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**Agenda Item 5: Progress on Regional and National Aviation Safety Planning**

**UPDATE TO THE SOUTH AMERICAN AVIATION SAFETY PLAN (SAMSP), 2026–2028 EDITION**

(Presented by Secretariat)

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This Working Paper presents information regarding the update to the South American Aviation Safety Plan (SAMSP), 2026–2028 Edition.

*Strategic Goals 2026-2050:*

- Every flight is safe and secure

*References:*

- SAMSP 2026-2028
- SAM Regional Strategy 2035
- Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP) 2026-2028

**1. Introduction**

1.1 In recent years, it has become evident that the context in which States operate is increasingly demanding. Traffic growth, greater operational complexity, and structural limitations in many State oversight systems necessitate a rethink of how risks are managed and how available resources are utilized. In this framework, and in line with the update of the Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP) and the SAM 2035 Regional Strategy, the SAM Regional Office has updated the South American Aviation Safety Plan (SAMSP) for the 2026–2028 period.

**2. Content of the SAMSP**

2.1 The SAMSP is based on the results of the Continuous Improvement Program (CIP) and the experience accumulated by States, RASG-PA, the Regional Safety Oversight Cooperation System (SRVSOP), AIG Regional Cooperation Mechanism (ARCM), and other regional mechanisms.

2.2 The SAMSP 2026–2028 defines a clear direction for the region for the next triennium. Its purpose is to assist States in focusing their efforts on effective safety risk management, strengthening oversight, State Safety Programme (SSP) implementation, and institutional capacities in a sustainable manner. The Plan proposes regional objectives, targets, and indicators aligned with the GASP, but designed to be realistic and applicable within the context of the SAM Region, recognizing the differences in size, complexity, and maturity among States.

2.3 A central element of the Plan is the emphasis on more efficient safety management. This includes moving toward risk-based approaches, improving the quality and effectiveness of oversight, strengthening analytical capacity, and promoting greater coordination among different technical areas, accident investigation bodies, and institutional decision-making levels. The SAMSP also reinforces the importance of regional collaboration and joint work with industry as key tools for identifying risks, sharing information, and developing more effective mitigation measures.

### **3. Relationship between the SAMSP and RASG-PA**

3.1 The SAMSP promotes closer engagement between States and RASG-PA in the pursuit of efficient and collaborative mitigation measures for safety priorities.

3.2 Additionally, the Plan includes a specific objective aimed at driving the establishment of State-industry collaboration initiatives as a precursor to the establishment of Collaborative Safety Teams (CSTs).

3.3 Finally, clear targets are established for integrating safety information emerging from State risk management processes with RASG-PA.

### **4. Conclusion**

4.1 The SAMSP 2026–2028 does not supersede national responsibilities or State plans. Its role is to serve as a common reference framework, facilitating the alignment of National Aviation Safety Plans (NASPs) with regional and global priorities and supporting States in strategic safety decision-making.

4.2 The SAM Regional Office will continue to support States and regional groups, including RASG-PA, in the dissemination and implementation of the Plan, as well as in monitoring its progress throughout the triennium. The objective is clear and shared: to continue strengthening safety in the South American Region in a practical, coherent, and sustainable manner.

4.3 The Meeting is invited to note the information presented in this document and to review the content of the following documents:

#### **SAMSP 2026-2028:**

[https://www2023.icao.int/SAM/eDocumentsrestore/SAMSP\\_ICAO\\_2026-2028\\_ENGLISH%20Final.pdf](https://www2023.icao.int/SAM/eDocumentsrestore/SAMSP_ICAO_2026-2028_ENGLISH%20Final.pdf)

**SAM Regional Strategy 2025:**

<https://www.icao.int/sites/default/files/SAM/Documents/SAM-Regional-Strategy-2035.pdf>

**GASP 2026-2028:**

[https://www.icao.int/sites/default/files/safety/GASP/Documents/10004\\_es-1.pdf](https://www.icao.int/sites/default/files/safety/GASP/Documents/10004_es-1.pdf)