigation Bureau, ICAO
10:15-11:00	Coffee Break and Group Photo
11:00-12:30	SESSION 1: Benefits of Regional Cooperation This panel explores how regional cooperation enhances safety, security and accident investigation, drawing on insights and examples from regional organizations and their member States. MODERATOR: Christopher Barks , Regional Director, North American, Central American and Caribbean Regional Office, ICAO Lt. Col. Retired Egbert Field, Director General, Guyana and Chairman, Caribbean Aviation Safety and Security Oversight System (CASSOS) Elvin Lacayo, AIG Specialist, Regional Office for the Investigation of Aviation Accidents and Incidents (GRIAA) Musayeroh Barrie, Director General, Sierra Leone Civil Aviation Authority (SLCAA), Sierra Leone Fiona Hau, Head of Aviation Safety, ASIS Division, Department for Transport, United Kingdom
12:30-14:00	LUNCH
14:00-15:30	SESSION 2: Key RSOO/RAIOs developments This session will provide updates on key developments supporting regional cooperation including revisions on ICAO Doc 9734 B and the RSOO and RAIO Assessment Programme (RRAP). MODERATOR: Serkan Simitcioglu , Deputy Director, Monitoring, Oversight and Coordination (MOC), ICAO Dawn Flanagan, Chief, Regional Safety Cooperation Unit (RSCU), ICAO Paul Lukanga, Director Technical, East African Community, Civil Aviation Safety and Security Oversight Agency (CASSOA) Capt. Khalifa Yousif Aljazi, Senior Manager, Air Accident Investigation, UAE

15:30-16:00	COFFEE BREAK
16:00-17:30	SESSION 3: Delegation of tasks and functions This session will focus on the delegation of tasks and functions and provide practical examples on how States can properly delegate safety and investigative functions to RSOOs and RAIOS. MODERATOR: Cary Price, Director General, Civil Aviation, Trinidad and Tobago Civil Aviation Authority (TTCAA) • Wimen Fong Leung, Aviation Security Supervisor, Ministry of Public Works and Transport, Costa Rica • Vinolia Salesi, Director of Civil Aviation, Ministry of Infrastructure, Tonga • Lorenzo Pellegrini, Section Manager, North America, Europe and Middle East, European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) • Mary Tufano Eche, Director Legal Services, NCAA Nigeria

DAY 2 – Wednesday, 30 September 2026

TIME	
09:00-09:05	OPENING
09:05-10:45	SESSION 4: Dialogue on attracting and retaining an inclusive and equitable workforce This interactive dialogue and panel will discuss systemic obstacles, such as high costs, limited capacity, and geographic disparities, inter alia, that hinder attracting or retaining human resources. The panel will showcase possible solutions and suggest strategies to attract and retain the workforce in aviation. Presentation and Interactive Dialogue Saheed Sulaman, Deputy Director, Guyana Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA) Gabriel Gutiérrez Serrato, Programme Assistant, North American, Central American and Caribbean Regional Office, ICAO MODERATOR: Saheed Sulaman, Deputy Director, Guyana Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA) • Kabo Phutietsile, Executive Director, SADC Aviation Safety Organization (SASO) • Mohammad Salem, Alternate Representative for the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on the Council of ICAO and Vice-Chair of the Global Aviation and Aerospace Skills Taskforce (GAAST) • Gabriel Gutiérrez Serrato, Programme Assistant, North American, Central American and Caribbean Regional Office, ICAO
10:45-11:15	COFFEE BREAK
11:15-12:30	SESSION 5: Best Practices for Legal and Funding Models This panel session will explore funding challenges and sustainable financing approaches for regional safety oversight organizations, drawing on insights from the African RSOO study and related legal considerations affecting regional cooperation. • Farid Zizi, Director, France Aviation Civile Services (FRACS), France • Dwayne Squires, Portfolio Manager, Caribbean Development Bank
12:30-13:30	LUNCH
13:30-14:45	SESSION 6: Partnerships with industry This panel will explore how industry and RSOOs/RAIOs can collaborate to ensure cross-sector partnerships and closer engagement with industry, RSOOs/RAIOs and regulators. MODERATOR: Luis Fernando Fiallos, Regional Director, South American (SAM) Office, ICAO • Bertrand de Lacombe, Vice President, Sustainability – Regulatory and External Engagement, Airbus • Michel Aziaka, Head of Compliance, Liat Air
14:45-15:15	COFFEE BREAK
15:15-16:30	SESSION 7: Developing common and/or harmonized frameworks and tools This panel will explore how aligning regulations, guidance, and tools can transform collaboration among RSOOs, RAIOs, and industry partners. MODERATOR: Anita Adjei Nmashie, Representative of Ghana on the Council of ICAO • Valeria Ramos, South American Regional Safety Oversight Cooperation System (SRVSOP), ICAO

	• Louis Bakienon, Executive Secretary, African and Malagasy Civil Aviation Authorities (AAMAC), Chad • Tyron Lam, Head of Regulatory Oversight and Support Services, Pacific Aviation Safety Office (PASO) • Krzysztof Kedzierski, International Cooperation Officer, European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) • Jose Muy, Flight Operations Specialist, COCESNA
16:30-17:00	Forum Wrap-Up and Conclusions • Michele Merkle, Director, Air Navigation Bureau, ICAO • Rodrigo Priego, Head of Department, International Cooperation, European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA)

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