



RRAP Assessment Update

**EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY
CIVIL AVIATION SAFETY AND SECURITY OVERSIGHT AGENCY**

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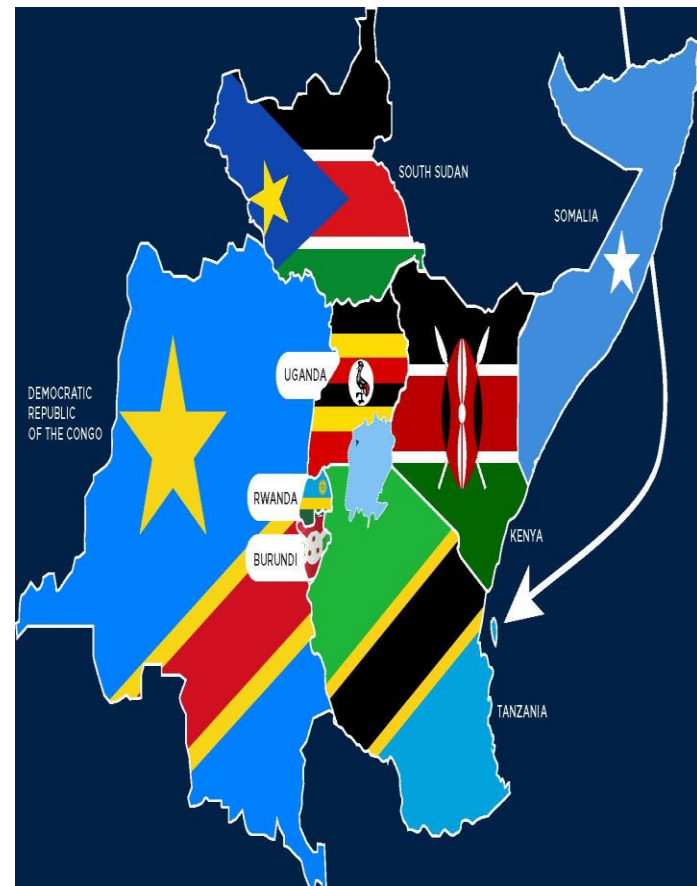
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About the Agency

- **Establishment** - 18th April 2007 by a Protocol to the EAC Treaty as an Autonomous Agency.
- **Mission** - Enhance Safety oversight systems in all Partner States by harmonizing civil aviation safety and security standards and best practices.
- **Level 1** – Advisory and coordination
- **Headquarters** – Entebbe, UGANDA
- **Members** – 8 Member States
 - Uganda, Kenya & Tanzania, Burundi, Rwanda, South Sudan, DRC, Somalia
- **24 staff** (1 expert in each technical area AIR, OPS, PEL, AGA, ANS, AVSEC). AIG being considered.



BACKGROUND OF THE RRAP

2017: ICAO Recognition

- Recognized RSOOs and RAIOS as vital to states in meeting safety obligations.
- Approved the Global Strategy and Action Plan to Assess RSOOs and RAIOS
- GASOS (Global Aviation Safety Oversight System) – Generic

2022: GASOS to RRAP framework.

- New strategy – RRAP (RSOO & RAIO Assessment program)
- Standard to assess qualifications and capabilities
- Uses USOAP CMA philosophy for Assessment Questions.



CASSOA RRAP ASSESSMENT

Conducted ; From 21st to 25th Oct 2024

Voluntary : On Request by the RSOO

Scope:

- GEN - (ORG & LEG) – 75%
- AIR – Airworthiness – 85%

Focus Areas:

- CE1-CE5 – only
- CASSOA's Level 1 RSOO - (Advisory, & coordination).



Overall Assessment score – 81.94%

Fees : Cost Recovery basis (Application, inspection, ticket

RRAP ASSESSMENT RESULTS

The Civil Aviation Safety and Security Oversight Agency (CASSOA)

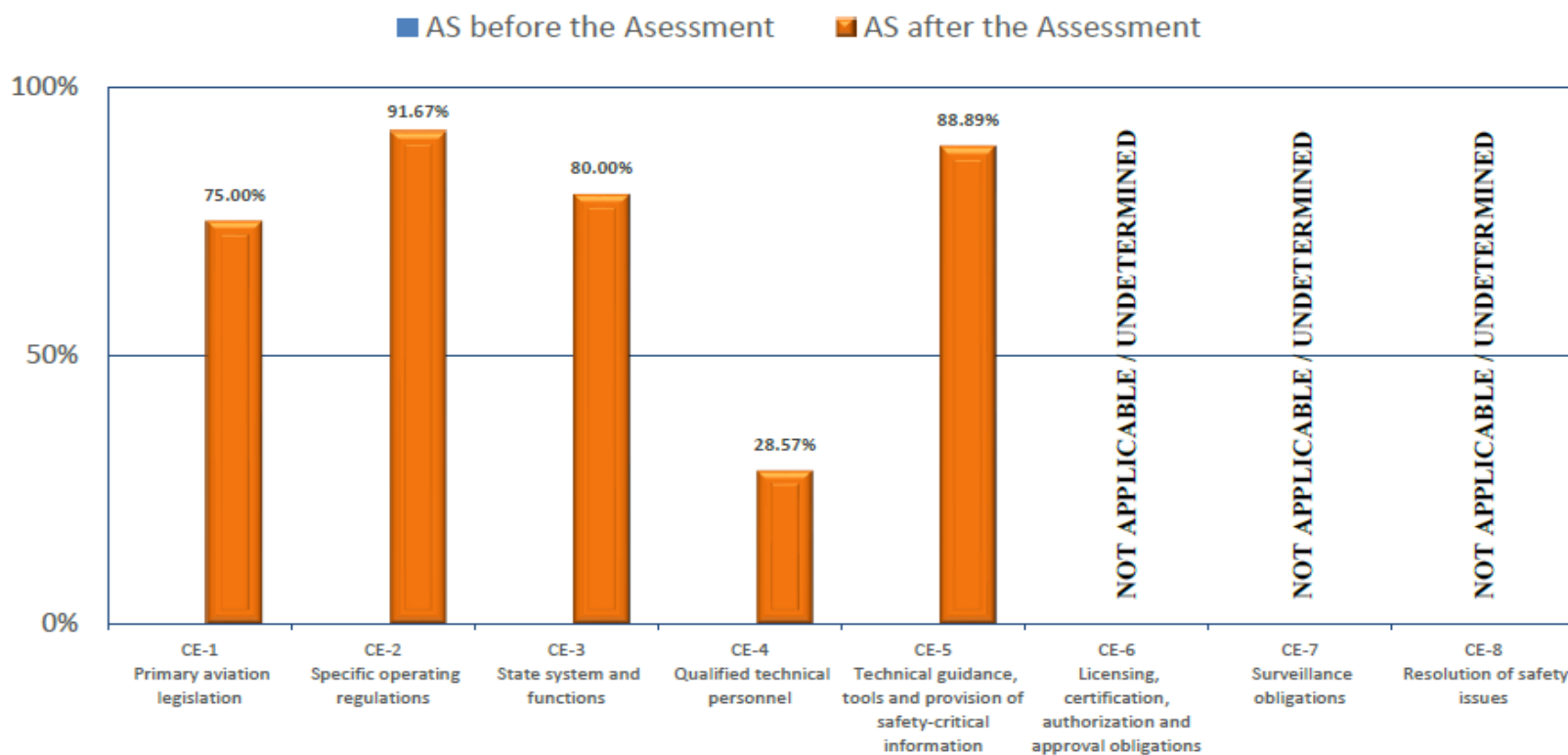
AS before Assessment:

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AS after Assessment :

81.94%

Figure 1. Assessment Scores by Critical Element of a Safety Oversight System



HOW ITS DONE

Similar to USOAP/USAP CMA Audit

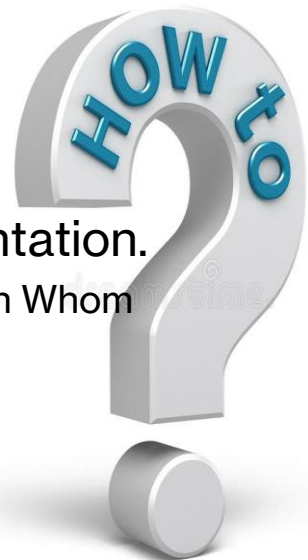
- Always includes GEN (ORG and LEG)
- Each Audit area with its own AQs although some are related
- Guidance to auditor and auditee provided.
- 3 criteras – Satisfactory, Non Satisfactory, Not Applicable

Is it documented??

- In a recognised / approved or authorised way.
- Does it have a procedure for monitoring and implementation.
 - 5 Ws - What is to be done, why, Who, When and in coordination with Whom

Show me – Evidence

- Existence/proof not explanations
- As per procedure or documentation.
- Current status – non futuristic



KEY OBSERVATIONS

Strengths:

- Strong organizational framework.
- Solid regulatory framework and TGM
- Commitment to continuous improvement in safety oversight

Areas for Improvement:

- Technical capacity building (especially in training)
- Coordination among Member States
- Resource allocation
- Monitoring and Quality control

BENEFITS OF THE ASSESSMENT

- Standard way - Checks and balances
- Legitimacy to carry out support functions to States
- Basis to effectively start level II activities
- Increased visibility and recognition regional & Internationally
- Easy Identification of gaps in the system and provision of a structured way to close them.
- Realignment of organisation vision and mandate vis a vis state needs



RISKS OF THE ASSESSMENT

- Significant Safety Concern Finding consequences.
- States being supported may be subjected to additional scrutiny.
- RSOO may be “black listed”
- Loss of Legitimacy to carry out support functions to the partner states if low score.
- Loss of trust from development partners.
- No direct control - No major consequences for RSOO as most have diplomatic status



Timelines & Corrective Action Progress



 Of the 13 total CAPs, 8 have been closed. 5 in progress.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

1. Internal Review of all other audit areas - **Ongoing**
2. Training program developed and being implemented
3. Level 2 study initiated.
 - Detailed assessment expected early next year
4. New sustainable funding mechanism
 - approved starting July 2026
 - 50% equal, 50% based on GDP.
 - Settling of arrears: 50% to arrears, 50% current budget.
5. Strategic Plan review – Focus on Technical
6. AIG study and review – Plans to set up RAIO in 5 Years



RRAP FOR OTHER AREAS

1. Application initiated for other area in August 2026
(OPS, PEL, ANS, AGA) - Planned June 2027
2. ICAO responded – Agreed in principle
Discussions on requirements, scope, methodology and cost ongoing
3. GEN and AIR previously conducted in 2024
But to be reconsidered due to expansion of AQs (GEN)
4. Manuals and reference materials being finalised by ICAO.
5. Related costs being reviewed by ICAO



KEY QUESTIONS

1. What's the value of the Assessment?
 - Can it be quantified or is it like safety
2. Is it relevant for a level 1 RSOO. - No delegation
3. Who keeps ultimate responsibility for delegated functions
4. What does sustainable funding entail?
5. How do we get boards and political will?
6. Can RSOOs be effective without political federation/integration





Thank you