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Advancing Regional Cooperation under the ICAO  
Regional Cooperation Framework

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## Why Regional Cooperation?

### Challenges in Aviation Oversight

Small states face inspector shortages, funding constraints, and fragmented oversight affecting safety compliance

### Benefits of Regional Cooperation

Pooling resources and expertise through regional organizations enhances efficiency and harmonizes safety oversight

### Strategic Importance

Regional cooperation is essential to meet global safety standards and ensure resilient, credible aviation systems

# Overview of the ICAO Regional Cooperation Framework



## Integrated Global Framework

The Framework translates ICAO's high-level policies into coordinated regional actions for enhancing aviation safety and accident investigation

## Performance-Based Approach

It employs a cycle of policy direction, assessment, strategic support, and results for continuous safety improvement

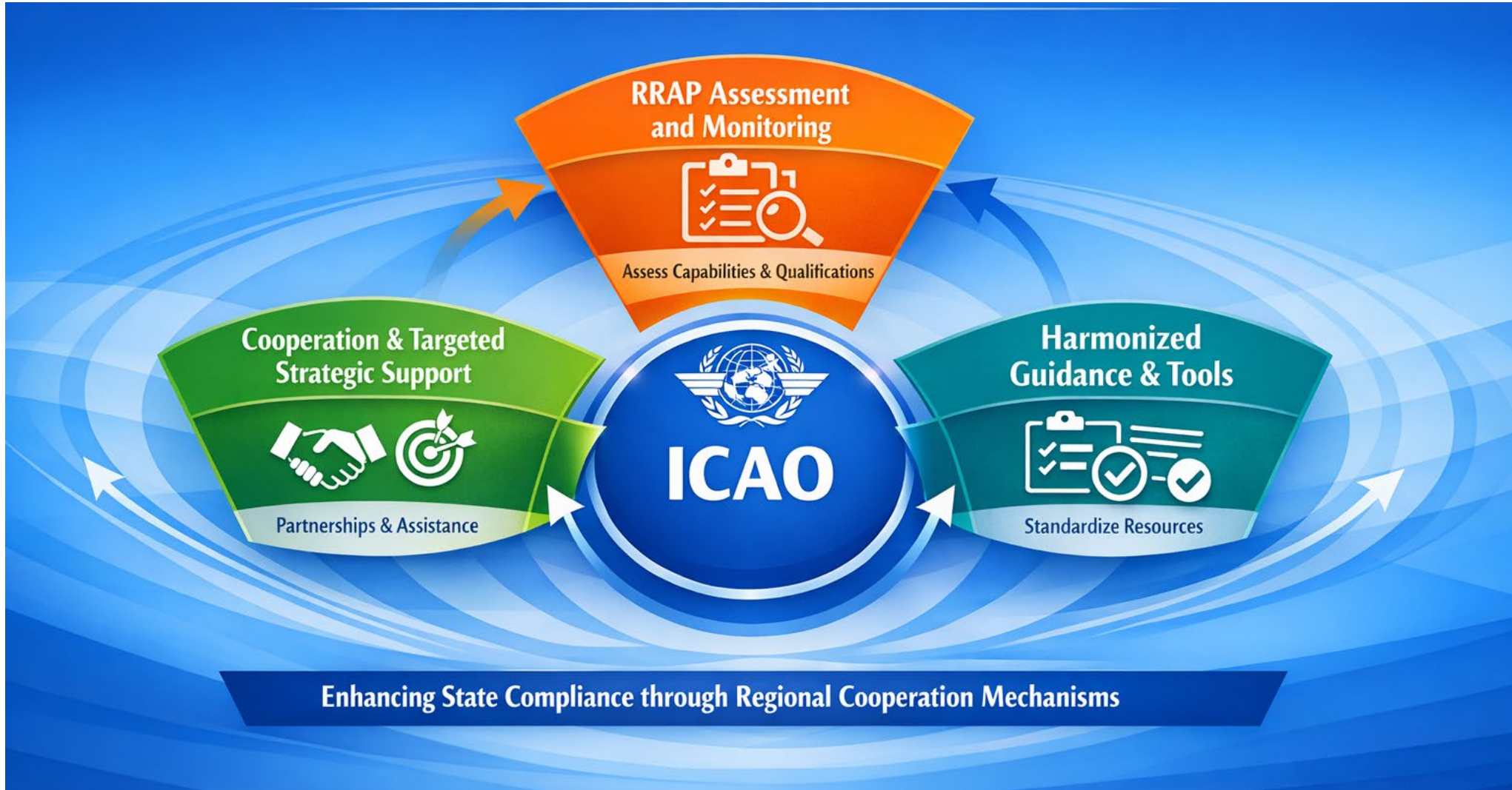
## Regional Cooperation Mechanisms

Engages mechanisms like RSOOs, RAIOS and ICMs to strengthen States' oversight and accident investigation capabilities

## Consistency and Flexibility

Promotes harmonization across regions while accommodating specific regional needs

# Core Pillars of the ICAO Regional Cooperation Framework



# Implementation of the Framework in the NACC Region



**Targeted ICAO Support:** Strategic assistance to CASSOS and ACSA to strengthen regional cooperation and oversight capabilities



**Institutional & Regulatory Enhancement:** Support for improved governance structures and promotion of legal and regulatory harmonization



**Accident Investigation Cooperation:** Advancing regional collaboration through GRIAA and exploring possibilities in the Caribbean



The Forum aims to:

- a) strengthen regional cooperation as a strategic enabler of safety oversight and investigation;
- b) share best practices and advance harmonization of regulations, tools, and procedures across regions;
- c) establish and promote standardized frameworks for delegation of functions to RSOOs and RAI0s, supporting States through measurable and practical approaches;
- d) promote practical solutions for institutional, legal, and funding challenges;
- e) highlight the role of RSOOs and RAI0s within the ICAO framework, including through the RSOO/RAI0 Assessment Programme (RRAP); and
- f) strengthen regional cooperation as a strategic enabler of safety oversight and investigation.

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## Actions Requested from State

The meeting is invited to:

*provide* sustained political commitment to actively participate in and *utilize* regional cooperation mechanisms;

*establish* and *maintain* robust legal frameworks and formal delegation arrangements that enable effective, accountable, and scalable regional cooperation; and

*promote* and *support* the active participation of regional organizations in ICAO programmes, including the RRAP, as a means to strengthen transparency, capability, and mutual confidence, while providing States with assurance that delegated functions are performed effectively and in accordance with ICAO Standards and guidance.

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# Thank You

