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## Plan

**ICAO** 

- **★**Introduction to CAPSCA
- **★**CAPSCA Activities
- **★**CAPSCA Africa
- **★EVD**
- **★** Conclusions

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# What is CAPSCA?

## ★ Original name

Cooperative Arrangement for the Prevention of Spread of Communicable Disease through Air Travel

# **★** New name (2013)

<u>Collaborative</u> Arrangement for the Prevention and <u>Management</u> of <u>Public Health Events</u> in <u>Civil Aviation</u>









# **CAPSCA - Partners**















































# **CAPSCA Programme Activities**

- ★ Meetings global and regional
- ★ Seminars/Workshops/Exercises/Training
- ★ Develop and improve guidance and tools
- ★www.capsca.org reference information
- **★** Assistance Visits to States and Airports
- **★**Supporting international response to PHEs

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# **CAPSCA Programme Benefits**

- ★ Assistance to establish, maintain, validate and improve the aviation sector preparedness within national public health emergency plans
- **★** Support States for IHR core capacities implementation in air transport and at airports
- ★ Knowledge, contacts, advice, guidance, tools, training
- ★ Manage and reduce impact of PHE, air transport, tourism, economy, social

































# **CAPSCA Africa - achievements**

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## **Since 2009 - 34 States**



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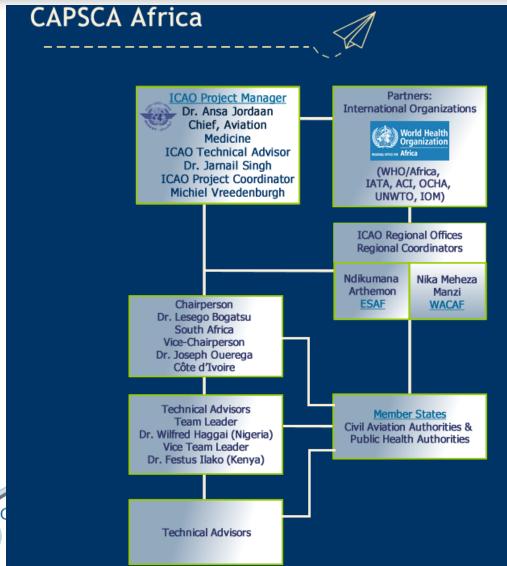






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Health Events in Civil Aviation































# **Achievements**

- → CAPSCA Africa Sixth Regional Meeting, held from 12 to 16 October 2015, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 20 States/Airports Assistance visits implemented since 2014
  - Uganda, Guinea Bissau, Côte d'Ivoire, Mali, Burkina Faso, Sierra Leone, Guinea, Ghana, Nigeria, Liberia, Benin, Togo, Mauritania, DR Congo, Gambia, Cameroon, Niger, Equatorial Guinea, Senegal and Cape Verde.
- → 5 Follow up AVs conducted in 2017
  - Sierra Leone, Liberia, Nigeria, Guinea and Mali.
- New technical advisors and one CAPSCA Regional Coordinator trained and/or qualified

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## **ICAO-WHO CAPSCA Training**

(Dakar and Nairobi, March - April 2015)

- ★ Organized within the scope of the United Nations Ebola Response Multi-Partner Trust Fund and the ICAO/WHO Aviation Ebola Action Plan implementation project activities relating to the prevention and management of public health events
- ★ In collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) of the United States
- ★ Focus on the implementation of requirements for the aviation sector contained in the relevant ICAO Annexes and the WHO International Health Regulations (IHR 2005) as well as best practices developed by different organizations (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Airports Council International (ACI), International Air Transport Association (IATA), etc.)

ICAO-WHO Training a General May 2017 and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation































## The Ebola outbreak in Africa



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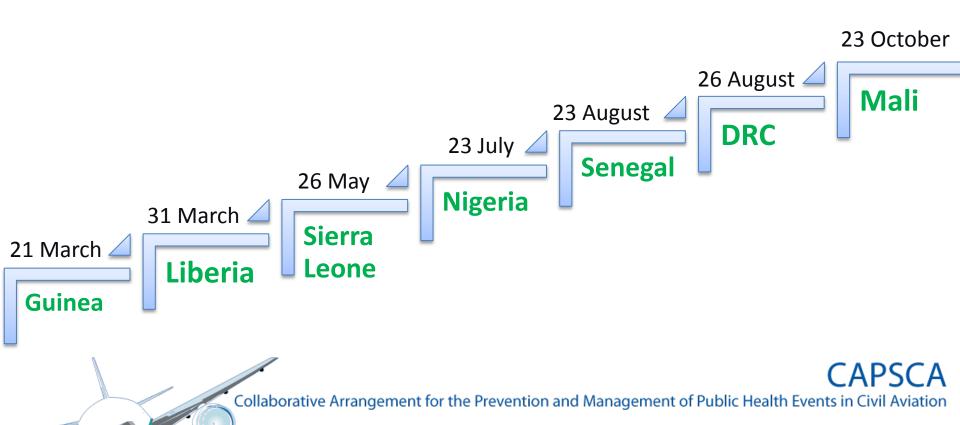








### **EVD Outbreak in Africa - 2014**





































# Impact – travel restrictions

★Some States imposed restrictions on air travel and some airlines suspended their operations to and from the affected countries (not recommended by WHO)

# ★The consequence was that:

- Air transport was seriously affected in Africa
- Health care workers have difficulties to travel to the affected countries, and delivery of life saving

equipment and supplies is delayed.

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# Action taken by ICAO in collaboration with other stakeholders

- ★ Chaired a Joint Ebola Travel and Transport Task Force (ICAO/WHO/UNWTO/IMO + industry representatives)
- ★ Electronic Bulletins issued to States:
  - ★ Providing list of EVD resources
  - ★ Relief flights; carriage of biological specimens
- ★ Joint ICAO/WHO letter issued to Ministers of Health and Transport
- ★ Provided technical input to several WHO and CDC documents

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# Coordination efforts of ICAO at regional level

- ★ Daily monitoring and information exchange with WHO and other stakeholders
- ★ Providing Information, guidelines and advice to States
- ★ Information and collaboration on restriction measures with States and International Organizations (AFCAC, ECOWAS, EAC, ...)
- ★ Flight information, coordination for UN staff security
- ★ Provided inputs to several High level Meetings (ECOWAS, EAC) that results of the lift of restrictions and bans on air travel

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# **Zika Virus Outbreak**

★ Collaboration at Global level between ICAO and WHO

★ Electronic Bulletins issued to States



































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