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***A Regional Safety Initiative for the  
Western Hemisphere***

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# The Case For A Regional Safety Initiative

- Western Hemisphere is a region of great strategic importance.
- In 2024 the region accounted for:
  - 65% of all flight departures from the United states
  - 53% or 39 million of U.S. citizen air departures
  - 33% of freight transported from the United states
  - 49% of last point of departure LPD airports to the United states
- Ten of the top 20 destinations for flights from the United States.

***As traffic grows, so does the safety challenge.***

# Key Regional Challenges

- Continued compliance with international standards for safety oversight (everything is done to pass an audit but not for sustaining results).
- Rapid growth of new entrants.
- Projected continued Growth of Industry.
- Personnel challenges in the region:
  - Staffing reductions
  - Lack of qualified personnel
  - New entrants lack experience



# Safety Oversight Initiative

- One initiative with four pillars:
  - Training and capacity building of individual States' inspectors
  - Data collection and analysis of different audit results to determine key and common failures to most States
  - Collaborate and develop a turn-key solution to address those common failures and provide this to ICAO as an "I-Pack"
  - Strengthen Regional Safety Oversight Organization's (RSOO) ability to support and assist their members



# Filling a Gap

- The projects of this initiative mitigate key concerns in the region:
  - Personnel challenges in States and RSOOs
  - Lack of regional safety oversight personnel and budgetary resource capacity to effectively meet the demands of the States they support
  - Different audit results and industry feedback show a systemic oversight deficiencies throughout majority of States and their authorities
- We work together to take accountable and committed ownership and partnership of solutions and implementation for stronger and safer air transport systems in our states.



# Strategy Pillars

- Capacity Building
- Safety Oversight Package
- Continuous Improvement
- RSOO



# Capacity Building

- States Helping States.
- Reduce the personnel, budget, and resource drain on Individual State.
- Provide line of sight to State's strategic goals.
- Reduce dependence and long wait times on mainly FAA for technical assistance and capacity building.
- Strengthen long-term viability of CAAs in the region, not just through successful audits or audit numbers but through strengthening of CAA institution.



# Safety Oversight Turnkey Package

- To be Jointly developed through FAA, Civil Aviation Authorities (CAAs), the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA).
- Seek input from Canada and other member States.
- Develop as an ICAO “I-Pack”.
- Plug and Play solution for States to strengthen compliance posture with ICAO Safety oversight Standards and Recommended Practices, and sustainability.
- Can be implemented through ICAO by previously trained State personnel.



# Continuous Improvement

- Train-the-Trainer program
  - Allows for additional capacity building
  - Reduces dependence on FAA to provide technical assistance and training
  - Allows for program sustainability and internal capacity building ability of Member States
- ICAO to use State-trained personnel where possible
- Key support for States to lead and to support each other
  - Ensure implementation and institutionalization of initiatives

# Regional Safety Oversight Organization (RSOO)

- Revitalize operational capability of AWH RSOO in Caribbean and Central America.
- Strengthen Regional Safety Oversight Cooperation System (SRVSOP) partnerships across the hemisphere.
- Further strengthen the region and States' RSOO's ability to support themselves and their members.
- “RSOOs helping RSOOs.”



# Safety Oversight Initiative Implementation

- Leverage working relationships with, and among, Member States such as Brazil, Canada, ICAO, EASA, and Industry.
- Key States can co-lead or partner in implementation.
- Develop and share best practices, strengthen standardization, across the hemisphere.
- Results and user feedback from auditing systems (e.g., Universal Safety Oversight Program, International Aviation Safety Assessment, Safety Assessment of Foreign Aircraft) can validate effectiveness of this initiative and assist in adjustments for continuous improvement.



**Questions?**

**Thank you!**

