



## ICAO SOUTH AMERICAN REGIONAL OFFICE

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<b>Virtual Seminar on Disasters and Humanitarian Emergencies Response</b>	
<b>Regional strategy</b>	<p>ICAO Assembly Resolution A39-24 "<i>Disaster risk reduction strategy and response mechanisms in aviation</i>", requested to define a crisis response policy and a disaster risk reduction strategy in aviation. The SAM Civil Aviation Regional Directors adopted on October 2011 the RAAC12/9 conclusion "<b>Regional Contingency Plan for Natural Disasters and/or Catastrophic Events</b>", entrusting the ICAO SAM Secretariat that, in cooperation and coordination with the South American Region States, develop a <i>Regional Contingency Plan</i> to face natural disasters and/or catastrophic events with the objective of minimizing the impact on civil aviation and re-establishing the operation of air navigation services and airports at the regional level.</p> <p>With the new resolution A41-13 "<b>Disaster risk reduction strategy and response mechanisms in aviation</b>", the commitment of the Organization and the States to take this matter forward is reaffirmed. Recommendations of the ICAO Office of Internal Oversight on the matter are under review and implementation, in an organization-wide effort.</p> <p>In the meantime, in May 2022, the HADRA (Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Response in Aviation) expert group, which is chaired by ICAO, published guidance material with the aim to enhance the cooperation between aviation stakeholders and humanitarian stakeholders in the aftermath of a disaster.</p> <p>In 2023, the RAAC17 reviews conclusion 9/12 and confirms its relevance.</p> <p>To implement the mandate of conclusion RAAC12/9, the Regional Office proposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Create States awareness of the available documentation through activities such as virtual seminars, talks, and other means.</li> <li>✓ Identify with the States the different risk (including aviation risks and those related to the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and resolution A41-13) reduction strategies and response mechanisms, to determine the current status or baseline.</li> <li>✓ Propose actions based on this identification and baseline, with a view to comply with conclusion RAAC12/9.</li> <li>✓ Pilot projects.</li> <li>✓ Implementation of measures agreed upon by the States (locally or regionally)-To be defined.</li> </ul>



<b>ICAO Strategic Objectives</b>	Operational Safety Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency Economic Development
<b>Activities carried out by the SAM Region</b>	✓ This would be the first ICAO SAM activity on this specific topic in the last 5 years.
<b>Current situation of the SAM Region in terms of implementation</b>	<p>The following plans are currently available under the ICAO SAM umbrella:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Regional ATM contingency plan</li> <li>✓ Contingency plan for volcanic ash</li> <li>✓ Local aerodrome emergency plans (required by ICAO AN14 Vol. I and AN14 Vol. II Chapter 6 provisions)</li> </ul> <p>It is necessary to collect data from the different emergency response mechanisms and in the States in order to determine the current situation.</p> <p>However, in the region there is no regional plan that addresses what is required by conclusion RAAC12/9.</p>
<b>Objective of the activity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Disseminate information on HADRA Guidance and ASIT development to ICAO Member States;</li> <li>✓ Information sharing on the challenges faced by all parties involved in disaster response (for example, States: civil aviation authorities and national disaster management authorities; aircraft operators; airport operators; UN entities);</li> <li>✓ Identification of follow-up actions at the regional level and in connection with HADRA work;</li> <li>✓ Establishment of a network of Contact Points in the States accredited to the SAM Regional Office;</li> <li>✓ Serve as part of the activities to support RAAC12/9 Conclusion by SAM States to create a regional contingency plan to address natural disasters and/or catastrophic events.</li> </ul>
<b>Nature of the event</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Subject matter experts presentations and stakeholder representatives (ICAO, HADRA Secretariat)</li> <li>✓ Current experiences presentations by two identified States.</li> <li>✓ Panel and Q&amp;A session</li> </ul>
<b>Competences that the event will generate</b>	Participants are expected to obtain competencies to identify in their current level of compliance with the requirements of Annex 14, secure a better understanding on the needs of stakeholders involved in disaster response operations and identify immediate follow-up actions, consistently with the HADRA guidance.
<b>Participants profile</b>	✓ Specialists / managers in aviation-related emergency response from the States CAAs



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Specialists / managers in natural disasters emergency response from the States</li><li>✓ Aircraft operators</li><li>✓ Emergency service providers in the States</li><li>✓ Aerodrome Operators</li><li>✓ States' SSP Managers and SMS service providers</li><li>✓ Air navigation service providers.</li></ul>
<b>Next steps in the States strategy development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Obtain event feedback</li><li>✓ Designate a Focal Point to facilitate future communications with ICAO</li><li>✓ Compile information and data</li><li>✓ Implementation decision making</li></ul>
<b>Regional framework update</b>	Depending on the event's results, future actions could be planned for the implementation.
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