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HISTORICAL

ii.1 **Place and date of the meeting**

The sixth meeting of the Collaborative Arrangement for the Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation (CAPSCA), Americas, was held from 16 to 18 de September de 2015, at the Hotel Holiday Inn, Clayton, Panama City, Panama.

ii.2 **Opening session**

Mr. Alfredo Fonseca Mora, Director General of Panama Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), provided the opening remarks and welcomed participants from the present States and International Organizations, and expressed his wishes for a fruitful work; Dr. Israel Cedeño González, International Health Surveillance National Coordinator and International Health Regulations (IHR) Focal Point, in representation of the Ministry of Health, Panama, expressed his satisfaction for the organization of the meeting and wished for successful work during the following sessions.

Furthermore, Mr. Pablo Lampariello, Regional Officer Aviation Security and Facilitation, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) South American Regional Office, and CAPSCA Project Regional Coordinator for South America (SAM), on behalf of ICAO and the Pan-American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO), thanked the Government of Panama for hosting this important CAPSCA event, extending his appreciation to the Panama Civil Aviation Authority, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Government, Tocumen S.A., and all those who collaborated in the organization of the Sixth CAPSCA Americas Meeting.

Government and International Organizations of States that have not yet benefitted from CAPSCA technical assistance visits were encouraged to request this visit, and States that have already had been visited, to request a follow up mission starting October 2015. Also, the fact that limited resources were available to carry out these follow up visits was pointed out.

The Minister of Government of Panama, Dr. Milton Henríquez, was present during the opening session.

ii.3 **Organization, Officers and Secretariat**

Mr. Pablo Lampariello, Regional Officer Aviation Security and Facilitation (AVSEC-FAL) for the ICAO Regional Office for South America (SAM), and CAPSCA Americas Regional Coordinator for SAM, acted as Secretary of the meeting, supported by Mr. Jaime Calderon, Regional Officer Aerodromes and Ground Aids (AGA) for the ICAO Regional Office for North America, Central America and Caribbean (NACC) and CAPSCA Americas Regional Coordinator for NACC.

ii.4 **Working languages**

The working languages were English and Spanish, with simultaneous interpretation.

ii.5 **Programme and Presentations**

The programme was as follows:

Wednesday, 16 September 2015

Schedule	Activity	Speaker
08.30 – 09.00	Registration	
09.00 – 09.45	Opening ceremony	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) – CAPSCA Team Leader Mr. Pablo Lampariello - Regional Advisor - International Health Regulations (IHR), PAHO/WHO Dr. Roberta Andraghetti - International Health Surveillance National Coordinator, IHR Focal Point, Ministry of Public Health Dr. Israel Cedeño González - Vicepresident of Commercial Merchandising and New Business, Tocumen S.A. Mr. Carlos Rodríguez - Director General, Civil Aviation Authority, Panama Mr. Alfredo Fonseca Mora
09:45 – 10:00	- Group photo	
10:00 – 10:30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10:30 – 11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CAPSCA Assistance Visits – Lessons learned - Review of previous CAPSCA Americas meeting conclusions, Barbados - Review of CAPSCA Global Symposium outcomes 	ICAO/CAPSCA NACC Regional Coordinator Mr. Jaime Calderón
11:00 – 11:30	- Review of last CAPSCA Global meeting conclusions	ICAO/CAPSCA NACC Regional Coordinator , Mr. Jaime Calderón
11.30 – 12.00	Status of implementation of the International Health Regulations (IHR) in the Americas	Regional Advisor - International Health Regulations (IHR), PAHO/WHO Dr. Roberta Andraghetti
12:00 – 12.30	Ebola Virus Disease outbreak in West Africa: establishment, improvements, and operationalization of inter-sectoral collaboration related to the air transportation sector	Regional Advisor - International Health Regulations (IHR), PAHO/WHO Dr. Roberta Andraghetti
12:30 – 13:00	Panama Public Health services in attention to epidemiological outbreaks	Ministry of Health, Public Health, Tocumen Dr. Aquilino Jiménez
13:00 – 13:30	Air Traffic Services	ATM, Civil Aviation Authority of Panama, Sr. Juan Pérez
13:30 – 14:00	Coordination procedure in the airport in case of declared outbreak - TOCUMEN S.A.	Operations Manager, Tocumen S.A. Mr. Claudio Dutary
14:00 - 14:30	Airport Contingency Plan in connection with Annex 18 to ICAO Convention on International Civil Aviation	ICAO Chief, Cargo Safety Section Ms. Katherine Rooney

Schedule	Activity	Speaker
14:30 – 15:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15:00 – 15:30	Airport Preparedness for Disease Outbreaks – Assistance Visit to Airports: Methodology and Objectives	ICAO/CAPSCA Technical Advisor Dr. Juan Carlos Monteza
15:30 – 16:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Results on the analysis of the Assistance Visit to Panama Tocumen and Marcos A. Gelabert International Airports, 20-21 September 2010 - Advice to participants for tomorrow's airport visit - Questions and answers 	ICAO/CAPSCA Technical Advisor Dr. Juan Carlos Monteza Panama Civil Aviation Authority

Thursday, 17 September 2015

Schedule	Activity	Speaker
08.30 – 08:45	Briefing for the Airport Visit and Security Access Processing	Panama Civil Aviation Authority ICAO/CAPSCA Technical Advisor Dr. Juan Carlos Monteza
08:45 – 09:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
09:00 – 12:30	Group No. 1 - Visit to the Airport	Panama Civil Aviation Authority
09:00 – 12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Air Traffic Control Area - Air Traffic Control Tower - Designated aircraft parking position - Airport and Emergency Operations Centre - Passenger screening location facilities - Suspect case and contacts interview and assessment location facilities - Port Health and Medical Services - Check in, Security, Immigration, Customs & Quarantine - Any other agency/area/facility involved in the public health event 	ICAO/CAPSCA Technical Advisor Dr. Juan Carlos Monteza
	Group No. 2 - Table exercise with participants that did not go to the airport visit	Dra. Anayansi Pinzón Dra. Karina Flores Dr. José Valente Aguilar Zinser Dr. Carlos Staff
12:30 – 13:30	Debriefing and Discussion on the preliminary results of the visit to Panama airports, compared with the results of 2010	ICAO/CAPSCA Technical Advisor Dr. Juan Carlos Monteza
13:30 – 14:00	Aviation Security (AVSEC) in connection to CAPSCA	Regional Officer Aviation Security, ICAO South American Office Mr. Pablo Lampariello

Friday, 18 September 2015

Schedule	Activity	Speaker
09.00 – 09.30	Panama – National Aviation Plan and State aviation regulations with respect to Public Health and related standards	Chief Aviation Medicine and Human Factors Unit Panama Civil Aviation Authority Dr. Anayansi Pinzón
09.30 – 10.00	CAPSCA Mexico	Director General – Protection and Preventive Medicine in Transports Mexico DGAC Dr. José Valente Aguilar Zinser
10:00 - 10:30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10:30 – 11:00	Protection of Public Health in Chile: A national commitment	Medical Comptroller DGAC Chile Dr. Karina Flores
11:00 – 11:30	Future work plan of CAPSCA America and Aerodromes Certification Process	ICAO/CAPSCA NACC Regional Coordinator Mr. Jaime Calderón
11:30 – 12:00	Outcomes from the Sixth CAPSCA Americas Meeting Plenary Discussion	ICAO/CAPSCA SAM Regional Coordinator, Mr. Pablo Lampariello and Regional Advisor - International Health Regulations (IHR), PAHO/WHO Dr. Roberta Andraghetti
12:00 – 12:20	Closing Ceremony and Delivery of Certificates	Director General, Civil Aviation Authority, Panama Mr. Alfredo Fonseca Mora
12:20 – 12:45	<i>Closing coffee</i>	
12:45 – 14:30	Visit to Panama Canal locks, Miraflores	

Presentations can be downloaded from the CAPSCA Americas Project site on the following link: <http://www.capsca.org/Americas2013.html>

ii.6 Attendance

The Meeting was attended by 55 participants from 17 States: Barbados, Belize, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Guyana, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Suriname, United Kingdom and United States; one Territory: Turks and Caicos Islands; and three International Organizations: ACI-LAC, PAHO/WHO and ICAO.

The consolidated list of participants is shown on pages iii-1 to la iii-7.

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RESULTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Introduction

1.1 The meeting was focused on preparedness planning in the aviation sector, which requires multi-sector/multi-stakeholder collaboration, especially with the public health sector. The meeting facilitated such collaboration and updated participants on a variety of different subjects, some of which had been developed since the last meeting, whilst others were new. An opportunity for networking was provided and communication links were established between participants, which will help to improve regional harmonization for both planning and response.

2. Visit to Tocumen International Airport

2.1 On Thursday 17 September a visit was undertaken to Tocumen International Airport for familiarising a group of participants with the different areas of the airport involved in a Public Health Emergency. This visit was conducted by Dr. Juan Carlos Monteza, Team leader of the CAPSCA Americas Technical Advisors, from Peru. Before the visit, guidelines were provided to participants on how to conduct a visit of assistance to an airport, the specialist that need to be contacted during a Public Health Emergency, and relevant stakeholders who typically comprise the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) representatives, airport operator, airport medical officer, security, customs and immigration, airlines, Air Navigation Services Providers (ANSPs), public health representatives, tourism authority and local/regional government.

2.2 A group of 20 participants was convened for the visit to the airport, selecting preferably those that had not participated in a previous visit. The rest of participants carried out a table exercise in a room provided by Tocumen S.A.

3. Conclusions

3.1 CAPSCA Americas Project's path in the last years has contributed to start joint collaborative work between Civil Aviation and Public Health sectors, enabling these sectors to know each other and initiate a mutual understanding. Additionally, the public health emergency of international importance related to the Ebola outbreak has catalysed the approach of both sectors towards a common objective. This has made imperative that the CAPSCA project constitute a space where advantage can be given to the outbreak reactive experience, and where identified lessons can be institutionalized, requiring to reorient the approach being given to technical issues in a more specific and operational way.

3.2 Being clear that the Annexes to International Convention on Civil Aviation and of the International Health Regulations (IHR) constitute the legal bases for States commitment, the CAPSCA Project is focussed in the preparedness and response to public health events/emergencies (Annex 9 to the Chicago Convention, and one of the basic capacities of Annex 1.B to the IHR).

Regarding public health emergencies, it would be desirable to:

- a. Improve interoperability of the relevant sectorial plans, ensuring that the role of all pertinent sectors (i.e. Civil Aviation Security, AVSEC) is reflected, as well as the articulation with all local and national authority plans;
- b. Ensure the institutionalization of these plans, in order to remain valid in spite of the rotation of officers;
- c. Extend the plans scope to cover all the traveller's itinerary, since the traveller can be identified as suspect of infectious illness at any point of his/her itinerary (not only within

an aircraft); contacts management, necessary at any time, depending the moment when the suspicious traveller has been detected; local or international epidemiological situation; possible implementation of temporal recommendations issued as an ESPII;

- d. Speed up the information management within a public health event, as described in paragraph c) above, considering utilization of information sources for the identification/location of individuals (cases/contacts) – i.e. API, PNR, unique window concept, etc.

3.3 Considering CAPSCA Project evolution, and due to the increase of awareness and acquired experience, at this stage a reconsideration of the project would be necessary, in terms of management mechanisms (i.e. two technical advisor per State, one per sectors), as well as in terms of its methodological approach (i.e. tools revision); conciliation and additional development of the tools used by ICAO, WHO, CAPSCA, and revision of their use during the assistance or follow up visits to the States; the Project scope extension to other infectious risks (radiation or chemicals related); the approach to legal aspects; and its extension to all basic capacities detailed in Annex 1.B to the IHR.

3.4 It is recommended that ICAO and WHO facilitate the dissemination of details of the contact between National Centres, IHR and Focal Points for Dangerous Goods within the CAAs in order to facilitate dialogue between the national authorities and the private sector to avoid delay in the delivery of samples.

3.5 The participants agreed that the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson should be elected for a period of three years. Dr. Iliana Olarte from Colombia was elected as Chairperson, and Mr. Alex Naar from the United States was elected as Vice-Chairperson.

3.6 The Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons were entrusted with the task of developing the Terms of reference of the group and, jointly with the technical advisors, to write a guide document on the activities and responsibilities of the same.

3.7 Also, the representative of Panama recommended that during the next CAPSCA meeting a workshop be held during the first day regarding the ICAO and IHR Annexes as a refreshing for participants and technical advisors, as well as the explanation of the use of all the tools that the CAPSCA Projects has.

3.8 The Seventh CAPSCA Americas Meetings is expected to be held during 2016 in Mexico, in dates to be confirmed after coordination with PAH/WHO and the hosting State are concluded.
