

Cooperative Arrangement for Preventing the Spread of Communicable Diseases through Air Travel (CAPSCA) - Americas Project

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CAPSCA Project Objectives

1. States establish a national aviation plan in preparation for an outbreak of a communicable disease posing a public health risk or public health emergency
 - Compliance with related ICAO SARPs
 - Annex 6 (aircraft operations)
 - Annex 9 (facilitation)
 - Annex 11 (air traffic services)
 - Annex 14 (aerodromes)
 - Implementation of ICAO Guidelines; also refer to
 - WHO IHR
 - ACI and IATA Guidelines
2. Regional Cooperation among States & Territories
 - Mechanism for pooling and sharing expertise and resources
3. Advice, assistance, training and evaluations for States

CAPSCA Americas Project

- All States & Territories of the Americas Region
- 24 months duration
- UN Central Fund for Influenza Action (CFIA) Funding
- Project Manager – Dr. Evans, ICAO Chief Aviation Medicine
- Project Steering Committee – ICAO and States
- Project Coordinator – State Aviation Medicine Expert (part-time in-kind loan based at home office)
- Regional Aviation Medicine Teams – Experts from States and International Organisations (in kind loan)
- Project Support – ICAO NACC (Mexico) and SAM (Lima) Regional Offices

CAPSCA Next Steps (1)

- Pandemic Preparedness Planning Seminar
- ICAO Letter inviting States to participate in the CAPSCA Americas Project
- 1st Steering Committee Meeting (Mexico City, 12 May – right after Aerospace Medical Association meeting)
 - CAPSCA Americas Launch & Organisation
 - SC Membership and Terms of Reference
 - Project Work Plan, Schedule, Resources and Budget
 - Identify Potential Donors – Funding & In-kind contributors
- ICAO Letter inviting States to
 - propose Project Coordinator (bilingual)
 - nominate experts to be trained and perform evaluations
 - offer airports for evaluation

CAPSCA Next Steps (2)

- Form Regional Aviation Medicine Teams - English and Spanish (3rd Quarter 2009)
- RAMT Training Workshop (4th Quarter 2009)
- Airport evaluations and OJT (1 airport in each State / Territory – 2 days / airport) – (18 months 4th Quarter 2009 – 1st Quarter 2011)
- Project Awareness Seminar (1st Quarter 2010)
- Project Results Seminar (1st Quarter 2011)
- Periodic Steering Committee meetings as required

Actions for States

- Confirm participation in CAPSCA project
 - No financial contribution required
- Contribute aviation medicine experts
 - on loan; project to finance travel and per diems
- Volunteer airports for evaluation
 - Opportunity for advice, assistance and training
- Host training events