



**Nineteenth Meeting of Directors of the Civil Aviation
Training Centers of the South American Region (CIAC/19)**
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Agenda Item 5: Follow-up of the implementation of training activities in air navigation, safety and other aviation areas in the Region

RESULTS OF THE AVSEC TRAINING PROGRAMME

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY	
<p>This working paper provides information on the progress made in Aviation Security and Facilitation training, with an emphasis on instruction activities and establishment of partnerships for capacity development. Likewise, it invites the States of the region to support the AVSEC/FAL Training Programmes and to disseminate this programme locally by training more AVSEC and FAL experts.</p>	
References: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anenx 17 Amendment 18• Doc. 8973/12 Security Manual• Annex 9 Amendent 28 Doc. 9957 Facilitation Manual	
ICAO Strategic objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Aviation security and facilitation</i>

1. Introduction

1.1 The ICAO SAM Region has two Regional Aviation Security Officers (ASRO) who are working in the Aviation Security and Facilitation area, through the application of the Strategy on Assistance and Capacity Development for Aviation Security. These Officers have supported the States, working in coordination with the Aviation Security Implementation Support and Development Section (ISD-SEC) in Montreal, in strengthening aviation security programmes and in improving their aviation security systems through training focused on capacity development.

1.2 In accordance with Assembly Resolution A39-18, the Secretariat has the objective of providing specific assistance to the States that need to address the security deficiencies detected in their structure. The importance of aviation security was further reaffirmed with the adoption of Resolution 2309 of the United Nations Security Council (UNSCR), which calls on ICAO to assist States in complying with international aviation security regulations. Activities on aviation security and on specific assistance continue to be carried out under the Implementation and Development Support - Aviation Security

Programme (ISD-SEC). ISD-SEC fulfils its mission to address AVSEC deficiencies in conjunction with the Regional Offices, through comprehensive instruction and assistance measures.

1.3 ICAO in a continuous effort to provide assistance to States for the implementation of the Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) of Annex 17 – Security, and the aviation security provisions of Annex 9 - Facilitation, through the Aviation Security Training Centres (ASTC) and the Aviation Security Implementation and Development Support Program (ISD-SEC) that sponsor training activities.

2. Analysis

Aviation Security Training Centre Network

2.1 ICAO continues to strengthen and improve its efforts related to aviation security training. In order to reach a broad international and regional audience, ICAO collaborates with a network of ICAO-certified Aviation Security Training Centers (ASTCs).

2.2 With the promulgation of an annual AVSEC training schedule, ISD-SEC in conjunction with the Regional Office provides all Member States the opportunity to receive training to develop and / or strengthen their capacity to implement a sustainable national aviation system. This training is provided, primarily, through the Aviation Security Training Centre (ASTC) network. In this respect, the Region has two Aviation Security Training Centres (ASTC): the ETAC in Quito, Ecuador, and the CIPE in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Another Aviation Security Training Centre is presently undergoing the certification process required by ICAO, which is the CEA (Center for Aeronautical Studies) in Bogotá, Colombia. The ASTCs collaborate with each other through the exchange of information and in the planning of courses and workshops sponsored by ICAO. However, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, these have not carried out training activities sponsored by ICAO in the last two years.

2.3 At the same time, in order to further improve AVSEC instruction, ASTCs collaborate with each other through information exchange and course planning.

Support from Transport Canada

2.4 In 2015, a new agreement was signed with Transport Canada for a term of three years and one of its objectives is to support the training of AVSEC personnel in the Region. This project is called "Improving the safety of civil aviation worldwide", component of the ICAO/Canada Grant Agreement for the Americas.

2.5 The ICAO/Canada Grant Agreement provides through ICAO all the manuals for the attendees, and is in charge of the air transport and hotel costs for the instructors, and three scholarships for each invited State that include the air transport and hotel cost for each participant who is awarded a scholarship.

Instruction Material

2.6 The following Aviation Security Training Packages (ASTP) are available at ICAO Headquarters for purchase, and at the ICAO ASTC Secure site at <https://portal.icao.int/ASTC/Pages/default.aspx>, where the Following courses and workshops can be found:

Courses:

- Basic
- Instructors
- Crisis Management
- Cargo and Mail
- National Inspectors

Workshops:

- National Civil Aviation Security Programme
- National Civil Aviation Security Training Programme
- National Aviation Security Quality Control Programme
- Aviation Security Certification System
- Airport Security Programme
- Risk Management

2.7 The following courses and workshops that are not published but have been developed:

- Workshop on Crisis Management Exercises
- Workshop on Safety Program for Air Operators
- Course on Aviation Security Management

2.8 The GAT has developed a course on ICAO Annex 9 - Facilitation (FAL SP), which is being imparted virtually.

2.9 In order to guarantee the update and sustainability of the aviation security system, it is necessary to keep AVSEC and FAL specialists in constant training. The States of the SAM Region have made great efforts to train personnel in the courses and workshops mentioned above, and additional benefits can be gained by replicating training locally to increase the number of properly trained experts at the national level.

3. **Suggested actions**

3.1 States are invited to:

- a. Take note of the content of this Working Paper;
- b. continue providing support to the ICAO Training Programme through the participation of delegates for the SAM States in courses and workshops;
- c. train more AVSEC/FAL experts at the national level and disseminate the training received by ICAO; and
- d. encourage FAL training, participating in the FAL meetings, courses and workshops being carried out in the region.